Principal’s message
Welcome back to school for term 3. It is an extremely busy term: Education Week, National Literacy and Numeracy week, Book Week, Music festival, Stage 2 and 3 camps, Athletics carnival, 100 days of learning celebration and we receive the results from NAPLAN assessments.
We had our staff development day on Monday with teachers working through the day focussed on their own professional learning. Sessions included: Looking after yourself in a service job (teaching). This session focussed on strategies for long term health management and longevity in our profession. The Assistant Principals then presented a module from “Team Leadership for School Improvement” professional learning on sustainability of programs within a school. This was followed by each stage team meeting for further planning for this term.
The office staff also had a day of professional learning off site with their colleagues at Mounties. Professional learning is at the heart of what we do. At Hoxton Park PS, we recognise that ongoing learning is essential and we are committed to continual improvement underpinned by strong professional learning.

NAIDOC Day at HPPS
Thank you to the terrific NAIDOC committee who organised a brilliant fun day to celebrate NAIDOC week at our school. We were excited by the number of people who attended for the day. A special thanks to the teachers who worked the BBQ and also worked right through their lunch time without a break. We are currently in the process of booking an Aboriginal performer to come to the school. There will be more information about this as soon as we have a confirmation. Congratulations to our Koori students who did such an awesome job running the assembly. We all sang Ridge-e-didge for days after!

Joel Saldineri
Congratulations to Joel, who was one of 34 students who tried out for the state Rugby league team over the holidays at their development camp. Whilst Joel was not one of the 17 students picked for the team, he has been given the highest praise from the coach and manager of the South West Sydney rugby league team.
I received a letter of recognition in the holidays for Joel. I was really impressed with the content and the high praise of Joel in the one page letter. This is quite unprecedented for a coach to write a letter such as this. Joel should be extremely proud of his achievements and the way he conducted himself as part of that team. He certainly made an impression on his coach and manager. Joel is a credit to his parents and to Hoxton Park PS.

NEITA awards
The National Excellence in Teaching Awards is the only independent national teaching awards program where people from our learning community can publicly recognise and encourage inspirational teachers, directors and principals who contribute excellence. We have such a terrifically talented group of teachers here at Hoxton Park PS. For students and parents, nominating a teacher for an award is an opportunity to say “thank you” to those who demonstrate effectiveness, innovation and excellence in their profession.
You can make a nomination (the teachers do not find out who nominated them, only that they have been nominated) by visiting the website and making a nomination online.
www.neita.com.au

The closing date for nominations is 31 July.

Athletics Carnival dates
K-2 carnival: Monday 13th August
3-6 carnival: Thursday 16th August
Parents are welcome to attend these days.

Spring Fair – 15th September
This Friday at 8.30am, the P & C will be taking orders for prepaid armbands and show bags.
The armbands are for all day access to rides and are the best value.
Armbands: $30 (p.re-ordered). $35 if purchased on the day of the fair.
Showbags: 4 for $24
*** A Hoxton Park PS cookbook is being put together and will be available for sale. We would love your contributions (recipes). If you have a recipe that is a family favourite, maybe a recipe that has been handed down through the generations of your family, please send it in to the office. We would like to have these by July 31.

Education Week
Our Open Day is now on WEDNESDAY 1st August.
Parents, relatives and friends are welcome. Please look at the table below to give you information as to what activities will be happening and when they are on. The areas which are shaded grey are when students are in their classrooms and there will be no visiting during those times.
Parents and visitors are encouraged to stay and have lunch with their children. The school canteen will be available for you to make
It would be a great idea to order your lunch in the morning (just as our students do) to ensure that your choices are available.

