Welcome
Welcome to the 2016 school year. I’d like to extend a big welcome to all our families as we begin an enriching and stimulating new school year with your child at Horsley Park Public School. A very warm welcome is extended to our Kindergarten students and their families who have commenced formal learning at ‘big school’. We have 16 excited Kindergarten children wearing their big smiles as they explore all that is on offer at Horsley Park Public School.

Our 2016 staff list:

Principal
Mrs Raiti

Assistant Principal
Mrs Richardson

Mainstream Teachers:
- Mrs Rositano - K Rainbow
- Miss Kovacic - 1/2 Blue
- Mrs Elwing (M- W) and Mrs Adams (Th - F) - 3/4 Purple
- Miss Gonzales - 3/4 Orange (relieving replacement for the vacant classroom teacher position)
- Mr Wilson - 5/6 Silver
- Mrs Basak - Library, RFF and Support (M - W)
- Mrs Adams - RFF and Support (Wednesday)
- Mrs Sechi and Miss Lynne (School Learning Support Officers - supporting teachers & students)

Support Unit Teachers:
- Mrs Richardson - K/2 Red
- Miss Hudson - K/2 Aqua
- Mrs Kendall - 1/6 Green
- Mrs Larwood - RFF and Support
- Mrs Borg, Mrs Gauci and Mrs Zammit (School Learning Support Officers - supporting teachers & students)

Office & Support
- School Administrative Manager - Mrs Stamford
- General Assistant - Mr Charlie Bezzina
- Cleaner - Mrs Joyce Borg (currently on leave)

Additional Support
- Instructional Leader - TBA
- School Counsellor - Miss Katrina English
- Speech Pathologist - Miss Mariz Aberin
- Occupational Therapist - Erica Farrugia

Update of Information Booklet
All students received the ‘Update of Information Booklet’ on Wednesday. It is very important that ALL the permission forms and the health and contact details are completed, signed and returned to school. It would be much appreciated if the booklets could be returned to school no later than Wednesday 10th February so that our information can be updated promptly. Students returning booklets will receive a ticket to go into our weekly, ‘Catch them Being Good’ draw.

Continue To Keep Us Informed
There may be changes to your child’s health or circumstances throughout the year. Please notify the school of any changes and how we can best support your child while at school. At times the school may need to contact you regarding your child. It is important that you notify the school of any changes to your contact details. This includes address, telephone numbers and contact details for those you have nominated as emergency contacts.

It is also important for ALL parents to remember that not all students have permission for their photos to be shared or published in any form including social media. Therefore it would be greatly appreciated if parents ONLY TAKE PHOTOS of their OWN CHILDREN at school events.

Anaphylaxis
It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards. However, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise the potential risks. To support this, Horsley Park Public School is a ‘Nut Aware School’. We aim to minimise the risk to children with documented allergies to nut products. Everyone is encouraged to avoid bringing foods that contain nuts to school. Products that contain nuts include:
- nuts, peanut butter, nut spreads such as Nutella, most fruit and nut bars and muesli bars, some biscuits, chocolates and any other products that have nuts listed in the ingredients.

MONDAY  TUESDAY  WEDNESDAY  THURSDAY  FRIDAY

W2  February 1  February 2  February 3  February 4  February 5

W3  February 8  February 9  February 10  February 11  February 12

W4  February 15  February 16  February 17  February 18  February 19

Year 6 Valentine’s Day Cupcake fundraiser
Meet the teacher evening
P&C breakfast - pancakes
School Newsletter

Our school newsletter is distributed fortnightly on Thursday. A copy is sent home with the eldest child from each family or emailed to the designated email address. Newsletters can also be viewed online on the schools website: www.horsleypk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Our newsletter is a good source of information for upcoming events and general information about what is happening in our school.

Student Banking

Deposit books are to be handed into the office each Wednesday morning before 9am. Student deposits will be processed and books will be returned to classrooms the following day.

Assembly Information

Assemblies will be commencing Week 4 18th February and held every 2nd Thursday (even weeks) commencing at 2.10 pm. The newly elected Captains, Vice Captains, SLT - Student Leadership Team, Sports House Captains and Library Monitors will be receiving their badges at the Week 4 assembly. Parents are invited to attend and assist in officially welcoming these students to their leadership role.

Book Club

Book club brochures have been distributed to students. If your child would like to order from this issue please complete the order forms, ensuring that your child’s name & class are provided and return the order form & your payment to the office. Orders for this issue close Tuesday 9th February.

Student Bus Passes

Please visit the following website for information regarding applications for bus passes, http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/customers/ssts/schools

All application for new bus passes must be completed by parents online.

