Principal’s Message

Staffing news

Mrs Hayward Gorman had a baby boy last Friday. Luke weighed in at 3.16kg and is 53cm long. Both mum and bub are healthy and happy!

Mrs Delagarde is currently enjoying some long service leave for 6 weeks with her family.

100 Days of Learning

We celebrated 100 days of learning last Thursday. We have some very creative families at HPPS. Check out the Facebook page for some of the photos.

Staff Professional Learning

We are currently undergoing the biggest year in staff professional learning thanks to the Gonski funding which has allow that additional expenditure. We know through John Hattie’s (head of AITSL – Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership) meta-analysis of over 800 different individual research analyses, that professional learning of teachers has the most impact on change in practice in the classroom and indeed on ultimately changing the culture of the school. Our teachers are natural learners who embrace new learning and constantly discuss and reflect upon how this can change and improve their classroom practice.

On the first day back this term, Mrs Delagarde and Mrs Howell attended their SASS conference for a day of learning and networking.

On the weekend, the teachers spent Saturday at Hinchinbrook PS. This was the staff development day that replaces the one at the end of the year (after students have finished for the year). I realised long ago that if we want professional learning to be effective, it is pointless doing this on the last two days of the teachers’ school year when we are thinking about planning the final details for Christmas celebrations with our family. Our heads are not in the right space. Trading off those days and completing them throughout the year allows us to have much more impact. We can implement new learning and we maximise this learning opportunity by being able to access experts and consultants at quiet times when they are not booked. Our #GHHFutureLearning schools (Glenwood, Hinchinbrook and Hoxton Park) came together to learn more about our students and how they are learning differently and accessing information in a different way than any other generation before them. We look at the science behind how students scan a page of text, which is why, this newsletter will now not look quite as “neat” as we won’t be using the justified format on Word. That will be very strange for a while but the science behind this is clear on students’ ability to be able to access information in this format.

Ian Jukes and Nicki Mohan (InfoSavvy) worked with us on Saturday to develop our shared understanding as schools, as to the direction we were heading. All our teachers had input into this which then allows us to tweak the milestones of our School Plan to ensure that it is a document that is reflective of our individual school context.

Last Wednesday, Justin Caban (Educational Dynamics) worked on our reading data for semester 1. This continues to be a focus for us. As educators, we know that the only way that literacy can be taught effectively is through direct instruction. We continue to be upskilled in this area.

Last Thursday, after school, a group of staff went to Cabramatta HS who hosted Dave Burgess (author of “Teach Like a Pirate). They enjoyed listening to his message of the importance of passion in teaching. He talked about “hooks” to get students engaged in their learning. Start talking to your child about what they are doing in class. They should be able to tell you about some “different” things that are happening in their classroom and experiences they are having.

Tomorrow we have JoAnne Dooner working with all teaching staff as they watch demonstration lessons on writing.
Diary date: staff development day (replacing the one at the beginning of this term) is on:

**Monday 16th November.**

For working parents, we have organised a vacation care program through Helping Hands. This program is subsidised by the government. Enquire with them as to the cost for the day.

School Ambassador

Our school ambassador is Nana Owusu-Mansah from 5/6 Sputnik. She is a terrific representative of our school. Mrs Beath and Nana attended Miller High School today to work with other ambassadors from other schools on their project. They were also listening to guest speakers who are leaders in the community. Nana will report on this in the next newsletter.

Education Week Open Day (Multicultural Day)

You are invited to attend our Open Day next Thursday 30th July. You have had a separate sheet sent home about this last week and details will also be in this newsletter.

Athletics Carnival

Year 3-6 have their athletics carnival next Wednesday. Parents and friends are invited to attend for part or all of the day.

Skipping

This term it is stage 3’s turn every Tuesday. For only $2 a lesson, it is the most inexpensive and best program around. Join in and watch your child’s fitness improve.

Dance News

Congratulations to the Kindergarten dance group and to the Community of Schools dance group who have been invited to perform at the State dance festival. Congratulations to the senior dance group who were successful in their audition to perform at the closing ceremony of the NSW Primary Principals’ Association annual state conference in October.

School Uniform

Students are wearing some interesting jewellery and shoes to school of late. The rule around jewellery is a safety rule. Students will be reminded not to wear long necklaces, large or dangly earrings or chokers of any kind. Contact with parents may need to be made if these safety requests are ignored. School shoes are to be worn each day. Sports shoes are worn on Friday, and Tuesday for stage 3 (this term only). Parents please be strong in this message to your child. Students will be reminded by teachers and on assembly. Let’s see this improve.

Properties

Four new tables and chairs have been installed (thanks Mr Wallace) in the passive play area between the library and block D.

Two new large chess boards have been painted on the concrete over the holidays (great work Mr Wallace) for our budding chess players to practice their skills. We now have three sets of large chess pieces.

The new shelter is now completed. We will have a space to huddle from the rain while waiting for parents to collect their children.

