Spelling Bee

The school Spelling Bee was held last Tuesday. All the stage finalists performed well and should be congratulated on their outstanding effort. Congratulations to the following students:

**Junior division:**
1st Rachel
2nd John R

**Senior division:**
1st Aiden
2nd Sarah

These students will now be representing our school at the Regional competition later this term.

Cowpasture Connections

During this week and next, teachers will be attending or presenting professional learning sessions as part of The Cowpasture Connections professional learning initiative. The initiative is focused on supporting and extending collaboration with colleagues to inform and enrich quality teaching practice across the Cowpasture Community of Schools.

Book Parade

We will be celebrating Book Week next week and have our Book Character Parade on Tuesday 25th of August after Scripture. We look forward to seeing many creative costumes reflecting characters from any form of literature.

Father’s day stall

Father’s Day is fast approaching and our hard working P&C will once again be setting up a father’s Day stall for the students to purchase gifts. If you have some spare time it would be much appreciated if you could assist setting up or selling the various items to the students. Please contact the office if you would like to assist.

Horsley Park Public School

Endeavour
Woolworths Earn & Learn - Double Sticker Weekend!

Thank you to all the families that are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. To help you collect even more, Woolworths are holding a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend*. The more you collect the more educational equipment we can redeem. Remember – if you are not offered Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers when you shop, be sure to ask for them.

School Bags

School bags with the school logo will now only be available in medium size, as the large bags are no longer available. The cost of the new bags has also increased to $35. For all enquiries regarding the purchase of uniforms or bags please see Mrs Stamford in the office.

School Canteen

Just a reminder that the canteen is unable to change large notes as they only carry a small float for change. Please be mindful when ordering lunch and recess.

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments

Horsley Park PS is asking parents who have a child turning five years of age by July 31, 2016 and are requiring enrolment in to Kindergarten, to please come to the office and enrol their child. If there are any of our school community who know of new families that have moved in to the area, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please pass this message on. We will be having a Kindergarten Transition and Orientation program next term.

The Reading Corner

On Wednesday I was lucky enough to spend the majority of my day with Aiden, Charlie, Madison, Olivia, Phillip, Sarah & Mrs Martin. Thank you to Mrs Martin for offering to drive 3 of our students to Parramatta. First, we had our lunch at Parramatta River before walking over to Riverside Theatre to watch ‘26 Storey Tree-house’. As always, these 6 students were very well behaved and we all enjoyed the theatre performance.

Mrs Basak

Horsley Park Public School Fun Day

STEP RIGHT UP TO THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!

Horsley Park Public School Fun Day
Friday 18th of September, 2015
A day of African Drumming, rides, food, games, face painting and prizes....
Mega passes on sale now
Parent helpers welcome, please leave your details in the office.
Classroom News

KR

It was great to see many of you during our Multicultural Day! The students all seemed to have enjoyed the wonderful activities, as well as the amazing food, on the day. We would like to thank ‘Sagra Nona’ for visiting us on the day and spending time in Italy.

As the weather warms up throughout the day students often take off their jackets and jumpers. I would strongly encourage you to take some time to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labeled with your child’s name.

Our Book Week Parade will be held next week (week 7). I’m sure Mrs. Basak has provided some interesting character ideas for costumes during library lessons. The students in KR are already excited about getting dressed up on the day. I look forward to seeing the students amazing costumes on the day!

I would like to encourage you all to continue to help your child practice their words, complete their homework sheet and read their home reader. Don’t forget, reading is not only about accuracy, it is also important to check for understanding by asking questions about the story and ask for their opinion of characters, events, etc.

Have a wonderful week!
Mrs Rositano :)

1/2
Welcome to Week 6!

Well this term is flying along. Thank you very much for those who made the time to come into the classroom during multicultural day. It was great to be able to interact with you all in a different situation. I am very pleased to say that the students in 1/2C are making great progress this term in all subject areas. I am especially pleased with the student’s motivation and enthusiasm they have in learning.

Please make sure your children are returning their home readers every day so I can give them a new book to read. The more they read the more confident they will become.

Just a reminder about school jumpers. Please put names on them as there are a lot of children who take them off when it warms up and they have no names so they end up in lost property.

Another reminder about our excursion that is on the 3rd of September to Georges River Environmental Education Centre, make sure all notes and money are in by the 26th August. Thank you, I hope you are all having a lovely week.

Miss Carey

3/4
Welcome to Week 6!

On Tuesday the 4th August, all Stage 2 students sat in class Spelling Bee. Well down to Lachlan, Scarlet, John and Rachel who competed in the stage finals last week. Rachel and John were successful in progressing to the next round. Congratulations!

This year, all Horsley Park Public School students are taking part in the Liverpool Public Speaking Competition. This week your children have been presenting their speeches on one of the following topics:

- Let Me Tell You A Story
- If I Was Famous
- My Favourite Celebration

The top 4 speakers will move on to the Stage finals in week 8. The finalists will be announced late next week.

This term we have introduced a new home reading system. It is now the student’s responsibility to change their home readers over, so please encourage your child to continue reading and returning their books every day.

Have a wonderful week!
Mrs Adams and Miss Kovacic

5/6
Good afternoon families,

We are halfway through the term already, we can’t believe it! This fortnight we saw the final of our School Spelling Bee and it was a great learning experience for many! Special congratulations to our four class finalists – Chris, Ryan, Aiden and Sarah M! All finalists performed extremely well and we are so proud of them and their fantastic efforts. We wish Aiden and Sarah all the best as they progress to the regional Spelling Bee!

We will be reminding students to bring along a novel or favourite reading item to class next week, to use during Independent Reading time which will occur for the first 10 minutes of each school day. We will also be focusing more on comprehension strategies during class time, incorporating more reading opportunities (independent and shared reading as well as being read to) into our days and discussing the strategies we use to comprehend texts. We encourage you to research the ‘Super Six Comprehension Strategies’ to find out more about how we encourage deeper comprehension skills when reading and viewing texts.

We also encourage those students who participate in Home Reading to be mindful of changing their books on a regular basis. As the books are now kept in class, our students have the responsibility of how well they participate in this valuable school program.

As part of our Science program, Change Detectives (looking at Solids, Liquids and Gases), we will be needing more small and medium sized food jars. Thank you to those that have brought in a few jars, but we still need more. If you happen to have some empty, clean small food jars (such as baby food jars) or medium sized jars (such as jam or salsa jars) we’d truly appreciate them in our classroom!

Have a terrific weekend!

Mrs Elwing and Miss Kovacic

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