Principal’s Message

EDUCATION WEEK

The best week of the year is coming up next week.

It is Education Week and the theme for this year is: “60 Years of Education.” There have been 60 Education Weeks, beginning in 1954, when the theme then was “Lighting the way to a better world.”

Times have certainly changed since then. Many classrooms in many schools are still extremely traditional. Those students are being well prepared for the Industrial Age. Sadly though, we are not in the Industrial Age anymore. Our classrooms and our pedagogy have had to change. You have heard how we are preparing our students, your children, for jobs that do not yet exist. When you think that Facebook has only been around for 8 years, that many jobs are now redundant because the amount of labour has been replaced with machinery; or simply, the number of jobs that have gone offshore because of our reduction in manufacturing in Australia, because of the cost of our labour force; it is clear that we have to do things differently in education. Times are changing rapidly and education needs to be more responsive to this change than ever before.

Whether we like it or not, as parents, we are going to be challenged over the next few years about what we think education in a classroom should look like. We have all had experience in schools, so we have our own strong opinions on what should be included and what a classroom and school should look like. At times, there will be some people that will find change uncomfortable and even confrontational to their own understandings. Be assured that when we make changes, we, as professional educators, also find this both challenging and exhilarating.

We encourage you to attend P&C meetings, where we discuss these changes. We value your input and ideas.

Our teachers are presently forming and designing ideas for the school plan 2015-2017. We will be spending time developing and evaluating ideas around a clear vision for the future teaching in our school. It is an exciting time of the year!

On Monday, our Dance Group will be performing for the Secretary of the Department of Education and Communities, Dr Michele Bruniges, at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School. What a huge honour it is. Congratulations to you all and to Miss Watts for her dedication to our students.

Also on Monday, our Senior Rugby League team will be playing in the All-Schools competition at Penrith. Good luck lads! We are really proud of this achievement, being your first year in this competition. Thanks to Mrs Rendell for all her efforts, too.

Next Wednesday, will be Open Day. Please see the table below for the details. The school and classrooms will be open to our community from 11.20am-3.00pm. You are welcome to join us and also to invite any other parents and children who will be, or are looking at, attending Hoxton Park PS next year. A reminder to all visitors, that if you are taking photos, they need to be of your child only. Please do not upload photos to any social media websites of other students, unless you have their parents’ permission.

Thursday will be the years 3-6 Athletics Carnival. Students who are turning 8 this year and who are in Year 2, will also be participating in this day. Parents are welcome to attend for the day.

As with all activities where the school is opened to the public – Student Safety is our priority. Parents and community members are not allowed to reprimand or discipline other children. If you have any issue which needs to be addressed, in the first instance, approach the class teacher or the teacher on duty. You must not approach students.

We look forward to seeing you next week.
Students and teachers to dress in traditional clothes or colours that best represent their cultural heritage or class country of study.

- **Gold Coin Donations**

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<td>Cultural Lunch Students may bring in a plate of traditional food from their country of origin to share during an extended eating time. Followed by a family picnic lunch outside.</td>
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**STAFFING NEWS**

Mrs Casey will be taking long service leave for three weeks. Mrs Fabian-Carter will be relieving Deputy Principal during this time. Miss Sandrone will be relieving Assistant Principal.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

As I have been in classrooms and am also constantly receiving feedback from our teachers, one aspect of learning deficit which has become very clear, is the amount of background and general knowledge that our students are lacking. The only way to make up for this is to give your students experiences. Not all experiences come at a great cost. One idea is to use the Family Sunday Funday tickets. Tickets cost is $2.50 per person and includes all public transport: trains, government buses and ferries. Travel is as far as the Central Coast, the Illawarra, The Blue Mountains and all around Sydney. You can pack lunches and snacks and spend the day visiting the centre of Sydney; take a ferry over to Manly and see the majestic cliffs of North and South Head on the way over and back; walk across the Harbour Bridge; visit the Opera House, Sydney Tower, NSW Parliament House. The list is endless.