Canteen News

The new canteen menu was distributed to students yesterday. Thank you to the volunteers that keep our canteen running 5 days a week. Unfortunately the canteen cannot offer credit or keep money in credit for parents or students. If any child comes to school without lunch the office will be notified and a sandwich will be provided for that child. The canteen staff will not be able to warm any food brought by children from home for health and safety reasons.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C meeting will be held on Monday 8th February (Week 3) at 3:15pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the Horsley Park PS school community and hear about all the great projects that will be happening at Horsley Park in 2016. If you are new to our school community, I strongly encourage you to come along and join us for this first meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Afternoon Scripture

The After School Scripture Club will be on again this year. The dates for this term are:

- Tuesday 23 February
- Tuesday 8 March
- Tuesday 22 March at 3pm-4:30pm

If you have not tried it yet, come and have a look.

We have lots of games, craft, stories and yummy afternoon tea organised and it will be a fun time for everyone, of course parents are very welcome. If your child has attended last year’s After School Scripture Club, you will need to sign a new form this year. Just fill in the form attached and return it to the school or have your child bring it on the day.

If you have any questions just talk to Johanna ph: 0407 067 082 who is at the school to drop off and pick up her own children.

Thanks a lot

Johanna

‘MEET THE TEACHER’ BBQ & INFORMATION EVENING

You are invited to attend the Horsley Park Public School ‘Meet the Teacher’ BBQ & Information Evening, on Tuesday 16th February (5:30pm – 6:45pm)

This is a great opportunity to mingle with other families within our school community and celebrate the community spirit that exists in our great school. Come on up and grab a sausage on a roll and a cold drink, prior to meeting in your child’s classroom at 6:15pm to hear information about the year ahead.

All students attending MUST be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

We look forward to seeing you there!

2016 School Captains

Captain’s first week

We were really excited to start the new school year at Horsley Park Public School, as the new captains. Our first assembly on Monday morning proved to be quite enjoyable following many minor problems. We were a little nervous because the flag got stuck and didn’t go up the pole properly and we forgot about the CD and player for the National Anthem. We worked quickly as a team to fix any little problems. We were a little nervous because the flag got stuck and didn’t go up the pole properly and we forgot about the CD and player for the National Anthem. We worked quickly as a team to fix any little problems. We were a little nervous because the flag got stuck and didn’t go up the pole properly and we forgot about the CD and player for the National Anthem. We worked quickly as a team to fix any little problems. We were a little nervous because the flag got stuck and didn’t go up the pole properly and we forgot about the CD and player for the National Anthem. We worked quickly as a team to fix any little problems. We were a little nervous because the flag got stuck and didn’t go up the pole properly and we forgot about the CD and player for the National Anthem. We worked quickly as a team to fix any little problems. We were a little nervous because the flag got stuck and didn’t go up the pole properly and we forgot about the CD and player for the National Anthem. We worked quickly as a team to fix any little problems. We were a little nervous because the flag got stuck and didn’t go up the pole properly and we forgot about the CD and player for the National Anthem. We worked quickly as a team to fix any little problems.

We now feel very confident in ourselves and are better prepared to take on this part of our responsibility. We look forward to the many challenges we will come across this year. We learnt that being prepared is a very important aspect of life!

We aim to be great leaders so that the other students in this school will look up to us as role models.

School Captains

Scripture

Scripture classes will be commencing in Week 3 (8th February). Classes are held each Tuesday morning between 9:15am and 9:45am. At present the classes that are offered are: Catholic, Christian and Non Scripture.
Classroom News

K Rainbow
Welcome Everyone!

It has been wonderful meeting all of you this week and it’s been lovely to see lots happy little faces. K Rainbow seem to have settled in well and I have been impressed with how well they have coped with their Best Start Assessments. Well done! Feedback regarding Best Start Assessments for parents will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Next week we will continue to practise the basic skills essential for school such as putting your bag on the hook, sitting on your bottom, putting your hand up, getting your lunchbox out, lining up, sharing, etc. It is important for the students to develop these basic skills in order to begin the teaching and learning process.

EVERY DAY at around 10am in class students have ‘Crunch and Sip’. During this time students are encouraged to bring in a fruit or vegetable snack (this needs to be in its ‘raw’ form) and water. We encourage parents to pack their child’s ready to eat Crunch food in a small container. The Crunch snack that they bring to school needs to be small enough to finish within 5 minutes.

Please don’t forget to LABEL everything and pack a change of pants in case of any little accidents.

I am looking forward to an exciting and busy year of teaching and learning with you and your lovely children! Please feel free to talk to me anytime about any questions or concerns you may have.

