Principal’s message

Education Week
This week we celebrate Education Week in our state public schools. The theme for 2012: “Creating the Future.” We certainly have a lot to celebrate at Hoxton Park PS. As I have stated previously, our school is an outstanding one because of the students, staff and the community that we have.

The leadership team met last week for our planning day. Part of that time was spent reflecting on what we have achieved as a school during term 2. I am constantly amazed and excited by the capacity of our teachers here at Hoxton Park PS. Our teachers are ongoing, continual learners. You can be assured that your children are getting a fabulous education here because of the recipe of success that we have: strong professional learning for all our teacher; professional goals for all teaching staff; high expectations for our students and the understanding that each of us has huge untapped potential; and a relentless focus on reading because we understand that success in reading allows students to successfully access all other areas of the curriculum.

Thank you to all parents and friends who came to visit our school today. It was great to see you and our students love to show off their work to you. We love your support.

Congratulations to our fabulous students!
We have many students who are achieving amazing things in the sporting arena. The following students should be recognised because of their achievement:

Green Valley District Zone: District Cross Country:

Boys softball
Zac Raso
Travis O’Grady

Girls softball
Thea Hayday-King

Girls touch football
Tamalee Dargan
Bianca Robertson

Rugby League
Joel Saldaneri

District Swimming:
Brittany Sloane
Chloe Phillips
Joel Saldaneri

We would also like to wish the best of luck to Renaldo Ionita who is representing Australia in Bregenz, Austria in August at the World Martial Arts Games.

This list is not exhaustive and I know that there are other students who have yet to be announced in the newsletter. Please let your teacher know if you are yet to be mentioned and they will pass this information on.

Scholastic Bookfair is coming to Hoxton
Bookfair dates: 16-21 August
Buying times: 8.30-8.55, 2nd half lunch and from 3.00-3.30pm.
Come along and purchase your favourite book.
Bookfair invitations will be sent home this week.

Band News
Our school band is a great opportunity for students to develop their musical skills and confidence in performing for an audience. If your child is in year 3 to 6 and would like to learn an instrument and be part of our exciting school band, feel free to collect a permission note from the office.

The Ned Show
The Ned Show will be coming to our school on Friday 10th August (WEEK 4) at 12pm. This show combines a positive message with humour, storytelling, audience participation and memorable object lessons. The program is for all students K-6
Further details will be sent home next week.

Staff Development Day
The teachers at Hoxton Park Public School will be participating in a Staff Development Day at our school on Saturday 4th August. We will be developing our knowledge and practice around the recent information and research on “Direct Instruction”. The day will be presented to us by Jo-Anne Dooner, a literacy expert, from the company Get Reading Right. This Staff Development Day will take the place of the previously scheduled one on the 21st December.

Athletics Carnivals
Our K-2 Athletics carnival has been organised for Monday 13th August and our 3-6 Athletics carnival is being held on Thursday 16th August. This is an all day event and parents are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a great fortnight,
Kylie Donovan
PRINCIPAL
Upcoming events – Term 3

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Seven year old Renaldo Ionita has qualified to be part of Australian Team to represent Australia at the 6th World Martial Arts Games held in Bregenz, Austria on 10-12 August 2012. Renaldo has been practicing martial arts since he was 3 at White Wolf Martial Arts, Cecil Hill and has participated in martial arts tournaments winning many titles during this time. Last weekend he participated in the last test completion at Australian Martial Arts Federation NSW Titles and won first place in Kata division out of 16 competitors. He has been training hard for the World Games and we hope he will bring some World titles back home from Europe.

Wishing him best of luck at the Games!

Renaldo with his parents and instructors

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**The NED Show**

The NED Show is an all-school assembly program, designed to promote positive attitudes, better behavior and improve academic achievement through character education. We’ve motivated more than 25 million students in the past two decades and will perform at more than 6,000 schools in cities around the world this year, making us America’s most popular assembly. Presented through storytelling, humor, visuals and audience participation, The NED Show motivates…encourages…INSPIRES your kids to become Champions at school and in life.

**When:**  Friday 10th August  
**Time:**   12 Noon  
**Cost:**   FREE

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Date: Wednesday 15th August 2012
Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Place: Training Room
Brian Wunsch Centre
126 Avoca Road, Wakeley
Cost: Free

Book Fair
Thursday 16th August – Tuesday 21st August
Book fair will be open each day:
8.30am – 8.55am
1.40pm – 20.00pm
3.00pm – 3.30pm
Parents and families welcome.

CAMP
A quick reminder of the dates for our students attending camp.

Stage 3 – Broken Bay
Monday 27th Aug – Wednesday 28th Aug

Stage 2 – Blue Gum Lodge
Monday 3rd Sep – Tuesday 4th Sep

Thank you to all parents who have finalised payments, please check notes for dates of final payments.