**PHILANTHROPY**

In this newsletter you will find details of what our students are involved with in our broader philanthropic activities. These activities are in addition to students’ regular learning but are understandings that are essential for us to develop as global citizens. We must understand that we need to support each other in different ways. We understand as adults, that helping other people is what makes the world go round. Whilst this is not always reflected in the nightly news bulletins, it is essential that we continue to teach our children the value of a philanthropic life.

Each stage team, have a focus and these will be shared of the next few newsletters.

**100 DAYS OF LEARNING**

Last Friday, we celebrated our 100 days of learning. While we recognise that Friday is not the ideal day to have this due to PSSA, with our students needing to change into their uniforms, the 100th day fell on a Friday, nonetheless.

As in past years, our students were excited. They participated in mathematics activities for the first two hours of the day. After recess, students met in the hall for the parade and the cutting of the cake. A special mention must be made to the bakery at Bonnyrigg Woolworths, who did an amazing job of our cakes.

Have a great Education Week.

Kylie Donovan

PRINCIPAL
**Library news**

A big thank you to all the wonderful members of our school community who visited the book fair in the library on Parent-Teacher night last term. We sold more than $1200 worth of books and received 300 Scholastic book points to spend on resources. I have used these points to buy a fabulous doll’s house and matching wooden family for the library. I’m sure it will be a favourite with students of all ages during their lunch time visits to the library!

Melissa Johnson
Teacher Librarian

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**Westmead Children’s Hospital**

In support of Westmead Children’s Hospital, stage three students organised Crazy Hair Day. Held late last term, Crazy Hair Day raised $422. In addition, stage three classes have a money box in each room in which students can voluntarily place small change from lunch orders to further support their chosen charity. Money from these money boxes yielded $195 – an outstanding effort. This money will now be donated to Westmead Children’s Hospital, and be used to support children’s education whilst in hospital, fund medical research and purchase vital equipment. Stage three teachers and students would like to thank all members of the school community for their ongoing support of this fantastic organisation.

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**Philanthropy Stage 2**

The stage 2 students have been collecting non-perishable food items to give to less fortunate people in our community. The students from Year 3 and Year 4 have collected 215 food items in Term 3. Mrs Donovan, Mrs Taylor and four students from stage 2 will be delivering the items to the Food bank at Wetherill Park in the coming weeks.

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**Kindergarten Philanthropy**

The kindergarten philanthropy project is about making connections to the wider community, focusing on including grandparents and the senior community. In the school holidays, Mrs Pierson organised for the kindergarten teachers to volunteer at Scalabrini Village in Austral. We had a fantastic time and got to meet a few of the residents living in the village. The residents had amazing stories to tell and we all were captivated by the tales of their childhood, how they met their sweethearts and a plethora of life experiences.

As a result of this experience, the kindergarten teachers are keen to start communicating to members in the Scalabrini Village through letters and artworks and inviting residents to the school to participate in activities.
Musica Viva

Introduce your children to the real world of jazz and great jazz musicians, where improvisation, composition and syncopation are the key to music making. Discover how jazz is influenced by different cultures including the Australian rainforest and Argentinean tango and see your children get involved in the hands-on process of creating music as they explore a range of jazz styles from Dixieland to modern jazz.

We would be delighted if you could come to the performance. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members.

Date: Tuesday, 28th August
Times: K-2 10am, 3-4 11.30am and 5-6 2pm
Where: In our school hall

Up Coming events – Term 3

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RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY

Stage 1 will be participating in the RSPCA cupcake day on the 18th August. Students will be selling cupcakes at lunchtime and parents/carers will be asked to donate cupcakes to be sold. All money raised will go to the RSPCA. Students will also be selling stickers that proudly show their support for caring for animals and preventing animal cruelty.

CAMP NEWS

The final instalment for The Great Aussie Bush Camp of $60.00 is due this Friday, 25th July.

The final instalment for the Stanwell Tops Camp of $57.00 is due Friday, 8th August.

OFFICE NEWS

We have lots of lost property gathering in the office. If your child has lost a school jacket or school hat come and have a look.