### Education Week – Wednesday 1st August 2012

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| 10.00–11.00am | Open classroom  
AFL workshop |
| 11.20–12.20pm | AFL workshop  
Open classroom  
Simple machines expo  
Morning routine 
Open classroom |
| 12.20–12.30pm | AFL workshop  
Open classroom  
Bush dancing in the hall  
Open classroom |
| 2–3pm         | Lunch – picnic lunch with parents |
| 9.00–10.00am  | AFL workshop                        |
| 10.00–11.00am | Open classroom                      |
| 11.20–12.20pm | Open classroom                      |
| 2–3pm         | K–6 Assembly (2 Shrek and K–2 choir to perform) |

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to Term 3, hope you all had a nice holiday. We continue with the Canteen Menu to focus more on ‘Healthier Choices’. Please note the food on the list has different letter classifications indicating healthy choice foods, eat sometimes foods and Halal. The G on the menu indicates a green food and can be eaten every day. The A on the menu indicates an amber food which should be eaten occasionally. The H on the menu indicates that the food is Halal. Check with your child for the new ‘Healthy Choice’ canteen list as every child will be given a copy soon.

During these winter months remember it is important to keep warm and start the day with a nutritious breakfast. As always, we continue to offer hot Milo and toast to give you a kick start to your morning. We also have hot noodles and soup for recess to keep you warm during the day and soon we will be introducing hot pasta to our recess menu. Don’t forget we also have a wide variety of hot food for lunch.

As children become more aware of our ‘Healthier Choices’ menu it’s fantastic to see more children ordering from the green foods off the menu.

Thank you to all the children for their generosity in donating their spare change to Stewart House.

Thank you for your continual support and remember to make a healthy choice.

Julio and Susana  
Canteen Managers

### Upcoming events – Term 3

#### Week 1 Event

- July 19 3-6 assembly (5 Gollum)
- July 20 K-2 assembly (1 Dalmation)
- July 20 PSSA

#### Week 2 Event

- July 24 3 Verdi parent/teacher interviews
- July 26 3-6 assembly (4/5 Jadis)
- July 27 K-2 assembly (1 Oscar)
- July 27 PSSA

#### Week 3 Event

- Aug 2 3-6 assembly (4 Shadowfax)

**Premiers Reading Challenge 2012**

Congratulations to the following students who have recently finished the Premiers Reading Challenge: Amaani Azmal, Natalie Cal, Francesca Deang, Raven Fou, Ayra Ghafoor, Rachel Jabur, Amalia Morgan, Jeena Nguyen, Jenny Nguyen, Cassandra Skantoz, Roman Canosa, Mazin Elfaki, Chris Heng, Zayne Ibrahim, Frank Leilua, Jonathan Prada Yepes, Akul Prasad, William Priest, Aleksandar Ruskic, Ekjot Singh, Sean Wright, Sidana Kim, Feliciti Lim, Caitlin Steinbruckner, Vincenzo Care, Shirley Lee, Thomas Mitchell, Jayden Anou-Sourinha, Terry Cai, Varsha Kumar, Yvonne Mudliar, Anusha Prasad, Kishan Sharma, Ashitosh Diwakar, Daniel Dos Santos, Simon Giyo, Bojana Golubovic, Monique Murray, Tarun Ram, Emyrhy Sithakoul, Aaron Vorn.

Well done.

Mrs Hamersma (ex-Hoxton Park PS Librarian)
Miller Girl Guides invite you to
Come and Try Guides!
Monday 13 August 7.00pm-9.00pm
For girls aged 7-14 years
Guides enjoy cooking, craft, games, badges and making friends
Miller Guide Hall
Cabramatta Ave Miller
Please call Simone on 9607 6751 to register for this free event
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

Stepping Out School of Dance
Cheerleading, Jazz & Hip Hop
Tap & Irish, Ballet, Singing
Musical Theatre
Contact: Christine
9605 7472    0409548396
9/45-47 Whyalla Place, Prestons
www.steppingoutdance.com
E:raindrops@bigpond.com.au

“Umm…… that’s a good question”
How to talk to your child about difficult things.
Presented by Megan Taylor
Bookings are essential and places are limited.
Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Date:     Wednesday, 25th July, 2012
Time:     7.00-9.00pm
Place:    Cabra Vale Diggers
(Waratah Room)
1 Bartley Street, Canley Vale.

CHILD MINDING is not available for this course please make alternative arrangements.