A gentle reminder: School finishes at 3.00pm. My teachers and office staff are not highly paid babysitters. They often need to attend other meetings and complete their work for the day. Both Mrs Beath and I are on duty each afternoon until 3.15pm in the Kiss and Ride area. The excuse about traffic is wearing a little thin. We know that it is chaotic straight after school, but by 3.10pm, the majority of traffic has cleared. Schools often run on goodwill, but it is time to be on time and respect the work of the teachers and office staff at HPPS. I appreciate your attention to this.
**Parents and Citizens’ meeting (P&C)**

Tomorrow evening come and join us at 6.30pm in the staffroom for the latest updates and news. Plan for your child’s school and be a part of the decision making process. We love seeing new faces. We will have the heater on!

Have a warm fortnight and like us on FaceBook for the most immediate and updated info about our school.

Kylie Donovan
PRINCIPAL

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**Library News**

**Book Week 2015**

Book Week will be celebrated from 17th-21st August. The theme for this year is ‘BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD’.

We will be celebrating Book Week in a number of ways:

- Students will participate in class activities in the library, related to a teacher selected short-listed book.

- Students will have the opportunity to dress-up as their favourite book character on Tuesday, 18th August. There will also be a Parade on this day at 12:30pm, in which parents and carers can attend.

- Students will be encouraged to enter our Book Week photo competition - ‘Extreme Reading!’ This involves students taking pictures of themselves reading in unusual ways, spaces and costumes. Remind your kids to take a book with them everywhere that they go, because you never know when a photo opportunity will arise! The photos will be displayed on a slide-show during our Book Fair and winners of the competition will take home a movie pass. Photos can be emailed to Miss Sawyer at hp.extreme.reading@gmail.com. Students will need to remember to include their full name, class and the title of the book they are reading in their photo. They may even like to include a brief book review with their email. Entries for the photo competition will close Friday, 14th August.

- There will be a Book Fair running every day from 17th-21st August. The Book Fair will be open from 8:30-9am, every lunch-time and after school until 3:30pm.

**Premiers Reading Challenge**

Just a reminder that the Premiers Reading Challenge closes on the 21st August. Students need to complete their online Student Reading Record before this date.

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**Up coming events – Term 3**

**Term 3 Week 2**

- Jul 21: Skipping – Years 5 & 6
- Jul 23: Scripture
- Jul 23: 3-6 Assembly @ 2.10pm (5 Stellar)
- Jul 23: P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm
- Jul 24: PSSA Round 6

**Term 3 Week 3**

- Jul 28: Skipping – Years 5 & 6
- Jul 29: 3-6 Athletics Carnival (all day)
- Jul 30: Education Week Open Day
- Jul 30: K-2 Assembly @ 2.10pm (K Horizon)
- Jul 31: PSSA Round 7

**Term 3 Week 4**

- Aug 4: Skipping – Years 5 & 6
- Aug 6: Scripture
- Aug 6: 3-6 Assembly @ 2.10pm (5/6 Sputnik)
- Aug 7: PSSA Round 8

**Kindergarten Enrolments**

If your child turns 5 before the 31st July 2016, call to the office and collect your enrolment package.
Hi Everyone,  
Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you had a fantastic holiday I know we did. We had a great time doing all sorts of things at our centre and out and about. The most popular incursion had to be our carnival day where we had fun with our friends earning prizes doing all sort of Old school carnival games. Our most popular excursion was to the movie to see Inside Out.

Our extended learning program is coming up soon. We will providing a special program in addition to our before and after school care program. Last time we had a wonderful time at our adventure camp program. We will be sending out details about what program we will be doing this term very shortly.

Need a Break or some extra time to get things done at home? We offer casual before and after school care for as little as $5.19 per morning and $6.15 and in the afternoon.

Please come and see us for an exact quote based on your family’s eligibility for Child care Benefit and Child care Rebate. There are no upfront costs for enrolments in any of our programs.

Thankyou
Amanda Howard
Coordinator Helping Hands Hoxton Park

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**Canberra/Snowy Camp**

There are limited spots available for Year 6 students to attend the Canberra/Snowy Camp in term 4. Please send your permission note with $75 deposit to the office by Friday 24th July.

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**Uniforms Shop**

The uniform shop is located on the oval side of the school hall. The opening hours for this term are:

- **Monday:** 2.30pm - 3.30pm  
- **Tuesday:** 8.00am – 9.30am  
- **Thursday:** 2.30pm – 3.30pm

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**Stage 2 Taronga Zoosnooz Camp**

Final payment due  
Friday 7th August

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**Cadbury Chocolates**

We still have a limited number of boxes of chocolates if anyone is interested in selling more. Please contact the office.
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**SPORT**
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- Mickayla Safar
- Devin Tong
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- Malik Harb
- Kevin Bintulan
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- Jess Siofele
- Tiarna Pignataro
- Jacob Suy
- Felicia Leong
- Sam Faleh
- Dylan Wu
- Zahara Khan
- Jacob Elhage
- David Stojanoski
- Edison Cai
- Rochelle Younan
- Caitlyn Grebenshikoff
- Condelezza Alofia
- Isabella Khowley
- Lourdess Hawkes-Sabo
- Abdul-Hamid Katiaa

**QUALITY WORK**
- Isaac Pierson
- Stanley Pham
**Multicultural Day!**

**Thursday 30th July 2015**

- Students and teachers to dress in traditional clothes or colours that best represent their cultural heritage or class country of study.
- Gold Coin Donations to be collected.

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