Principal’s Message

Greetings Parents, Carers and our broader community,

As the demands of our work increase, chores build up at home or life just seems to be passing you by, it may be difficult to spend some much needed quality time with our children. I know that if I don’t make a conscious effort to invest quality time with my son it just doesn’t happen. We all know that spending quality time with our children is important for both their happiness and their development. Investing time in our children promotes positive relationships, builds self-confidence, opens communication and is a valuable opportunity to show interest in what’s happening in their lives. Finding just 10 minutes a day of undivided attention can be challenging, particularly if you have more than one child. Even if you start with only a few minutes each day, the benefits will be evident and can have a big impact on their behaviour and wellbeing.

Tips to make the most of your one on one time

1. Find a way to make one on one time a part of your parenting. Whether it be scheduled in the diary or more ad hoc.
2. During one on one time give your child your undivided attention. Keep distractions away, turn the phone and internet off and really listen to your child. Be present.
3. Thank your child for spending time with you and ask them what they might like to do next time.
4. Enjoy! These are the moments that both you and your child will remember for a lifetime.

With so many events this term, keep the newsletter on the fridge for your reference or refer to our website, Facebook page, or our Hoxton Park Public School app (sircle) for reminders and updates.

Donna Casey
Relieving Principal

Swim Scheme

We have had a fantastic response to Swim Scheme this year with 154 students attending swimming lessons at Michael Wendon Aquatic Leisure Centre.

If your child is attending Swim Scheme, please remember to pack sunscreen and write their name on all of their belongings.

Caroline Rendell - Swim Scheme Coordinator

Day for Daniel

The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation will hold their 10th annual Day For Daniel on Friday October 31. This day endeavours to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to ‘Recognise, React and Report’ if they feel something is not right.

Hoxton Park PS will participate in this year’s event. The theme of the day is Wear Red and Educate. Students are asked to wear something red on the day and donate a gold coin. Primary students attending PSSA sport can wear a red shirt and change once they attend their game.

Day for Daniel is also an opportunity for Australians to make a statement that crimes against children are not acceptable in modern Australia.

We hope as many students as possible participate and help support this wonderful organisation.

Jamie Scales and the leadership team
Kindergarten Transition
Kindergarten Transition has been a huge success this year with all of the 2015 Kindergarten children attending with their families. We ran six sessions from 2-3pm on Wednesday afternoons. We covered a range of fun activities including literacy, numeracy, social skills, healthy eating and fine motor skills.

Thank you to the parents who brought their children along. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to these sessions. If you know of any students who are due to start school next year, but haven’t enrolled yet, please remind them to contact the school as soon as possible.

2015 Kindergarten students start on Thursday 29th January, at 8:55am and meet at their classrooms.

We enjoyed meeting all of the new students and their families.

Karen Pierson and the Kindergarten team

HPPS Support Team – Philanthropy Project

The Specialist Support team philanthropy project this year is to help make a difference for students less fortunate than ours, those suffering from poverty, violence, sickness and lack of education in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Earlier this year, Mrs Reppas made contact with the international director Louis Toumbas of Paradise 4 Kids who supports Reverend Themi in Freetown Sierra Leone, currently at the frontline of the Ebola crisis.

Hoxton Park Public School communicated that they have some boxes of teacher resources and student English literature that they no longer use, to donate to the school in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Mr Toumbas said, "they would love these resources as books are like gold!". He also mentioned the touching email from Reverend Themi of the tragic news that the Ebola Virus has affected his community and that they are faced with deplorable conditions of pain and suffering. Mr Toumbas also expressed how they needed our support now, more than ever! For more information please see PK4A.com

As the Ebola Virus is very contagious, Sierra Leone has been in lock down. Paradise 4Kids Australia, is currently preparing to send a container when they get the all clear with much needed supplies including our resources. Therefore our school has decided to raise funds to support this philanthropy project.

WHERE: Hoxton Park Public School
WHEN: Thursday 13th November, 2014
WHAT: Out of uniform day!
COST: $2 donation

Saver Plus Program

What is Saver Plus?

Saver Plus is Australia's largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program. The program is offered locally by community organisations in over 60 locations across Australia.

Who can join?

To be eligible, participants must:
- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card;
- be at least 18 years old;
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment; and
- be a parent or guardian of a child at school OR be attending or returning to vocational education themselves.

How does the program work?

Saver Plus participants are assigned a Saver Plus Worker at their local community organisation and open an ANZ Progress Saver account at their local ANZ branch, into which they make regular deposits. They attend MoneyMinded workshops to build their financial management skills and when they reach their savings goal after 10 months ANZ matches the amount, up to $500, for the purchase of the nominated educational item.

How to find out more

To find out more, call or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au or contact Ivan Amaro, Saver Plus Coordinator from The Smith Family. Phone 02 9728 67 78 or Mobile 0407 747 307 (ivan.amaro@thesmithfamily.com.au)
Orang-utan News – From the Library!

