Principal's Message

Olympic Day
2012 is an exciting year because we have the Olympic Games to look forward to. As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are having Olympic Day on 20 June. Be Skilled Be Fit is running the activities for the sessions. Parents are welcome to attend the day. A permission note was sent home yesterday.

Cost: $3 per student (this cost has been subsidised by the cost from the original cost of $4).

9.15-9.45: Opening Ceremony
9.45-11.00am: K-2 session
Recess
11.40-12.55: 3-6 session
Lunch
2.00-2.30pm: Closing ceremony

Public Holiday
This Monday, 11th June is the Queen's Birthday long weekend. It is a public holiday and school will be closed.

Staffing News
Congratulations to Mrs Hammersma who was successful at interview for a teacher librarian position at Beresford Road Public School. Mrs Hammersma will take up her new position at the start of term 3. Mrs Hammersma has done a superb job as the teacher librarian at Hoxton Park PS and we wish her all the very best in her permanent position. We will miss Mrs Hammersma’s smiling face, her brilliant organisation and her great sense of humour.

I will inform you as to Mrs Hammersma’s replacement, hopefully, by the next newsletter.

Kindergarten 2013 enrolments
Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2013. Please come to the office to collect an application form. Please inform your neighbours with children ready for kinder next year, they can make an appointment with the Principal or Deputy Principal to discuss what our great school has to offer their children. Just call the office and book a suitable time.

Parents living outside our drawing area may apply for enrolment by completing an out of area application form, also available from the office. There are criteria which should be addressed on the form and these can also be discussed with the Principal or Deputy Principal at an interview.

Proposed kindergarten orientation dates are as follows:
6 November
20 November
4 December
Details of the orientation sessions are yet to be finalised.

Out of Uniform Day
Thank you to all students for their participation in our Mufti Day for Joel Saldaneri. Your “fines” for not wearing school uniform have covered all costs for Joel. The South West Sydney Region Rugby League team will be playing at the state carnival on 21st June. Good luck, Joel.
See website for photos of the day.

Uniform
Winter is always a challenge for us as parents. Wet and cold weather make it sometimes difficult to ensure that uniforms are clean and dry for each day. Please ensure that we stick to our school uniform. Some different jackets, tights and coloured skivvies are creeping in. Your child’s teacher might remind your child of the correct uniform. A reminder too about hats: only school hats may be worn at school. If your child wears another hat, they will be asked to return it to their school bag and play under the shelter area.

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews.
Semester 1 reports are sent home on Thursday 21 June. 1 Oz and 2 Hagrid will have their reports sent home prior to their interview dates.

Dates for interviews:
13 June: 1 Oz
18 June: 2 Hagrid. Parents please note that interview between 3.10-4.20pm will only be with Mrs Hesse. Interviews between 4.20-7.00pm will be with both Mrs Hesse and Miss Abbasi.
***Please ensure that when you book online, you are accessing the correct date (1 Oz and 2 Hagrid parents only).
26 June: All other classes
Specialist teachers will not be available for interview times for 2 Hagrid and 1 Oz on their interview dates. Parents are welcome to make an appointment at the office for interview times with specialist staff who work with your child/children on 26th June (for all classes).
Our specialist teachers available for interview appointments are:
Mrs Pastor: Support teacher learning assistance (STLA)
Mrs Hammersma: Library
Miss Covek: PD/H/PE
**Miss Marinos:** Library and Release from face to face (RFF) programs  
**Miss Novella:** English as a second language (ESL) and New Arrivals Program  
**Mrs Mackay:** English as a second language (ESL)  
**Mrs Smith:** English as a second language (ESL)

It is recommended that if your child has specific programs with specialist staff, in particular STLA and ESL, an appointment is made with the appropriate teacher.  
**Please note that interviews or professional feedback cannot be given from our teacher’s aides.**

How do you find out this information? Ask your child if any of these teachers work with them in a small group. If you need further clarification, just ask your child’s teacher.

Parent teacher interviews are a time to celebrate achievement and make plans for areas which need attention. The education of your child is our priority and we appreciate our parent community’s support. Remember that you do not have to wait for parent teacher interviews if there is a concern. Our teachers know this too, which is why they make contact with you if necessary. I congratulate our teachers on how proactive they are.

**Changes to funding for students with disabilities**

There are many changes afoot at present within the Department of Education and Communities. Last week, all positions at state office were dissolved and a new structure was set up. Some of the positions were abolished and other new positions were created in areas of current need. The Department is responding to the changing nature of education and recognising the need for different structures to be in place to maximise skills within our large system.

I have included in the newsletter a handout from the Department of Education and Communities. Last week, all positions at state office were abolished and other new positions were created in areas of current need. The Department is responding to the changing nature of education and recognising the need for different structures to be in place to maximise skills within our large system. The Support Teacher Learning Assistance (STLA) position (Mrs Pastor), will be now known as the “Learning and Support Teacher,” (LST).

