Principal’s Message

OLYMPIC DAY AT HOXTON PARK PS
What a terrific day the students had yesterday. We began with the opening ceremony where all students were representing a country. The students had their march past to their country’s national anthem. This was followed by the Australian flag and anthem, the Olympic flag and our public education ambassador from 4/5/ Sherlock, Tarun Ram, read the Oath. Finally, the most exciting part was the torch relay (with real fire). Our kinder, year 1 and 2 students then began their activities until recess. Years 3-6 followed between recess and lunch. The closing ceremony was another spectacular. Thank you to the students for such a great day. Your behaviour was superb and you displayed wonderful sportsmanship.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS AND REPORTS
Your child’s report will be coming home today in a plastic sleeve.
We give these out at the end of the day so the report is as pristine as possible (and has not been rattling around in a schoolbag for the day). You are encouraged to read these reports and celebrate with your child. There may be areas which you would like to see improved. Discuss this in a positive way with your child and set goals with your child to be able to improve upon their performance.
Parent teacher interviews are next Tuesday. You may book a time online through the school website. Instructions on how to do this were sent home in a previous newsletter. If all of the timeslots for your child’s class are full, please contact the teacher to arrange an alternate time and day. We would like all parents to discuss their child’s progress with their teacher. If you are unable to make it to school for a face to face appointment, teachers can make a time to discuss progress, over the phone.

STAFFING NEWS
Congratulations to Miss Dang who is the newest permanent member of staff at Hoxton Park PS. Miss Dang was successful at interview through merit selection for the classroom teacher position vacated by Mrs Clements.
Miss Abbasi finishes this term on 2 Hagrid. Mrs Fegan will be returning from maternity leave and will be replacing Miss Abbasi. The great news is that we will still see Miss Abbasi at Hoxton Park PS as she will be replacing teachers throughout the remainder of the year for training days and all manner of leave.

KINDERGARTEN 2013
It is time to enrol students for Kindergarten for 2013. This is the time of the year when parents are considering their options for their kinder child’s education. What can Hoxton Park PS offer your child? If you would like more information about the specific programs we offer here at the best school in the area, please make an appointment with either Mrs Donovan or Mrs Casey who will be happy to discuss how our school will cater for your child. If you are weighing up the difference between a public and a private school, Mrs Donovan will show you the facilities Hoxton Park offers but more importantly, the teaching standards of teaching staff and their high expectations of their students and their own ongoing learning.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION
NSW Teachers’ Federation has called a 24 hour teacher strike on Wednesday 27th June. I will send home information on Friday as to the situation in relation to staffing our school next Wednesday. Please look out for that note in your child’s bag.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING
Due to the 24 hour strike next Wednesday, the P&C meeting has been moved to the first Wednesday in term 3 (18th July).

CHOCOLATE MONEY
A reminder to all students and parents, our fundraising chocolate money is due back tomorrow. Thank you for your efforts in raising money for our school. A great effort all round. Please finalise all money and chocolates by the end of term. This will save the office staff from having to follow up next term.

NAIDOC DAY
Our committee have planned a fabulous day next Thursday so please join us for the day. The details are:
11.00-11.30am: Welcome assembly (hall)
11.30-12.30: Activity session 1: K-2 students in classrooms
( Aboriginal art)
3-6 students on the oval
( Aboriginal games)
12.30-1.10: Activity session 2: 3-6 students in classrooms
( Aboriginal art)
K-2 students on the oval
( Aboriginal games)
1.10-2.00: BBQ and yarn: lunch under the COLA
2.00-3.00: K-6 assembly: 6 Genie presenting their item
• Aboriginal themed items are available for sale on the day.
• A sausage sizzle is available and need to be pre-ordered for the whole family and students attending.
• Students are to wear mufti for the day. They may dress in any colour of the Aboriginal flag (red, black and yellow).

Please join us for the day. Family and friends are welcome.
EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY
The teachers have been coming up with terrific ideas for an Open Day to showcase our great school.
Please set aside the date: Thursday 2nd August
There is a whole day of activities planned. We will send home details in the first newsletter next term. Book it into your calendar!

LIVERPOOL PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Our choir and both the junior and senior dance groups will be performing at the upcoming festival to be held at Mounties. The dates are: 28-30 August. Our choir is performing one night (Wednesday), the junior dance group is performing on two nights (Tuesday and Thursday) and the senior dance group is performing on one night (Wednesday).
It is important for parents to understand the commitment that is expected from students and their families. We need you to transport your child to and from the venue on the days specified. Particularly important for the dance groups: all students must perform or the choreography has to change at the last minute. This usually results in a sloppy performance because our students have been used to practising with their whole team.

DANCE 2 B FIT
This dance company came to our school to do a free trial day with our students and teachers. The teachers had to complete an evaluation of the day which was collated by Mrs Casey. The teachers were overwhelmingly positive with their feedback. It was decided that we would look at this company for delivering a dance program during semester 1, 2013.

TERM 3
Teachers have their professional learning day on Monday 16th July.
Students begin term 3 on Tuesday 17th July.
Have a very safe and warm holiday. Curl up with a good book......keep reading over the holidays and we will see you back next term.

Kylie Donovan
PRINCIPAL

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School Banking Promotions Day
Where: Casula Branch – (Casula Mall)
When: Friday 13th July
Time: 10am – 2pm.
Commonwealth Bank staff will be able to assist with the opening of new accounts.

A special Dollarmite friend will visit during the day and there will be lots of give a ways.

Upcoming events – Term 2

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