Principal’s Message

**TRAFFIC CHANGES**

The RMS, in consultation with Liverpool Council and Green Valley Police, are changing the areas for the buses to collect students and for parents to collect children of a morning and afternoon.

In addition to this, one area which was previously no parking during certain school hours will change to be unrestricted parking.

The signs indicating these areas will be changed on February 28. The new parking areas and the *kiss and ride* zone will take effect on Monday 2nd March.

We should see an improvement in the flow of traffic as more parents can collect their children at the one time.

Please see the separate flyer sent home with this newsletter for more details.

**MEET, EAT AND GREET**

The annual Meet the Teacher changed in format slightly this year to allow for more parent interaction. A huge *Thank You* to the team from Ray White, Carnes Hill who helped us cook the many sausages you enjoyed.

Please remember that at any time throughout the year, you can organise a parent teacher interview. This should be at a time in the day that is mutually agreed and could either be face to face or a phone interview.

**GOLD GRASS CINEMA EVENING**

The gold grass cinema is back. We have booked the outdoor cinema for Friday 27th March to be on our school oval. Tickets will be on sale from March 2 at the school office.

**Movie:** The House of Magic (G)

**Cost:** $5 per ticket or $20 per family

**Bring:** a blanket, chairs.

Food will be available: BBQ, cheese toasties, coffee van, snacks.

**PARENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Parents and caregivers are requested to wait until 2.45pm to enter the grounds. We expect that our teaching programs can continue during this time and ask that you do not wait outside classrooms until the bell rings. Please wait in area A, under the shaded COLA. Teachers find it impossible to teach and maintain students’ attention when parents have their faces pressed up against the glass of the classroom windows. If we all cannot follow through with this simple request, then unfortunately the gates will remain locked until the bell rings.

This was particularly an issue last Friday when many students are playing sport in Area A. This is actually a child protection concern and may need to be addressed in the future. We will monitor this over the coming weeks.

**STAFFING**

Mr Scales will be taking long service leave beginning next week, until the end of term 1. Ms Fisher-Graves will be on 5/6 Sputnik. Ms Fisher-Graves has been working with Mr Scales to ensure a thorough handover.

Mr Galla will be relieving as Assistant Principal during Mr Scales’ leave.

**EXCITING NEWS**

We have a playgroup and a new school readiness program beginning at our school on 12 March. Mrs Pierson will be teaching these groups and there are limited places available. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter.

**HOMEWORK**

Students are given daily homework as part of their school program. The expectations for homework reflect the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ homework policy. Students should not be spending hours and hours doing additional work after school tutoring. Look for a well-balanced lifestyle for your child by ensuring they are eating healthy foods, exercising...
outdoors and having some fun. After all, they are still children.

**FUNDRAISING**

This year we are once again running our chocolate drive. As a change this year, all profits will go directly to funding the Mathletics, ABC Reading Eggs and Phonics Hero programs that students can access at school and from home throughout the year.

The full profit from one box of chocolates is $20. The cost of these programs, although heavily subsidised for the school, is now $20 for 2015 for each student.

This means that for every box sold by a family, one child’s subscription is free. You may sell more than one box if you like. The option to pay the $20 subscription is also available, if you choose.

**P&C MEETING**

I am looking forward to meeting new parents at the P&C meeting this Thursday night. The meeting is held in the staffroom and begins at 6.30pm. This will be the last meeting before the next meeting which is the Annual General Meeting, where all positions will be vacated and a new executive elected.

P&C is a great forum to ask questions but more importantly, to find out exactly what is happening at our school from a governance and organisational level. Everyone is welcome.

Enjoy your fortnight,

Kylie Donovan

PRINCIPAL

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Hello to all parents and caregivers!

Welcome to another wonderful year of borrowing and reading at HPPS library! Classes will be taught this year by Mrs Johnson or Mr Quilty.

You will see below the timetable for class library visits this year. Please make sure that your child has a library bag, with their name on it, ready to bring to their library lesson so that they can select a book to read at home for the week.

Each week they will need to bring their chosen book back to the library to return or renew. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students may borrow one book per week, while primary students may borrow two books per week.

Remember to ask your child about their library book and perhaps offer to read it with them, or listen to them read it to you. This is a simple way to encourage them to read for fun!

Happy reading!

Mrs Johnson

Teacher Librarian

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**Up Coming events – Term 1**

**Week 4** Event

Feb 19 3-6 Assembly @ 2.10pm (4 Lunar)
Feb 19 P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm
Feb 20 PSSA Round 1

**Week 5** Event

Feb 24 Skipping – Stage 1
Feb 25 District Swimming Carnival
Feb 26 Scripture begins
Feb 26 K-2 Assembly @ 2.10pm (2 Nebula)
Feb 27 PSSA Round 2
Week 6 Event
Mar 2 Surfing Scientist (Kindy – Yr6)
Mar 3 Yr 3 Rocks Walking Tour
Mar 3 Skipping – Stage 1
Mar 3 Interrelate (6pm-8pm)
Mar 4 Yr 4 Rocks Walking Tour
Mar 5 Scripture
Mar 5 3-6 Assembly @ 2.10pm (3 Rhea)
Mar 6 PSSA Round 3

SCHOOL DIARIES
Students in Years 3 – 6 have the opportunity to purchase a school diary for $5.00.

