Principal’s Message

Welcome back to what will be a fantastic year of learning and fun at HPPS.

Staffing News

Welcome back to Mrs Russell who returns from maternity leave.

Congratulations to Mrs Casey who was successful at interview and is now the new Principal of East Hills PS. Mrs Casey is coming back to visit us this Thursday and will drop in to the primary assembly to say “hello.” Mrs Casey has been replaced by Mrs Beath who is an outstanding deputy principal with whom I have worked on district projects. She has been recently leading the Future Schools initiative at Busby West PS as part of an AITSL (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership) project. Welcome to the HPPS team.

Mrs Ohrynowsky received her service transfer and began this year at Kemps Creek PS.

Miss Phippen was offered a contract to continue her position as the Learning and Engagement Officer at Ringrose office.

Mrs Pastor is still the relieving Out of Home Care teacher this term, working with many different schools.

Welcome to all our new staff:

Mrs Beath – new deputy principal from Busby West PS
Miss Morici - 1/2M
Mrs Druce - 3/4D
Mrs Fisher-Graves - RFF and EALD (ESL)
Mr Horley - 5 Stellar (Fridays) and RFF
Mr O’Brien - 6 Ozone

This year we have had many out of area applications to our school which we have had to turn down. Many of our primary classes are full or the applications do not meet the criteria set out by the DEC. We have finalised classes today and below are the staff and their role:

Leadership Team:
Principal: Mrs Donovan
Deputy Principal: Mrs Beath
Assistant Principals:
Mrs Pierson – Early stage 1
Dr Nielsen – Stage 1
Mrs Circosta – Stage 2
Mr Scales – Stage 3

Classes:
Kinder Pegasus: Mrs Pierson & Mrs Pierobon
Kinder Horizon: Mrs Heffernan
Kinder Halo: Mrs Hayward-Gorman
Kinder Draco: Miss Dang
Kinder Earth: Mrs Evans
1 Martian: Mrs McMahon
1 Oberon: Mrs Oudshoorn
1 Orbit: Mr O
1/2 Meteorite: Miss Morici
2 Galaxy: Mr Galla
2 Hubble: Mrs Harm & Mrs Hesse
2 Nebula: Dr Nielsen
3 Eclipse: Miss Eagles
3 Rhea: Mrs Rendell
3/4 Density: Mrs Druce
4 Lunar: Miss Lynne
4 Triton: Ms Taylor
4 Comet: Mrs Circosta
Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 12 February at Michael Wenden pools. There will be a permission note sent home this week. House meetings will also be held next week when House Captains will be elected. This is another opportunity for student leadership for our year 6 students.

StartSmart

This program run by the Commonwealth Bank has been running this week. The program teaches students financial literacy, empowering them to make wise financial decisions for themselves.

Best Start Assessment

Kindergarten students throughout the state participate in this mandatory assessment in literacy and numeracy. This is done so that we have student data from their first few weeks at school. This data helps to guide the teaching program and also gives parents valuable information. Teachers from our specialist team will be teaching the class from the class teacher’s program, while the class teacher assesses students individually. We anticipate that this will take most of next week.

Meet, Greet and Eat!

There is an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher on Tuesday 17th February. We are having two session times which will be informal and will be at separate times to allow you to visit more than one teacher if you have more than one child at our school.

Session times:

5.30-6.15pm: Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Kinder, Years 1 & 2)
6.15-7.00pm: Stages 2 & 3 (Years 3, 4, 5, 6)

During these times we will be running a BBQ for you to have a complimentary sausage sizzle.

More details will be sent home in a separate sheet for you and put on the school website.
**School Contributions**

This year’s voluntary school contributions will be $50.00 for a 1 child family and $70.00 for a 2 or more child family.

**Student details**

If you have changed your contact details please advise the office.

**Mathletics, ABC Reading Eggs and Phonics Hero**

These online programs are used in the classroom and as the core of our homework at HPPS. They are far superior to traditional homework sheets as the homework can be individually tailored.

If you do not have internet access at home, there are plenty of opportunities for your child to access this at school.

A note will be sent home soon which will detail payment options.

