Welcome back

2016 promises to be a super one at Hoxton Park PS. We are looking at best practice the world over and how we can adopt and adapt practices for our school community.

*If we create a culture where every teacher believes they need to improve, not because they are not good enough, but because they can be even better, there is no limit to what we can achieve.*

-Dylan Wiliam (Emeritus Professor, University College of London)

This is how we are approaching our work here at Hoxton Park. Our mantra is to help students learn to prepare themselves for anything. This refers to the future employment of our students. What that will look like for our Kindergarten students graduating their HSC year in 2029, is anyone’s guess. Just consider the changes in the world around us in the last 13 years. Those changes have been very significant and they are not going to stop.

*Transformational leaders don’t start by denying the world around them. They describe a future they’d like to create, instead.* - Seth Godin.

That is how we are approaching education here at HPPS.

You will see changes in the way we teach. It will be different than when you went to school, but that is because the world is a different place. We cannot teach from this model any longer. It would be an injustice to our students. We are having several classroom visits and information evenings each term. These will be open to our parents, carers and the community. These sessions will be an opportunity to see the changes that are taking place and how your child will be learning. These sessions will replace the Meet the Teacher evening we have had in week 4, term 1, each year. We will still be sending home information booklets for stages/years, so parents get the same information.

Please remember that at any time, you may call the school to organise to talk to your child’s teacher either by phone or in a face-to-face meeting. You do not need to wait until the half yearly interviews.

Our focus very much remains on literacy and working with the outstanding model we introduced at HPPS four years ago. We have Jo-Anne Dooner, literacy expert from Get Reading Right consultancy working with us to further hone our practice.

This year our teachers will be working with David Price OAM, from the UK Innovation Unit on Project Based Learning, and Craig Kemp from Singapore on Future Learning. Our teachers will continue their own professional reading through their personal learning networks on Twitter.

We are very excited about this year and the possibilities for our students.

**Staff Professional Learning Day**

On Wednesday, our teachers worked with robotics, raspberry pies, bee bots, spheros, built circuits and problem solve collaboratively. This is how students learn. It is important to give teachers time to interact with the equipment too. Thank you Mrs Circosta for organising this section of the day for our teachers. They were so engaged, they were 20 minutes late to morning tea! Check out the Facebook page for some photos of the morning.

**Classes for 2016**

This year we have 25 classes with a new demountable building delivered over the holidays. As in past years, we create classes at the end of the previous year, but depending upon enrolments in the New Year, the classes may change a little (or if we have an influx of students, they may change a lot). Teachers working in teams, spend significant time placing students in their new classes. From there, the leadership team reviews these and the final stage is when the Principal and Deputy Principal consider any confidential requests that have been made.

Parents sometimes like to request a change in class for their child. They may prefer to have their child in with their friend’s child. The reality here is that it is most probable the child will remain in the original class. Changing students has a knock-on effect for other students that have been placed with a teacher or certain peers for a very good reason. We will, however, consider genuine requests.
We welcome new teachers to our school. Some faces will be familiar as they have been teaching on a casual basis for us last year:

Mrs Knott, Miss Iamundi, Miss Kovacic, Miss Isgit, and Miss Dixon.

At the end of last year, Mrs McKay successfully applied for a position at an independent school on the Central Coast where she is currently residing with her family. We wish Melinda and her family all the best for their future.

ACSIA plans

This is a reminder to parents that we must have all ACSIA plans updated for this year. Please check that the Epipen you gave the school for your child is in-date. This is an audit requirement, although we prefer to think of it as a most important safety requirement for us!

School Uniform

There is a strong expectation from Hoxton Park PS and its community, that our students wear their school uniform. Correct school uniform helps to keep students safe. We can easily identify our students. The HPPS uniform is worn proudly by students and shows they are proud of their school and the strong reputation we have in the community.

School shoes are not optional, they are an expectation. Bright sports shoes are not to be worn on any other day than on Friday for sport. Students will be given reminders and then we will contact parents for their assistance.

Open classroom meetings

Date: 2nd February
Time: 7.00pm in the library
Topic: The direction for future learning and an explanation of open class spaces.

Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival for years 3-6 will be held on Tuesday of week 3. Permission notes will be sent home on Monday.

Assembly changes

Stage teams met to decide on another plan for assemblies. As the 3-6 assembly has outgrown the hall, we need to change to separate assemblies for stage 2 and stage 3. We also wanted to change the format of assemblies, so the following details have been decided upon:

There will be two major assemblies for K-2, 3-4, 5-6 students per term. Parents are invited to attend these.

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1: Weeks 5 and 10 of each term (Friday 2.15-3.00pm).
Stage 2: Weeks 5 and 10 of each term (Tuesday 2.15-3.00pm).
Stage 3: Weeks 4 and 9 of each term (Tuesday 2.15-3.00pm).

All classes will perform once per term and the large awards will be presented: Certificate of excellence (5 merit awards); Student of the Week (4 per class per year – same as previous years) and a new award will be introduced: Principals Award (3 Certificates of Excellence). Students will present their Quality Work to articulate why they achieved their award.

Merit certificates and sports awards will be given out each Friday in classrooms. There will be the same amount of awards as in previous years.

The newsletter will remind you when assembly is being held so you may attend.

Gold Grass Cinema

Once again, we are having our community event. This is such fun for the whole family. We will send home additional information soon.

Date: Friday 26th February
Times: Gates open at 6pm. Movie screens at 7.30pm.