Complete the permission note (available at the office) and send with payment in an envelope with student name, class and what the payment is for on the front.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is located on the oval side of the school hall.
Opening hours are:
- Monday 2.30pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 8.00am – 9.30am
- Thursday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH
We are updating our records with current permission notes. Letters were sent home earlier this week to parents and carers regarding Permission to Publish and Online Services. Please complete the form and return to the office.

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


Speech problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?


Lost Property
Lost property – please clearly mark all your child’s items, eg hats, jackets, lunch boxes and drink bottles with your child’s name.

If you child has lost an item please check with your child’s teacher or at the office.

Commonwealth School Banking
Commonwealth School Banking commenced yesterday.

If you would like to open an account for your child you can collect an application form from the office.

Great new prizes are available each term.
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**SPORT**

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Ryan Pham              Kaison William          Hilary Tan             Chelsea Jones        
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Gabriel Kaberial       Vicky Psathas            Lincoln Tuala         Justin Lonetona-Stowers  
Keiara Melville        Gabriel Peralta          Sonyaiva Kini         Javanley Ieremia-Faasisila  

**QUALITY WORK**

Annabelle Neo         Amaziah Pritchard         Gabrielle Fortaleza   Dakota Rodriguez Carrillo  
Seumalo Leilua        Mia Laungayan             Patrick Morey         Mickayla Safar        
Simet Faleh           Thisum Kothalawala        Nana Owusu-Mensah     Jessah Estoesta       
Siddhika Prasad       Ciara Elwing               Sumit Kamath           Cirena Venegas
Head Start

Head Start is a school readiness program offered to children, aged 4-5, in our local community. Qualified teachers will deliver an explicit program to give children a ‘head start’ for school.

Where? Hoxton Park Public School

When? Thursdays during the school term 9:20AM – 11:20AM

Fees? $50 per term (10 weeks per term - 4 terms).

This fee equates to $5 per session and provides students with an individualised learning program to cater to their needs and develop their talents. All stationary, resources and subscription to computer programs are also included. *Scholarships available.

Children involved in Head Start will participate in 2 hour sessions including lessons in literacy, numeracy, science, creative arts and technology. Lessons are differentiated to support and extend students.

*Priority will be given to students who will be attending Hoxton Park Public School but enrolments are open to other students. Scholarship information provided in the application form.

Playgroup

Playgroup is for 0-5 year old children and their families.

It is an opportunity for families to socialise and engage in learning activities.

Where? Hoxton Park Public School

When? Thursdays during the school term 11:30AM-12:30PM

Cost? $2 and a piece of fruit or a fresh vegetable to share.

PLEASE NOTE: Spaces are strictly limited. Bookings are essential.

If you are interested in applying for a place for your child in Head Start or Playgroup....

1) Contact 9607 0005 and pick up an application form at the school office.
2) Complete the application and return to the school office.
3) A staff member will contact you when a placement is available.
Liverpool Council, in conjunction with Green Valley Police and Hoxton Park Public School, will be introducing some changes to the parking arrangements outside your school.

The Bus Zone and the current No Parking areas will be swapped around. There will be more unrestricted parking made available out the front of the school.

**Indented Bay 1:**
Currently a No Parking area, this 1st indented bay will be changed to unrestricted parking.

Parking will be permitted anytime. There are no time restrictions for the time you can park here.

**Indented Bay 2:**
This area is currently No Parking. However, because many parents were parking illegally here, and queuing over the Children’s Crossing, this 2nd indented bay will be changed to a Bus Zone. Only public buses can park here.

**YOU CANNOT STOP IN THE BUS ZONE BETWEEN 8.00-9.30AM AND 2.30-4.00PM**

**Indented Bay 3:**
Previously a Bus Zone, this area will be changed to a ‘No Parking/Kiss & Ride Area’. It allows drivers to stop for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. Drivers must stay within three metres of their vehicle at all times. No Parking zones provide a pick-up and set down area that gives parents and carers a safe environment to drop-off and pick-up their children from school by car.

Many school road environments in the Liverpool Local Government Area have ‘No Parking’ zones which work well when they are used properly. Problems arise however, when drivers misuse the zones by stopping and waiting in their vehicles for lengthy periods. The penalty for disobeying a ‘No Parking’ sign is $173 and 2 demerit points (effective 1 July 2014).

Therefore, if you park in this area, your child should be already waiting for you. Do not stop and park here until after the afternoon bell goes.

**CHANGES WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM 2ND MARCH 2015**

POLICE AND RANGERS WILL PATROL AND ENFORCE THESE CHANGES AFTER THIS TIME.
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Date: Tuesday, 3rd March 2015

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school! With over 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 41,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. We know how to help break the ice. Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1-hour session, years 3-6)
This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1-hour session, years 5-6; years 3-4 at parent’s discretion)
This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty, and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services Presents
a Special Evening Program

Family cost*: 1 session $25 per family | 2 sessions $30 per family
*GST exclusive – GST is payable / claimable by the school or organising body

Where:  
HOXTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

When:  
Tuesday, 3rd March 2015

Time:  
Where did I come from? – 6:00pm sharp  |  Preparing for puberty – 7:15pm sharp
Specially books are available for purchase on the night

Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child’s name and class

A Special Evening Program

Name of family:  

No. attending:  
[ ] Session 1: Where did I come from?  
[ ] Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: $  
[ ] Cash  
[ ] Cheque (payable to school)

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