Book Parade

We celebrated Book Week on Tuesday this week, at our amazing Book Character Parade. The time and effort taken by parents in the community to provide costumes for their children to wear was fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many members of the school community attending the parade. We appreciate how difficult it can be to organise time during school hours to participate in school events. On behalf of the students and teachers, I thank you most sincerely. Congratulations to the students who received awards on the day for winning the various stage competitions. Thank you to Mrs Basak (Snow White), Mrs Sechi (The Evil Queen) and the amazing library monitors (Seven Dwarfs), for their outstanding effort to organise such a successful school event. It is events such as this that will remain imprinted in our students' memories of their time at Horsley Park Public School. To add to our Book Week celebrations, Rashay's Restaurants have also donated a showbag (which can be used as a library bag) to each student at the school.

Public Speaking Competition

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

- Early Stage 1: Charlize
- Stage 1: Max
- Stage 2: John
- Stage 3: Chris

These students will now be representing our school at the district competition next term at Greenway Park PS. Thank you to Mrs Adams for organising the competition this year.

Battle For Australia Commemoration Ceremony

On Wednesday, along with the School Captains and Vice Captains, it was an honour to represent Horsley Park P.S., at Smithfield RSL for the Battle for Australia commemorative wreath laying ceremony. It was a solemn ceremony and a time to remember those who fought and died defending our nation during the Second World War. We learned that the first Wednesday in September has been chosen by members of the veteran community for the ceremony, as it represented the first defeat of Japanese forces on land at the Battle of Milne Bay in Papua New Guinea. I was particularly proud of the way our Captains and Vice Captains represented our school during the ceremony.

Last Week for Woolworths Earn & Learn

Horsley PS is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. It's easy to earn valuable resources to help our school, so please collect your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers until 8th September 2015.

- Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent.
- Place the completed sticker chart into the collection box in the office foyer or into the collection box at Wetherill Park Woolworths.

HORSLEY HAPPENINGS

WEEK 9

Monday, September 7
5/6 Wooglemai Camp

Tuesday, September 8
Early Endeavours Program 2:15pm
5/6 Return Wooglemai Camp

Wednesday, September 9
SSW Regional Athletics (Go!! Keali)

Thursday, September 10
Healthy Breakfast 8:30am

Friday, September 11
CCOS Gala Day
K-2 Horsley Park PS
3-6 Bringelly Oval

WEEK 10

Tuesday, September 15
Year 6 Cake stall
Early Endeavours Program 2:15pm

Friday, September 18
HPPS FUN DAY
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

WEEK 1 TERM 4

Tuesday, October 6
STUDENTS RETURN
FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
### 5/6 Leadership Camp

To help develop leadership, management and organisational skills in our senior (Stage 3) students, we will be attending a training day and overnight camp at Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre, Oakdale. After the training, the Stage 3 students will lead and organise small groups of our Kindergarten to Year 4 students in our Peer Support program starting in Week 2 of Term 4. The program will be run on Fridays and will be supervised by our teachers at school. The program aims to help children develop and practise life and resilience skills and reinforce positive social behaviours.

We will be heading off to Wooglemai next Monday morning (7th September)! All students going to camp will need to be at school by 8:00am. We will be leaving school in our bus and Mrs Raiti’s car at 8:15am. We’d appreciate everyone’s prompt arrival to load the bus. Students should arrive to school in **casual clothes**, not school uniform. We expect to be back at school on Tuesday at approximately 3:30pm.

### School Attendance

Attendance is being carefully monitored at the moment as there seem to be many unexplained absences and unfortunately too many students arriving late to school. I draw your attention to the following information from the **Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures** document:

**What are the responsibilities of parents?**

**Parents must ensure:**

2.1. their children of compulsory school age are enrolled in a government or registered non-government school or, registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) for Home Schooling.

2.2. their children who are enrolled at school attend every day the school is open for instruction.

2.3. they provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence through means such as telephone call, written note, text message or email. The 7 day timeframe for explaining absences is a requirement of the **Education Act** (1990).

2.4. they work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school. This includes communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child’s attendance or engagement with school.

**School Attendance Policy PD 2005 0259 Learning and Engagement Directorate 2015**

**What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**
  
  You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- **Application to the Children’s Court**

  - Compulsory Schooling Order
    
    If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a **Compulsory Schooling Order**. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

    - Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### 2016 Kindergarten

Horsley Park PS is asking parents who have a child turning five years of age by July 31, 2015 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.

### SAS Staff Recognition Week

The school community is made up of many different people, all of whom play a part in the running of schools and the provision of quality education to students. School administrative and Support Staff, whether they work in the office, the library, on the school grounds or in the classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of the school and children’s education. We gratefully acknowledge the vital role our amazing SAS staff play in the education of students here at Horsley Park P.S.