In term 2 this year, the students of HPPS were moved by the plight of the Orang-utan. These gentle creatures are moving closer and closer to extinction due to habitat loss. Students learned about this terrible situation during their library visits, and decided to assist the species by raising money to “adopt” an orphaned baby Orang-utan. By dropping their spare change into the collection tin in the library, they raised a total of $50 and I am happy to report we have adopted a baby Orang-utan called Gokong. Here is some information about him:

**GOKONG**

**Sex:** Male

**Birth date:** February 2012

**Arrival date:** 19 February 2013

**Rehabilitation centre:** Batu Mbelin Quarantine Centre

**Physical condition:** Healthy

Confiscated from the home of an Indonesian palm oil plantation worker, he was weak, suffering from malnutrition and is severely underweight.

He has been snatched from his mother, witnessed her brutal torture, and was bought for AU$10.40 from the fishermen who stole him from his wild home.

Fishermen came across this opportunity to snatch this little baby from his mother and sell him to an employee working for PT Socfindo for a ‘quick buck’, highlighting the desperate situation Orangutans face in their fight from extinction.

Tripa where Gokong Puntung, was confiscated is part of the world famous Leuser Ecosystem. This precious and unique biodiversity hotspot contains over 80% of the world’s remaining wild Sumatran Orangutans and is the last place on Earth where the Sumatran tiger, orangutan, rhino and elephant co-exist. His once-thin body is starting to fill out and he is learning to climb! The Care Centre team have worked tirelessly to achieve this outcome.

Well done HPPS students!

_Melissa Johnson_

Teacher Librarian

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Grandparents Day 2014

High Tea

Grandparents are cordially invited to our Grandparent’s Day on **Thursday 6th November 2014** at Hoxton Park Public School. Some schools will be celebrating Grandparent’s day two weeks prior, but many of our students will be at Swim Scheme during this time.

**Event Overview**

12:30pm Classroom visit with your grandchild

1:10pm Lunch with your grandchild

1:30pm High tea in the staffroom

2-3pm Grandparent’s Day Assembly in the hall

If you did not receive a green invitation last week, please RSVP the Grandparent’s name/s to Karen Pierson on 9607 0005 by Monday 27th October.

We look forward to sharing in this day with you!

_Karen Pierson_

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Stage 2 Philanthropy Project - Wetherill Park Food Bank

The Food bank is an organisation that provides food to the needy and disadvantaged within our community. They do this through company sponsorship and donations from community groups.

During term 3, Stage 2 students and teachers collected non-perishable food items to donate to the Food Bank at Wetherill Park. The Food Bank was thrilled with our contribution of almost 300 items of packaged and tinned foods.

We are excited about repeating this exercise this term. Our donations will be very welcome in the lead up to the Christmas and holiday season. However, this time around we are asking for the whole school community to participate.

Please place your contributions in the boxes located in the foyer of the administration block. Be mindful of the “use by dates” on packages. We are sure there is at least one non-perishable food item in your pantry that you would be willing to part with. This gesture could make the world of difference to the hungry in our community who need a little help.

We will be collecting donations for four weeks, up to Friday 21 November.

Thank you for your kind contribution.

_Ms S. Taylor and the stage 2 team_
## Upcoming events – Term 4

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## Helping Hands Hoxton Park OOSH Update

Welcome back to Term 4, we hope you all had a great Holiday!

I know we did at Vacation Care, it was fantastic! The children got to experience some great things, including some visits from the local Police & Fire Brigade! We went on some great excursions too, such as Flip out and the Farm and also learnt a dance by a professional dance teacher. We had fun rattling our brains and bodies with our very own Jumping Castle for a day and got to do some seed planting as well. One of our other favourite days was when we got to ride our bikes and scooters at school! There was so much more that happened but these were just a few of the special ones.

We have started Term 4 with a bang doing Group Games like Dodgeball, Bullrush and Indians & Teepees as well as Art and Craft activities and Sports such as Netball, Cricket, Basketball and Relays outside. Our numbers are also growing which not only means more people to play with and join the Helping Hands team but it also meant we had to get our licenced numbers increased and I’m happy to say that as of Monday 20th October we are now licensed to have 58 children per session! So please invite your friends along to join the laughs with the rest of us.

The December/January Vacation Care is around the corner and our program is already planned, packed full of fun and excitement including some Excursions and Incursions chosen by our very own Helping Hands children! We are very excited about the fun that it will bring I’m sure it will be amazing.

For Vacation Care we will be operating on the:
- 18th & 19th of December
- 5th to the 27th of January (excluding the Australia Day Public Holiday 26th January).

Please feel free to drop by to pick up an enrolment form or ask any questions or simply to say Hi! 😊

Kind Regards,
Maria Stavros
Coordinator Helping Hands Hoxton Park

## Office News

### Uniforms

If any Year 6 students who wish to donate their school uniform to the school at the end of the year, it would be greatly appreciated.

### Enrolments

If you have students who will be leaving the school at the end of the school year, please contact the office.

### Mathletics and Reading Eggs

All payments for mathletics and reading eggs must be paid for by the end of October 2014.

### Chocolate Fundraiser

We still have 14 families who have not paid for the chocolate fundraiser. Please make payment to the office immediately.
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