- Our current allocation for an STLA is 1.1 = 1 full time teacher plus a half day per week. This will change to LST: 1.5 = 1 full time teacher per week + another teacher 2 ½ days per week. This allocation will be used in the best way for student needs within our school. This will be dependent upon the skill set of the teacher who is appointed to the position for the extra 2 ½ days each week.

- Students with recognised disabilities under the current funding support model will continue to be supported. Schools have now been given flexibility in their ability to assist other students either waiting for a diagnosis or who may have needs which must be met either in the short or long term.

**School Website**

We are constantly adding and changing the school website. Student work samples will be loaded onto the website. The first class to add their work is 4/5/6 Sherlock. Go to the website to check out their great writing.

Have a dry and warm fortnight,

Kylie Donovan  
PRINCIPAL

### Upcoming events – Term 2

**Week 7**  
June 7  3-6 assembly (6 Triffids)  
June 8  K-2 assembly (2 Hagrid)

**Week 8**  
June 11  Public Holiday  
June 14  Comm Bank Token Redemption Day  
June 14  3-6 assembly (6 Genie)  
June 15  K-2 assembly (1 Oz)  
June 17  BBQ at Carnes Hill Marketplace

**Week 9**  
June 20  Olympic Day  
June 21  3-6 assembly (5/6 Cheshire)  
June 22  K-2 assembly (1 Kovu)  
June 22  Chocolate money due

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**Who will be the new Dollarmite?**

As part of the Commonwealth Bank’s centenary celebrations we want to find Australia’s best School Banking Saver! As such between 16 April and 30 June 2012, we are running a fun and exciting School Banking competition with the winning child being transformed into their very own Dollarmite character.

Being part of the competition is easy. A student simply needs to make a minimum of 5 deposits at school during the competition period and then provide us with their best savings tip.

The winning school/class will receive 25 iPads and a $1500 excursion! For the winning student, as well as being ‘Dollarmized’, they will receive an annual movie pass for their family.

There are also 50 runner up prize packs that include iPads, excursions, movie tickets and thousands of Dollarmites consolidations prizes for the students.

**To start School Banking for your child simply visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for you and your child or if you are an existing customer you can open the account through Netbank.**
Premiers Reading Challenge 2012

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed the Premiers Reading Challenge: Damien Chandra, Caitlyn Muller, Shauna Bhawan, Manish Singh, Travis O’Grady, Sanah Hussain, Kanika Cheam, Shivneet Prasad, Shaun Lal, Kimberley Pham, Mitchell Wild, Jessica Zhong, Talo Niko, Lavinia Moala, Anika Parag.
Well Done.
Mrs Hamersma (Librarian)

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Liverpool Safety Expo 2012

Liverpool City Council is holding a Safety Expo on Saturday 16 Jun 2012.

The expo is free and will educate students about all areas of safety.

Time: 10am – 2pm
Where: Macquarie Mall (corner of Elizabeth and Macquarie Street), Liverpool
In case of wet weather this event will be held inside the Westfield Liverpool in front of Myer (level 1)

Commonwealth Bank Token Redemption Day

Thursday 14th June
8.30am – 9.00am
Outside the school office
Bring your tokens and trade them for fantastic prizes.

P and C BBQ

Come along and join the fun.

The P and C will be holding a BBQ at Carnes Hill Marketplace on Sunday 17th June 2012.

The BBQ will run between 10am and 3pm.

If you can assist anytime throughout the day please contact Paula on 0418 442 254.

All help is greatly appreciated and don’t forget to come along and buy a sausage or two.

Paula Pye
P and C President
Our Hoxton Park school community are invited to attend our NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day (week) Observance Committee) celebrations on Thursday 28 June, 2012.

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2012 is **Spirit of the Tent Embassy: 40 years on**.

*They dared to challenge* - this year's theme celebrates the champions who lived to renew the spirit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the establishment of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in 1972. Forty years ago, the embassy became a powerful symbol of unity. Its founders instilled pride, advanced equality and educated the country on the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To move forward, we must acknowledge our forbearers, learn from their experiences and ask ourselves... what have their sacrifices meant for me and my family today?

Our celebration will begin with an **opening ceremony at 10.50am**. This will be followed by two rotations where students from kindergarten to year 6, will complete an **aboriginal piece of art** and participate in **aboriginal games**. Parents are welcome to join in the activities with their children and stay for our fundraising **sausage sizzle at 1.10pm**. An **aboriginal keepsake stall** will be open during lunch. Product prices will range from 50 cents to $5. The **K-6 assembly** will be held between **2 and 3pm**. A flyer will go home next week with more detail of the day's events as well as on order form for the sausage sizzle. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.