Staff Development Day

As part of teacher professional learning the staff at Horsley Park P.S. will be participating in a professional learning day on Monday 21st September (first day of the holidays). This professional learning will be in lieu of the professional learning day scheduled by the Department of Education on Friday 18th December 2015. This change in schedule will enable our staff to utilise their learning during Term 4 and ensure that the professional learning becomes an integral part of teaching practice. The school will still remain open on Friday 18th December with only minimal staff in attendance. Just a reminder, that the last day for students in Term 4 this year is Wednesday 16th December 2015.

Attendance

In consultation with our Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO), I have been monitoring student attendance at our school. While attendance patterns seem to be improving, parents are reminded that regular, sustained attendance at school is essential if students are to achieve their educational best, social and psychological potential. Every absence requires an explanation within seven days of its occurrence. Our school day commences at 9:15am and as such all children need to be here by this time. Your continued assistance with this is greatly appreciated. The HSLO will be returning to Horsley Park PS next term to further monitor individual attendances.

Horsley Park PS Carpark

It has been brought to my attention on a number of occasions both by members of the community and staff, that the car park can be an extremely unsafe area for the students at our school. Unfortunately not all community members are using the area safely and therefore putting the lives of our students in great jeopardy. To avoid what could be quite disastrous, in consultation with staff and members of the community, a decision has been made that the car park will now only be available for access by the staff. The gates will be closed in the morning at 8:50am. Please ensure that your child/ren are dropped off safely, walked into the school grounds and picked up from our school grounds in the afternoon by an adult. Parents are reminded that to cross Walworth Rd safely, it is recommended that the pedestrian refuge be utilised. I’m sure that parking outside the school grounds and walking into the school grounds to drop off and collect students, can be considered a small inconvenience in the greater scheme of keeping our students safe.

2016 Kindergarten

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.

Fun Day

Thank you to our generous, hardworking P&C and parent helpers for all the time and effort put into organising and running such a
fantastic event. The event truly lived up to its name with each and every participant having a FUN DAY! What an amazing end to our school term!

Wooglemai Camp

Congratulations to our senior students for their excellent behaviour and participation in the Leadership Camp at Wooglemai EEC during week 9. The students demonstrated that they are ready to take on the very important role of leaders when the Peer Support Program commences in Term 4. It was a great two days of leadership training and fun!

Spelling Bee

The Regional Spelling Bee final was held yesterday at Busby Public School. The students put in many hours of study, preparing for the competition. Rachel, John R, Aiden and Sarah performed well in their respective age categories and should be congratulated on their outstanding effort. We look forward to participating in this event again next year.

Gala Day

Last Friday our wonderful Support Unit and K-2 teachers under the leadership of Mrs Richardson, hosted the Cowpasture Community of Schools K-2 Gala Day. Many hours of work went into organising and preparing for the sporting event. The day was an enormous success with students experiencing lots of fun while developing their gross motor skills and developing friendships with students from neighbouring schools. Thank you to our volunteer canteen helpers that ensured all the students were well catered for throughout the day. Meanwhile our 3-6 students travelled once again to Bringelly Oval for their Gala Day, participating in Newcombeball, Soccer and Netball. Our students demonstrated improved skills and great sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to all our students.
**Classroom News**

**KR**

Wow only one day left of the Term 3. It has flown!

Many of the students in the class have moved up in their reading levels and therefore will need their home reading level changed. Please encourage your child to continue reading their home reader every night and return to class for an exchange.

Well done to all the students from K-2 who participated in our Gala Day. A fun day was had by all the students and staff. I had some wonderful feedback regarding the wonderful behaviour of our students on the day. You should all be commended for proudly representing Horsley Park Public School.

Have a lovely and relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you all for what’s sure to be a productive Term 4!

Mrs Rositano

1/2

What a busy, fun filled term it has been! We have had some great learning experiences this term which the students have enjoyed and gained a lot from. Our excursion to the Environmental Education Centre in Chipping Norton was lots of fun, it was engaging, hands on and the kids enjoyed learning all about water. We have cooked up a variety of dishes this term which added valuable learning experiences across all aspects of the curriculum. The students are so passionate about our weekly cook ups and just love trying the food once it’s cooked. I hope they are having a go of these at home. I look forward to our cooking extravaganzas next term. The Gala day last week was great! It was perfect weather, the students were on their best behaviour and everyone had a great time! I hope you all have a safe, relaxing and happy holiday!

Miss Carey

3/4

Welcome to Week 10!

Wow! We have officially reached the end of Term 3. The students have had a wonderful term and we look forward to their return.

This week 3/4 hosted the fortnightly assembly where they performed the Vance Joy song ‘Fire and Flood’. They worked really hard to perfect their performance and we are very proud of the commitment and enthusiasm that our students demonstrated. Well done on another great performance!

We would like to remind all students that they need to bring in their 5 small pink awards as soon as possible as the cut-off date is generally quite early in Term 4. Well done to the students who consistently complete their homework each week, Miss K and I appreciate all the effort you put in when it comes to the additional tasks.

This term 3/4 has been reading the David Walliams book Demon Dentist. This book has proven to be a great learning tool when teaching the ‘Super Six’ comprehension strategies. Students are extremely engaged in the text and are enjoying applying some of their newly acquired skills. It would be wonderful to see students using these skills when reading their home readers each evening.

Thanks again to those families who consistently top up our classroom supplies, we really appreciate your generosity.

Have a fabulous holiday!

Mrs Adams & Miss Kovacic.

5/6

Good afternoon families of 5/6,

This week saw our second Cake Stall, a fundraising event for the year 6 farewell. We raised an impressive amount of $117.55. This was only possible, because of the wonderful support we received from the families of our school – in all grades! Thank you SO very much everyone!

Last week the majority of our students did their Leadership Training at Camp Woogeramai. We had a fantastic time with our students and were so proud of the initiative shown, the participation in events and exemplary behaviour throughout the camp. We hope your children also told you about the camp and what a positive experience it was for all!

In the classroom this week we have been completing and presenting/reading aloud, our ‘books’ to classmates. Students focused on using descriptive writing in their stories, completed with a partner, in groups of three or on their own. All students have thoroughly enjoyed the process of ‘writing a book’ with a particular audience in mind and are eager to present them to their peers.

This week, we will also have completed final assessments for Writing, HSIE and Mathematics concepts learnt this term. We were quite impressed with the students’ HSIE assignments. The ‘country studies’ handed in recently looked amazing! Creative presentation of assignments was encouraging to see. Well done to all who completed their assignment! Seeing the effort that went into these works surely means the students enjoyed making them and hence, gaining new knowledge about a country!

We wish you all an enjoyable holiday! Stay safe and have fun!

See you next term,

Mrs Elwing and Miss Kovacic

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