Buddy Bench

Late last year Bunnings at Bonnyrigg kindly donated an outdoor bench seat to our school to be used as a ‘Buddy Bench’. The idea behind a Buddy Bench is that children who don’t have anyone to play with can sit on the bench so others know they would like to play. If a child sees a student sitting there they will go along and ask them to join in a game.

Last week the students of Horsley Park decorated our bench with their handprints in order to show their commitment to making the Buddy Bench a part of what we do at Horsley Park, that is, include everyone and ensure all students feel welcome. The bench looks great and is already getting a good workout.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Bonnyrigg Bunnings for their ongoing support of our school.

Stage 2 Australiana Village Excursion

The stage 2 excursion is being held next Wednesday 9 March. The students need to be at school at 8:30 am to leave promptly at 9:00 am.

Year 6 Wooglemai Excursion

Notes have been sent home regarding the Year 6 training day at Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre at Oakdale. Please hand your signed notes back into the office no later than Friday 11 March. The children will be at school by 7:20 am leaving the school by 7:30am.

High School Expression of Interest Application Forms

A reminder to Year 6 parents that an information evening will be held on Monday 8 March, in 5/6 Silver room at 5pm. Parents will receive the High School Expression of Interest Application Forms and advice on how to complete the form. Forms will be distributed to students on Tuesday if parents are not able to make the meeting on Monday. ALL High School Expression of Interest Application Forms will need to be completed and returned to school by Friday 18 March 2016.

Attendance

All students are required to be at school every day the school is open. Of course, illness cannot be helped. It is essential that if your child is absent from school, you send a note in with them on the day they return explaining the absence. The other requirement of the Education Act, is that students are at school on time every day. Our school day commences at 9:15 am and as such all children need to be here by this time. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

P&C MEETING

P&C meeting will be held next Monday 8th March (Week 7) at 3:10pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the Horsley Park Public School community. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Voluntary Contributions

Each year public schools request parents to pay a voluntary contribution. This money is used to supplement the funds provided to the school by the Government. This year’s collected funds from the voluntary contributions will be used to paint our classrooms. The voluntary contributions are set at:

- $35 for one child;
- $60 for two children; and
- $80 for three or more children at HPPs.

If you are able to assist our school by paying this voluntary contribution, please send the money in a clearly labelled envelope to the Office. I thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

100% Contributions

$1200

Current -
**Dear Parent/Caregivers,**

Our highly successful Early Endeavours Program is continuing in 2016. Any parents and carers who have a child commencing school in 2017, are welcome to bring their child along to the K-Rainbow classroom at 2.10pm each Wednesday afternoon. Throughout the afternoon the children will be involved in play-based activities, reading, counting, drama, singing and art activities. Our program endeavours to assist children to transition to the 'big school' environment. Please see dates and times for our Early Endeavours Program beginning Term 2, 2016. Please contact Mrs Stamford in the office to register a place in this exciting program. Looking forward to seeing you all!

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Classroom News

1/6 Green

Good afternoon families,

1/6 Green have had a tremendous start to the school year! We’ve been busy exploring our schoolyard environment discovering mini beasts and assorted animals and documenting our discoveries through scientific sketches and artworks. We’ve pinpointed where Horsley Park is on a map of the world and have begun identifying historical places around our local area. This week we will listen to an exciting interview with a lady who grew up at Horsley Homestead! She’s going to take us back in time and tell us all about what it was like growing up in Horsley Park in the 1930s and how life was so much different to the lives we lead today. We have begun the music therapy program generously provided by the Autism Advisory Service. The students are thoroughly enjoying singing into the microphone and playing a range of instruments. This week will see the completion of a beautiful sensory garden kindly donated by Bunnings. We look forward to being able to wander through and interact with a range of different smells, textures and colours. Just a reminder to please provide your child with a paint shirt for our art lessons, they can get messy!

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Kendall

3/4 Orange

Hello Parents and carers,

Can you believe that it is already week 6 of term 1! 3/4 Orange and I can definitely believe it, we have been super busy learning and working very hard in each KLA. We have been working very hard during reading and maths groups every morning, and we have been exploring the different ways that concrete materials can help our understanding of ideas in Maths. (Image 1) During History, in our ‘First Contacts’ unit, we learnt about the first inhabitants of the land and we created Artwork based on the traditional Aboriginal way of life before the arrival of the first fleet (Image 2). We have also explored what life was like in England in the 1700’s, the life of a convict, and next week we are very excited to be going to the Australiana pioneer village to experience firsthand what life was like during the settlement of Australia. Just a reminder: notes need to be in by Thursday this week.

I hope you have an excellent week!

Miss. Gonzales
Information for parents of a child with a disability

Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your six year old won’t share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

As part of the Stepping Stones Triple P Project, Holroyd School invites all parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 to attend the following FREE parenting seminar series:

Seminar 1: Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
Monday the 4th of April 2016, 9:30am-11:30am.

Seminar 2: Helping your Child reach their Potential
Monday the 2nd of May 2016, 9:30am-11:30am.

Seminar 3: Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Monday the 16th of May 2016, 9:30am-11:30am.

Where: Holroyd School, Willara Avenue Merrylands.

RSVP: As these programs are being funded as part of a research project please contact Jay Dahl the Holroyd School Counsellor, who will register your interest with the research team.

Phone: 02 9637 1219

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