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Newsletter

P & C meets
every third Wednesday of the month
Principal’s message

ANZAC day service
Tomorrow we will be having a K-6 assembly to commemorate ANZAC day, which falls in the school holidays. The assembly will be held in the school hall at 10.40am. Please note that there will be no afternoon assembly on Thursday.

School holidays and Staff Development Days
School holidays begin this Friday afternoon. Next term there are 2 staff development days at the beginning of term 2. The Education Minister has given NSW schools a second staff development day to present training modules around the new Australian Curriculum. Students will return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

Cross Country carnivals
Students will be participating in the school’s annual cross country carnivals on Thursday 2nd May. Years 3-6 will participate between 11.30 and 1.20pm. K-2 students will participate from 2-3pm. Parents are welcome to attend as spectators to cheer their child on.

Homework
Thank you to the parents who have spoken to me about homework. I appreciate your questions and feedback. As a result, we are organising two parent workshops to be held on Tuesday 7 May.

Workshop 1: 9.10-10.10am
Workshop 2: 2.00-3.00pm

We will:
- present research on the impact that homework has, depending upon the homework type;
- how students in the 21st century learn and why we must respond to this challenge to best prepare our students;
- and school achievement data from 2012.

The second half of the workshop will be a practical one where you will be able to interact with the Mathletics and Reading Eggs programs.

A representative from the company will be attending to present this part of the session and will answer all questions for you.

To attend these workshops, you must register by phoning the school office and leaving your name and the workshop number (1 or 2). We look forward to seeing you.

Keep the date...
Parent teacher interviews will be held next term on Tuesday 25th June. Bookings will be made online again this year and we will let you know when this is available for you to make your booking. Our community will celebrate NAIDOC day on Thursday 27 June.

Staffing news
Yesterday, DEC staffing appointed a new teacher to our school to replace Mr Van Magill after his service transfer earlier this term. Miss Genevieve Tang will start at Hoxton Park after the holidays and is visiting our school today to meet our staff. We welcome her to our fabulous school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our learning community a lovely holiday. School holidays are a great time for our students to recharge, ready for next term. It is also an excellent opportunity to take a trip to the city as a family, visit museums, hop on a ferry to Manly and spend family time together. Take advantage of the family fun day public transport tickets on Sundays. These are $2.50 and a family is classed as a minimum of one adult and one child.

I look forward to hearing stories about your excursions from students next term!

Happy holiday and we will see you all on Wednesday 1st May.

Kylie Donovan
PRINCIPAL
Upcoming events – Term 2

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Uniform shop will be open Tuesday 30th April
8.00am – 10.00am

Kinder Farm Incursion
On Tuesday 9 April, all kindergarten students participated in a farm day experience at school. We had some animals from Kidz Zoo visiting Hoxton Park. Students were able to learn about the types of animals found on the farm and interact safely with an alpaca, some goats, chickens only 2 weeks old, lambs and a piglet called Squeak. The keepers created a positive experience for the children where they had the opportunity to hand feed Charlie the alpaca and other animals.

Throughout the day we rotated to different activities from making milkshakes, a healthy salad and also jam sandwiches. Each station was hands on and had a purpose for learning about the various types of farms including wheat, vegetable and dairy farms. To finish our day off we danced to some favourite farm songs the Chicken dance, Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and an Aboriginal song about the land.

It was great to hear kinder students using new vocabulary and sharing positive experiences with their friends.

Thank you to the kinder team! It was such a fantastic day and a rewarding experience for all students.

Miss Sandrone

To all Parents:
P&C members would like to announce that P&C meetings will now be held every 3rd Thursday of the Month at 12:30 usually for around 1.5 – 2 hours
We hope that this time will be a more suitable time for parents to attend our meetings.

Please come and join us, P&C meetings allow parents to be informed of all that is happening in their child’s school.

We also plan some fundraising events in order for us to make our child’s school a better place.

Everyone is welcome. We would like to wish all the parents and children a very safe and fun school holidays.

Thank You
PAULA DOS SANTOS
P&C President

Stewart House
Stewart House is a children’s charity located at Sydney that provides short term respite care for children in need.
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