There will be food available for purchase.

Student Attendance

There have been some changes to the School Attendance Policy by the NSW Department of Education.

Late students

Students who arrive late to school must come to the office for a late note. This lateness is recorded electronically and reported on in both semester 1 and 2 student reports. Patterns of attendance are monitored and consistently late students will have their parents
contacted by Mrs Beath to see how we might assist getting students to school on time.

Parents must provide a note within 7 days from the date of the absence; otherwise this is recorded as an unjustified absence. Providing a note after this time does not allow us to change the electronic record.

Whole day absences

A note must be provided with an explanation of the absence, the school day following the absence. Parents have 7 days to provide a note; otherwise students are recorded as a whole day absent – unjustified.

Students with attendance problems will be referred to the Learning Support Team and recorded electronically within Student Wellbeing. This system is in every state school so the information can be followed up when students move schools and support given.

If absences are for continued medical needs, then medical certificates should be provided stating “the child is unfit for school.”

Exemptions

These can no longer be granted for reasons such as: family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons during school term.

Changes in mobile phone contacts

Parent and carers are responsible for keeping the school informed when their contact numbers change.

Voluntary Contributions

The voluntary contribution payment requested each year from schools assists in covering many additional costs of programs or resources. This is not a fee.
The voluntary contribution payment for 2016 is: $50 per student or $70 per family.
Payments can be made in instalments.

Have a great start to the year.

Kylie Donovan
PRINCIPAL

Up coming events – Term 1

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a New Year 2016, hope you all had a nice holiday.

We still have tuna sushi in 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.

On very warm days it is important for your children to stay cool and hydrated. We have a variety of frozen treats and drinks to keep you hydrated. Water is very important so don’t forget we have 2 sizes of water available for your children’s individual needs to quench their thirst and keep them refreshed.

To all the new parents, especially the new Kindergarten’s parents, if you have any questions please come to the canteen where we can assist you with your query.

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 Managers
## HOXTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL – “THE SCHOOL CANTEEN”

### Healthy Choice Menu

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<td>(A) Plain Toast (jam or vegemite spread)</td>
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### Pasta

- (G / H) Mamee Noodles (98% fat free) | 2.90 |
- (G) Lasagne (98% fat free) | 3.70 |
- (G) Vegetarian Fried Rice | 3.90 |
- (G) Macaroni & Cheese (98% fat free) | 3.70 |
- (G / H) Quicks Twista Bolognese | 3.70 |

### Pizzas

- (A) Pizza Roundas | 2.80 |
- (A) Pizza Singles (ham & pineapple/cheese&bacon) | 2.80 |
- (A) Pizza Slab (large) margarita or chicken w/bbq sauce | 3.50 |

### Hot Food

- (A/H) Chicken Nuggets 3 w/t sauce 2.40 5 w/t sauce 3.50 |
- (A/H) Meat Pie w/t sauce small 2.70 Large w/t sauce 3.20 |
- (A/H) Sausage Roll (95% fat free) w/t sauce 2.80 |
- (A) Hot Dogs (92% fat free) w/ sauce or mustard 2.80 |
- (A / H) Chicken Hot Dogs w/ sauce 2.80 |
- (G) Roasted Drumsticks each 2.30 |
- (G) Corn on the Cob each 1.20 |
- (A) Nachos (NOT AVAILABLE FRIDAYS) 3.90 |

### Snacks

- (A) Sultanas | 1.00 |
- (A) Noodle Snacks | 1.00 |
- (G) Tomato / BBQ Sauce | 0.40 |

### Ice Cold Treats

- (G) Orchy Juice Cups (frozen) | 1.50 |
- (A) Quelch 99% Fruit Juice Sticks | 1.00 |
- (A) Sunny Boys (various flavours) | 1.50 |
- (A) Frozen Yoghurt | 2.50 |

### Drinks

- (A) Flavoured Mineral Water 350ml 1.70 |
- (Cola, Blue lemonade, Apple & Raspberry) |
- (G) Water 350 ml 1.20 |
- (G) Water 600ml 1.50 |
- (G) Moove choc or strawberry (250ml) 2.30 |
- (G) Oak choc or strawberry 2.30 |
- (A) 100% Fruit Poppers 1.30 |
- (Apple, Tropical or Orange/) |
- (G) Up & Go (Vanilla, Choc & Strawberry) 2.30 |

### Salads

- (G) Garden Salad & Dressing 4.20 |
- (G) Garden Salad w/t Chicken & Dressing 5.20 |
- (G) Garden Salad with Tuna or Egg 4.80 |
- (G / H) Sushi & salad (Sushi only 3.00 each ) 4.80 |

### Daily Specials

- **Monday**
  - (G) Chicken Drumstick &Salad, TNT Sml Water 5.50 |
- **Tuesday**
  - (G) Pasta, Sml water & TNT 5.50 |
- **Wednesday**
  - (A)Chicken Burger w/ Lett, Sml Water & TNT 5.60 |
- **Thursday**
  - (A) Hot Dog with salad, TNT & Moove 5.50 |
- **Friday**
  - (A) Sausage Roll w/salad, TNT, Sml Water 5.00 |

### The School Canteen

Open for breakfast, recess and lunch.

**Lunch Orders:** can be ordered at the canteen by placing your order on a paper bag or in an envelope with name, class and money in to the basket in the classroom. **Please supply 0.10c if no bag is supplied.** Lunch must be ordered by 10 am

Make a Healthy Choice!