

Hargraves Public School

The school with a heart of gold

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Finish of the Active After Schools Program

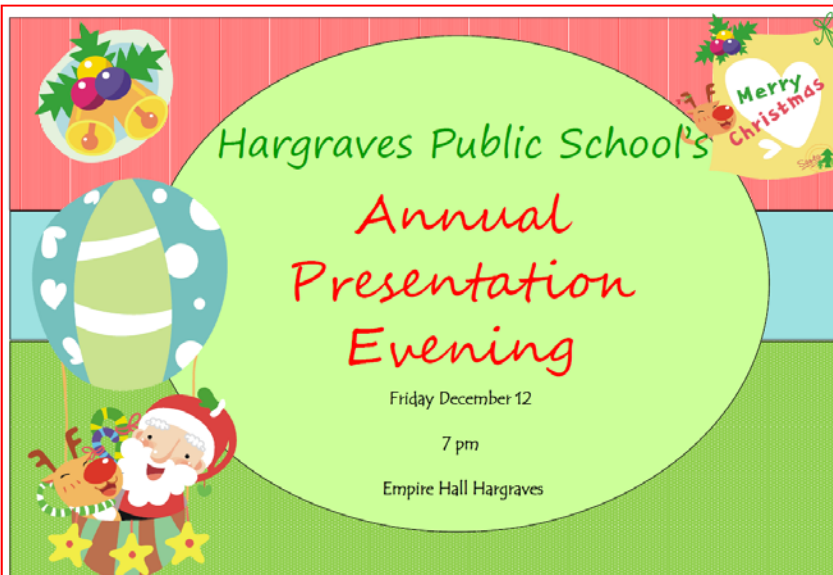
Next Tuesday marks the end of an era for the Active After Schools Program as it concludes after 10 years. The government will no longer be funding this program which has engaged over two million students in structured physical exercise, motivating them to get active for life.

A new program called Sporting Schools will take its place some time during 2015 but as yet we do not know what form this will take.

A very big thank you to all who have helped in any way to make the Hargraves AAS program the huge success it has been and to the children who have embraced the program and its benefits since it began at Hargraves School.

The children enjoyed the Musica Viva concert on Wednesday with musical group "Mara" who offered a concert of world music and jazz.

A huge THANK YOU to parents who assisted with transport.



Please bring a plate for supper

Stage 3 students have recently concluded their study of Michael Morpurgo's text "War Horse", a novel set during World War 1, told from a horse's perspective. After reading the text, the students thoroughly enjoyed the movie and were able to identify different strategies used to influence the reader/viewer. Some thoughts on the book:

Rhees: I think the author Michael Morpurgo wanted people to know about the horrors of war and to also get us to think about how many horses died and how badly they were treated. This book made me reflect back and think about that. I think it's important to say that this book is sad and intense. I would recommend this book for an older and more mature audience.

B T: The story is written in first person, through the eyes of a horse named Joey. This is important to this story because it makes it a lot more dramatic. The setting is described in great detail and the characters' behaviour was described in great depth. It is a good story because it is dramatic, sad, exciting and uplifting.

November is Picture Book Month!

Picture book month is an international initiative that celebrates the print picture book during the month of November. Each day during November, teachers will be reading a picture book to their class. Why not join in the celebrations and read a picture book together as a family each night. At Hargraves Public School we believe you are never too old to enjoy a picture book!

In celebration of Picture Book Month the staff thought they would share their favourites.

Mrs Rae....

"My Farm" written and illustrated by Alison Lester has been Mrs Rae's favourite picture book since she first read it to her 3 children in 1992 when it was first published. It tells the story of a family who live on a farm and all the fun the children have with their ponies. The many adventures the children in the story have, gave Mrs Rae's own children lots of mischievous ideas including riding their ponies under the clothes line and grabbing onto it. Jessica even tried to hypnotise the chooks just like Charlie in the story! My Farm became the family's favourite picture book and was read over and over again.



Sue...

Sue's book "Bunny Blue" was written by Catherine Stahlmann and illustrated by Ruth Thompson van Telling. It was a present for her 5th birthday from her brother and is one of her favourites.



TERM 4, 2014 CALENDAR

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9	1 December Swimming lessons	2 Swimming lessons	3 Swimming lessons	4 Swimming lessons	5 Swimming lessons
10	8	9	10 Playgroup Christmas Party Galloping Gumnuts	11 Christmas Church service 10am	12 Presentation Evening Nugget News deadline
11	15 Life Skills Auction	16 Picnic	17	18	19

P & C News—A note asking for help with this year's Village Christmas Tree is attached to this newsletter.

Playgroup will hold their Christmas Party on Wednesday 10th December, starting at 9 am. This will be the last Playgroup for 2014. Contact Diane 6373 8405 or Maree 6373 8544 for more info.

In the Infants Room

Kindergarten and Year 1 did a group re-write with Mrs Price in Reading to Learn (R2L) this week of a magazine poem. We looked at poetry rhythm and rhyming and giving objects personalities. This is their re-write:

Can you see the bright stars?

Can you see the sparkle—the sparkle of the stars?

Can you see them twinkling in the dark night sky?

Can you see them shining?

Can you see them bright?

Can you hear them sharing the secrets in the night?

I can see them dancing as they shine from afar

I can't see their brightness but I can't see where they are.

Goodbye Miss Odgers

On Tuesday the children and staff said "Goodbye" to Miss Odgers who is moving to Queensland over the Christmas holidays.

Miss Odgers has been the Computer and Creative Arts teacher at Hargraves for many years. She began in a voluntary capacity ten years ago - teaching art. She then completed her teacher training at university and became a part time member of our staff. During her time at Hargraves the children have won many competitions and have exhibited some outstanding works in galleries and exhibitions.

The technology skills of our students have progressed in leaps and bounds since Miss Odgers began teaching computers.

She was presented with flowers and a card signed by the children. We wish her all the very best as she embarks on the next phase of her life.

Thank you Miss O— you will be greatly missed!



HARGRAVES VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE



Come and join us on

Saturday 20th December 2014

Starting at 5pm at the Recreation Ground

There will be a barbeque, chocolate wheels & raffle.

Everyone is welcome for a wonderful evening

Santa will be arriving at 7pm

Barbeque from 5pm

Steak & sausage sandwiches

& soft drink available

Enquiries - Kim Bastow 6373 8264

Every effort has been made to contact all local families with children aged from 0 to Year 6. Please let all your friends know to check if their children are on Santa's gift list at the shop

Student of the Week

Ebony Roach

for working hard on her

"War Horse" book review