When you are writing sick notes for your child please make sure you put the date of absence, your child’s name and class on the note.
# Hoxton Park Public School Merit Winners

## Term 2
### Weeks 8 & 9

### K Dali
- Poulis Poutros
- Sebastian Care
- Wesley Dimanche
- Athena Huynh
- Marcus Vong

### K Esplin
- Jacob Vanthavong
- Aturina Shamoun
- Joel Blunden
- Gabrielle Fortaleza

### K Klee
- Khadijah Nadeem
- Joyce Eljas
- Bella Santos
- George Hidou
- Maria Castro

### K Picasso
- Rishab Srivatsa
- Joshua Carmona
- Hannah Falefata
- Evan Wang
- Dennis Lum

### 1 Hart
- Diamond Ashby
- George Youkhana
- Jayton Wakeford
- Jordan Tran
- Christina Cespedes
- Isaac Ogunc

### 1 Heron
- Tahlia Matenga
- Condelezza Alofia
- Miguel Rosales
- Lucas Todini

### 1 Hofmann
- Jonathan Veljanovski
- Gabriel Dos Santos
- Stacey Grenenshikoff
- Mia Laungayan

### 2 Klimpt
- Stephanie Ly
- Braxton Sayaloune
- Raniya Koung
- Georgia Hele
- Paul Galindez
- Ashneel Maharaj

### 2 Namatjira
- Ali Muslimi
- Sabihah Hassan
- Jacky Tran
- Nick Arteaga

### 2 Olley
- Angelina Phung
- Tiana-Annie Litonjua
- Edison Cai
- Latisha Marlo
- Kaine Anou-Soirinthe

### 3 Cezanne
- Kishan Kumar
- Zayne Ibrahim
- Aaron Wu

### 3 Monet
- Monica Cespedes
- Naayela Saheed

### 3 Swainston
- Sione Havae
- Bheza Ergen
- Gabriel Mazloum
- Cassandra Skantzos

### 4 Goodyear
- Christina Saad
- Tesi Moala
- Arpit Kumar
- Samar Kanjik
- Justin Lonetona-Stowers

### 4 Tamayo
- Tara McHugh
- Talia Turkssel
- Jesse Siofele

### 4 Raphael
- Shivan Sami
- Cindy Lim

### 5 O’Keefe
- Ethan Hawkes-Sabo
- Jacob Virtale
- Carlos Dinkha
- Layla Harb

### 5 Sage
- Anthony Federico
- Kartik Karan
- Marcelo Rosales
- Jessie Le
- Courageous Afao
- Rose Karauwan
- Arden Galvez
- Neekshay Kamal

### 5 Thomson
- Felicit Lim
- Nour Elfaki
- Jasmine Veljanovski
- Tia Aziz
- Kyanne O’Neill-McDermott

### 6 Calder
- Mathew Tomelic
- Shadn Nassir
- Cecilia Nguyen
- Aman Aga
- Michiko Loyaga
- Michael Pignataro
- Sheida SDhahbazi Dashti

### 6 Lawson
- Myah El Kotob
- Alexandra Jones
- Ryan Fenero
- Zacharey Price
- Denuiz Yazicilar
- Addison Koun
- Julian Riccio
- Jordan Lim

### SPORT
- Cirena Venegas
- Jordan Stefanovski
- Sky Morey
- Sabrina Elbage

### QUALITY WORK
- Aden Wiggins
- Jo-Hanna Isenmora
- Joshua Jabur
- Kiara Smith
- Anna Ales

### READING TARGETS
- Aaliyah Meneguz
- Robbie Galvez
- Shalyn Allson
- Cecilia Nguyen

- Sahil Hassan
- Samantha Vorn
- Amrit Sharma
- Felinia Havaea
- Jayden Knight
- Laim Elwing
- Emaan Ghafoor
- Hiba Osman

- Marco Riccio
- Ashourina Giyo
- Tiama Pignataro
- Makayla Birles

- Aleksandar Ruskic
- Dylan Falzon
- Rolando Daly
- Joshua Azar
- Novak Krukonijic
- Emilia Mazloum
- Sheida Shahbazi Dashti
- Zak Ali