### Father’s Day

Father’s Day is a special day for people to show their appreciation for fathers and father figures. Best wishes to our Horsley Park P.S. dads and caregivers, for a very happy Father’s Day.

### AWARDS

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Classroom News

SH
How the time flies as we quickly come to the end of Term 3! SH has been very busy in all learning areas. In addition to our daily literacy and numeracy activities, we have been exploring a new Science topic for Term 3, ‘Weather’. Last week’s stormy weather gave us a fantastic chance to see how the weather changed throughout the day and gave us more words to add to our growing word wall. Through our Science unit, we have created some fantastic pieces of art and have seen some emerging artists in Term 3.

A reminder again that Home Readers are changed every Monday and SH visits the Library on a Tuesday morning. I also wanted to wish another Happy Birthday to Noah Rowe who celebrated his 6th birthday last week. SH had a lovely day with him.

Have a fantastic week
Miss Hudson

SK
It’s hard to believe that Term 3 is almost over!

It was wonderful to see the creative array of costumes at the Book Week Parade. The students’ overall behaviour was fantastic.

We have had such a busy term of learning so far. This week we have been looking at different ways to conserve water at school and at home.

We have made posters for our classroom to encourage saving water. SK has incorporated the use of water in many different artworks to help explore its properties. We have also examined ways in which we can use division in real life situations and in HSIE have been looking at rules and consequences in different settings.

Thank you to those students who brought in a speech, they did a fantastic job presenting in front of their classmates.

Just a reminder that Gala Day and Fun Day are both coming up in the next two weeks, please make sure you send back notes and money.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Kendall

SR
Almost another term gone!

SR have been working hard with their reading and literacy activities every morning and are all making wonderful progress. We have just about finished learning the single sounds and will next term move onto blends. These skills assist the students when learning to read. We also engage in reading groups where the students read with the teacher at their instructional level. It is of great benefit for the students to practise reading at home every night as well. Home readers can be brought in any day for swapping.

A reminder too, that we visit the library every Wednesday and the students are able to borrow a book to take home. Please ensure they have their library bag with them and return the book the following week.

Next week, on Friday is K-2 Cowpasture Gala Sports day at our school. The students will be involved in exercise and sport for most of the day so will need a hat, plenty of water and their sports uniform. As the weather is warming up please ensure the children’s layers of clothing are on the ‘outside’ and can be removed easily as the day gets hotter.

The last day of term will be Fun Day at Horsley Park P.S. where all students will be involved outside games and ‘carnival’ type fun. We’re all looking forward to that!

Well done to all of the students who dressed up for our Book Character Parade last Tuesday. They are looked fabulous and we had a great day.

Have a great week,

Mrs Richardson

The Reading Corner

Wow an extremely busy week for the library. Firstly, thank you to those students who completed their reading logs, on time, for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge has now closed. Unfortunately we did have a few students who did not hand in their logs or come see me. Thank you to Mrs Rositano and Miss Carey for reading the 20 PRC books I left with them. All students in KR and 1/2 will receive a PRC award.

The weather this week was wonderful and we had a wonderful time celebrating Book Week. We began the week with rotations run by our Library Monitors: Aiden, Charlie, Keali, Olivia and Sarah M. our school captains: Laura, Levi, Jenny and Chris and Dale, Elyce and Mia. These students read a book and lead an activity to three different classes. There were no behaviour issues and all students worked extremely well in their pairs.

Well done guys you have made me really proud!

On Tuesday Snow White, her six dwarves and the wicked Queen, led a morning filled with love of literacy. Students from each class not only paraded their creative costumes but there were many awards and books given to students who had participated in library competitions. The winners are as follows:

Best Dressed:

KR Charli
SUP Sebastian
1/2 Mia
3/4 Jack
5/6 Vlad

Staff: Miss Lynne

Costume Participation:

KR Jacob
SUP Noah
1/2 Kalvyn
3/4 Aston
5/6 Liam

Library

KR Isabella, Karli
SUP Wellington, Ellysabeth, Jake
1/2 Jessica
3/4 Scarlet, Vittoria, Sarah
5/6 Aiden, Ryan, Charbel

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for an amazing morning. It is wonderful to celebrate books and it was amazing to see so many students participate. It is now time to start thinking about costumes for next year!

On Wednesday we concluded our very long Book Fair. Thank you to all students, staff and parents who purchased a book or two. We made just over $1300 and because of this we now have 31 new books to go into our library collection. Thank you to the Chandra family who once again donated books from our Book Fair to the library.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Basak

Happy Birthday to Noah Rowe who birthday last week.

SH had a lovely day with him.

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STEP RIGHT UP
TO THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH
Horsley Park Public School Fun Day
Friday 18th September, 2015
It will be a day of Rides, Food, Games, & Prizes!!!!!
The day will start with African Drumming, then straight into Food & Unlimited fun for the day.
Don’t forget to buy your Mega Pass!
Parent helpers are more than welcome!!!!!!