Have a lovely week!
Mrs Rositano

1/2 Blue
Welcome to Term 1, 2016! I hope that all the families in 1/2 Blue had a wonderful holiday break. I am very excited to be on 1/2 this year and look forward to getting to know all the students. We have already been very busy in our first week back and have been discussing the new school rules of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be an Active Learner. I have also started assessing students in spelling, reading and mathematics to gain a better understanding of their abilities.

Homework will be commencing in Week 3, so just a reminder to have an A4 book ready. If there are ever any concerns, feel free to come and see me or make an appointment to discuss your child’s needs. I look forward to the exciting year ahead!

Miss Kovacic

3/4 Orange
Welcome to 2016! 3/4 Orange are excited to begin a new year of school at Horsley Park public school as much as I am excited to begin at a new school. Throughout the last week we have been getting to know each other and have also been learning lots of new things such as the new school rules. We have also been exploring new and different ways to have fun in class this term for example, using ‘Go noodle’ as a brain break activity and using class dojo as our class reward system. We can’t wait to progress further into the year as we keep learning.

Miss Gonzales

3/4 Purple
Happy 2016 everyone and welcome to a new year of learning at Horsley Park PS!

We are very happy to be part of the Stage 2 team this year, as teachers for 3/4 Purple! We are confident that our year together will be fulfilling and productive, with a mix of enthusiasm and fun whilst learning in our classroom! Mrs Elwing will teach the class each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Adams will teach the class each Thursday and Friday.

We look forward to having a chat with you during our annual ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening, which will be announced very soon. On this evening, more detailed class information will be given to you.

Until then, please don’t hesitate to stop and say hi to either of us when we see you at school!

Mrs Elwing and Mrs Adams

K-2 Aqua
Welcome to another school year in K-2 Aqua. Everyone has settled in really well to their class. I would also like to welcome our new students and their families, I am sure it is going to be a year full of learning and laughter! Just a reminder it is our library day on Tuesday and Home Readers need to be returned to school on Friday.

Thank you also to all of the families who have sent in their Library Bag. I do hope that your little ones enjoy reading their stories. If they need a change, they can borrow another book.

Miss Hudson

K-2 Red
Welcome to a new year of learning in K-2 Red. Some of the students have moved classes and we also have some new Kindergarten students too. Welcome to Marcus and Anthony in Kindergarten, who join Josip, Myles and Mathew to make up our class for the year.

All of the boys have settled in very well and are already starting to learn new things.

Thank you to the parents who have already sent in a paintshirt to protect clothing while we are doing our art activities. As well as a paint shirt the donation of tissues for the class to use would be very much appreciated. I look forward to seeing parents soon at our meet the teacher night in Week 4 and then at PLASP meetings to plan for your child’s learning this year. More information to follow soon.

Mrs Richardson

5/6 Silver
5/6 Silver is delighted to welcome everyone back to school for what is sure to be an exciting 2016. As a class we have slipped straight back into our routines and are enjoying setting a good example for the rest of the school, by ‘being safe, being respectful and being an active learner’. Personally I am looking forward to meeting the many friendly faces around the school and would like to thank all the teachers, students and parents and families that have helped me settle so quickly at Horsley Park for 2016.

Mr Wilson

The Reading Corner

Welcome back to 2016! It’s very exciting to see many new faces. Each class has been given a bookmark this week stating what day their Library day is. Please ensure all library books from last year are returned and all students come to the library with a library bag. I am also looking out for my new library monitors. This year I will be picking students from years 4-6. If you didn’t get a note last week come and see me in the library.

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Basak
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PHONE (02) 9293 3333

BOWRAL AND TAHMOOR - PHONE 1300 559 393
Dear Parent/Guardian,

The After School Scripture Club is on again this year. The dates for term 1 are

**Tuesday, 23rd February**
**Tuesday, 8th March** and
**Tuesday, 22nd March 2016** at 3pm.

Hope you/your kids can make it.

We are planning on having a fun day which will include afternoon tea, bible stories and lots of new games and crafts. It will run from **3pm to 4.30pm** at Horsley Park Public School. You will find us outside or on the verandah of the reading room.

All students and parents are welcome and as usual it is free of charge.

If your child would like to **attend** After School Scripture Club, please fill in the form below and return it to the school or have your child bring it on the day. If your child has attended last year’s After School Scripture Club, you **will need to sign a new form for this year**.

If you have any questions about the club or are able to help on the day please talk to Johanna at school or give her a call on 0407 067 082.

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*I give permission for my child/children _______________________ from ________(class) to attend After School Scripture Club being held at Horsley Park Public School, and being run by Johanna and Jeff Flood from Cabramatta Vineyard Christian Church.*

My child/children has NO food allergies/ Has the following food allergies/dietary requirements.

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*My emergency contact number is ____________________________

Name:_________________________ Signed:_________________________