**Mobile phones**

A reminder that mobile phones are not necessary at school. Students should not be contacting anyone by phone during the day. I understand that parents may want their child to have a phone so they can contact them straight after school or on their way home. Please send in a note or letter to the Principal so that we have a record of who has phones at school. Mobile phones are not suitable for BYOD use and students can get themselves into trouble if they take photos of other students without gaining those students’ parental permission. The school or DEC takes no responsibility if a phone is lost, damaged or stolen. Please access the DEC website to view the Mobile phone policy.

**Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter**

As parents it is good to be aware of what your child is accessing on the internet. Keep computers and tablets out of bedrooms. Don’t use them as a babysitter. Put them in a place where you can wander past and glance at what is being searched or viewed. Limit screentime. Set a total time for the day. Once that has been reached, redirect your child to another activity; play outside or contribute to the family by helping with some jobs that must be done: folding washing, collecting the mail, feeding the pets, etc. Consider carefully whether your child should be accessing social media websites at this age. Facebook is very specific with their age for a person to create a page. There are no students enrolled at HPPS who meet that age. They are all too young. Ultimately though, it is a parent responsibility and decision to make.

**Parents and Citizens’ (P&C) Association**

We have changed our meeting time to allow more parents to attend. Meetings are held in the school staffroom on the third Thursday of each month (with a maximum of 2 meetings per term) at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is on 19th February. Meetings are approximately 60-90 minutes in duration.

**PSSA**

Trials for district teams are in the next few weeks. Mrs Rendell and Miss Lynne will remind students on morning lines of these and the details.

**Parking**

Parking around our school is always difficult. A request from our neighbours is to please not park across their driveways.

We have had a terrific start to the term. Be a part of your school this year. It is a big part of your child’s life.

Have a great fortnight.

Kylie Donovan

PRINCIPAL

**Up Coming events – Term 1**

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Canteen News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year 2015, hope you all had a nice holiday.

We still have Tuna Sushi on our menu as a “green” food. It is currently selling for $2.80 per roll. Please note the food on the list has different letter classifications indicating healthy choice foods, eat sometimes foods and Halal. The “G” on the menu indicates a green food and can be eaten every day. The “A” on the menu indicates an amber food which should be eaten occasionally. The “H” on the menu indicates that the food is Halal. As per usual our breakfast program continues, so please encourage your children to choose the healthier option. Check with your child for the new ‘Healthy Choice’ canteen list as every child will be given a copy soon.

Thank you to the parents and the students for their generosity in donating their spare change to the Stewart House.

Thank you for your continual support and make a healthy choice.

Julio and Susana
Canteen Manager

Commonwealth School Banking

Commonwealth School Banking will commence on Tuesday 17th February (Week 4).

Please complete all details on the deposit slip and enclose money. Students hand their bank book to the teacher each Tuesday morning and then all money is sent to the office for processing.

Remember any unused tokens from last year will carry over to this year for new amazing prizes. Keep tokens at home is a safe place.

Office News

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.

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 Uniform

## GIRL

### Summer
- Check Dress
- Maroon & Black Polo (S/S) with logo
- Black Skort
- White Socks
- Black leather shoes

### Winter
- Maroon & Black Polo (L/S) with logo
- Black Slacks
- Maroon Zip Fleecy Jacket with logo
- Maroon V-neck Fleecy Sloppy Joe with logo
- White Socks
- Black leather shoes

### Sports
- Maroon & Black (S/S) with logo
- Black Microfibre Shorts
- Microfibre Zip Jacket with logo
- Microfibre Track Pants
- White Socks
- Joggers

### Accessories
- Black School Bag with logo
- Maroon Bucket Hat with Black Piping and Logo
- Maroon Cap with logo

## BOY

### Summer
- Maroon & Black Polo (S/S) with logo
- Black Gabardine Shorts
- White Socks
- Black leather shoes

### Winter
- Maroon & Black Polo (L/S) with logo
- Black Trousers
- Maroon Zip Fleecy jacket with logo
- Maroon V-neck Fleecy Sloppy Joe with logo
- White Socks
- Black leather shoes

### Sports
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*Microfibre jacket and pants may be worn any day of the week*