Principal’s message

**Congratulations on a Regional Award**

Last Thursday evening, Hoxton Park public school received a Regional Award from the Director, Murat Dizdar. We were awarded the **Young Learners Award for School Excellence**.

The evening’s program was packed with outstanding performances from the region’s students in song, dance, theatre and public speaking.

The award was given as a result of the programs in place at our school and the school improvement data which was presented to the panel.

Congratulations. A tremendous achievement indeed!

Karen Pierson, Kate Harvey and Lisa Heffernan attended the Director’s Choice 2012 for the South Western Sydney Region at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre.

**2013 Kindergarten Transition Program**

We have been welcoming to our school the new kindy cohort for 2013. These gorgeous students have been attending the transition program for the past three weeks. Yesterday, 2013 kinder parents were given information about what our school can offer their children, how to best prepare them for “big school” and general information about next year.

**Library News**

The library is entering the end of year shut down phase when they need to stocktake all books. Students are not able to borrow for the remainder of the year and all books are due back to the library by the end of week 7 (23rd November).

Remember that your local library is open for borrowing and students will continue to use their guided readers and home readers for the next few weeks.

**Student Reports**

Teachers are currently writing your child’s semester 2 report. Reports are due to be sent home on 13th December. Whilst there are no scheduled whole school parent teacher interviews in semester 2, as with any other time in the year, you may contact your child’s class teacher to make an appointment by phoning the school office.

**Presentation Day**

Invitations have been sent home for Presentation Day on 13th December. Please do not phone the office to ask what award your child is receiving (it is a secret!!!).
Empowering Local Schools National Partnership (ELS)

Hoxton Park PS is one of 229 schools in NSW who are known as an ELS school. The aims of the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership (ELS) is to empower schools to make local decisions to better respond to the needs of their students and their community. By participating in this initiative, Hoxton Park PS has received an additional $50 000. We will be using this additional funding for Professional Learning for teachers and administrative staff.

The 229 schools will be the first schools:

- that are part of the staged implementation of the new Resource Allocation Model (RAM) with an extended transition period;
- to implement new staffing procedures and have the opportunity to vary the mix of staff to better meet the school’s needs;
- to undertake training in LMBR Schools Budgeting and Planning Tool;
- to implement LMBR management systems for improved service delivery;
- to train and mentor other schools;
- to benefit from the personalised learning programs that principals are undertaking through participation in AITSL (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership);
- to participate in the new school planning model workshops and the pilot of the new school planning model and inform its development, and
- to have the opportunity to engage in a range of practical professional learning opportunities that align to operating in a greater decision making environment.

Year 7 2013 Orientation Day

Students in Year 6 attending a public school next year will be attending their Orientation Day on Wednesday 5th December. Students who are attending an alternate school must attend Hoxton Park PS on that day. Students are to attend with their parents or guardian to receive news about the school. It also an opportunity to purchase school uniforms and book packs. Teachers do not accompany students to their high school. Students are the responsibility of parents on the orientation Day.

End of Year Celebration Excursions

Notes have been sent out for this terrific end of year celebration excursions. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Rich. This is a confidential matter. We would love for all students to attend.

Year 6 Farewell

This is to be held at the Liverpool Catholic Club on Tuesday 18th December. A reminder to all students and their parents: attendance at this function is a privilege. Positive student behaviour will be the ticket to get students in the door.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Kylie Donovan
PRINCIPAL

Commonwealth Bank Token Redemption Day

Thursday 6th December
8.30am – 9.00am
Outside the school office

Bring your tokens and trade them for fantastic prizes.
P & C Christmas Raffle

As 2012 slips into the sunset, the P & C committee would like your assistance in our last raffle for the year.

We would greatly appreciate donations from each year as follows:-

**Kindy** – something naughty – lollies, chocolates etc
**Year 1** – something nutty – peanuts, mixed nuts etc
**Year 2** – something from the pantry - tinned or carton goods etc
**Year 3** – something for dessert – Christmas puddings, jelly packets etc
**Year 4** – something plastic – cups, cutlery, plates etc
**Year 5** – something savoury – shortbread, crackers, chips etc
**Year 6** – something paper – Christmas wrapping paper, bons bons, napkins etc.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated and the more items we receive the more hampers will be available.
Raffle tickets will be available to each child and drawn on the 10th December, 2012.
Goods can be dropped in at the office anytime before Thursday, 6th December, 2012.
Thanking you in advance for your support in our last big hurrah for 2012.

P & C committee

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**Upcoming events – Term 4**

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**Stepping Out School of Dance**

Cheerleading, Jazz & Hip Hop
Tap & Irish, Ballet, Singing
Musical Theatre
Contact: Christine

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9/45-47 Whyalla Place, Prestons

[www.steppingoutdance.com](http://www.steppingoutdance.com)
E: raindrops@bigpond.com.au
Jump Strategy

You can also count by 2s or 10s, or make any "jumps" you want to help you to solve a calculation.

The method of jump strategy can be applied to both adding and subtracting.

If we use the sum 162 + 142 as an example:

We start with 162 then we jump by adding the first unit of 142 (which is 100) which gives us 262. Then we add the second unit of 142 (which is 40) which gives us 302. Then we add the final unit of 142 (which is 2) which gives us an answer of 304.

Jump jump jump
162 --100--> 262 --40--> 302 --2--> 304

Examples from www.mathsisfun.com and wiki.answers.com

Bookclub closes

Wednesday 21st November