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Newsletter

P & C meets every third Thursday of the month
**Gold Grass Cinema**

Last Friday was a perfect night to hold the gold grass cinema evening. The weather was just right as we saw a record number of families enjoy this community event. As previously stated, this is not a fundraising event. We do this for the terrific community atmosphere. The school came close to breaking even, in terms of cost, so thank you for participating this year.

**District swimming carnival**

Nine students from Hoxton Park PS represented the school at the Green Valley District swimming carnival. The students represented the school to a high standard. They were well-behaved and represented our school with pride. The students are:

- Max Stanley
- Renaldo Ionita
- Tara McHugh
- Sabrina Elhage
- Monica Cespedes
- Iszak Sands
- Eboni Dodd
- Nevaeh Matenga
- Jordan Tran

It was a successful day for our school, with five of our students placing and moving on to the Sydney South West Carnival. Congratulations to the following students:

- Tara McHugh -
  - 2nd Senior 50m Breaststroke
  - 1st Senior Individual Medley
  - 3rd 12yrs 50m Freestyle
  - 1st Senior 50m Backstroke
  - 2nd Senior 50m Butterfly

- Renaldo Ionita -
  - 1st 11 years 50m Backstroke
  - 3rd Senior Individual Medley
  - 1st 11 years 50m Butterfly
  - 1st 11 years 50m Breaststroke
  - 2nd 11 years 50m Freestyle
  - 3rd All Ages 100m Freestyle

- Max Stanley -
  - 2nd All Ages 100m Freestyle
  - 2nd Senior 50m Backstroke
  - 3rd Senior 50m Breaststroke

- Iszak Sands -
  - 2nd 9 years 50m Freestyle

- Monica Cespedes -
  - 3rd 11 Years Freestyle

**New Parents and Citizens’ Association executive**

Congratulations to the new executive of the P&C who were nominated for their position at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

- President: Paula Dos Santos
- Vice President: Wendy Luck
- Treasurer: Rebecca Matthey
- Secretary: Kim Marchetta

**Upcoming Disco**

The P&C will be holding their term 1 disco on Tuesday 15th March during school hours soon. Look out for information coming your way!
**Open Days**

Another open day for all classrooms will be held on Tuesday 15th March. This will be from 9.00-9.30am and is specifically to showcase direct instruction in morning routines. Morning routine is done in all classrooms every morning.

At Hoxton Park PS we are striving for a balance between direct instruction which we know works for the acquisition of literacy skills; explicit teaching which can be done in whole class or small group instruction and in an individual setting; and authentic learning tasks which promote deep thinking through making real life connections and higher student engagement with learning.

Our open days/sessions are an opportunity for you to come and see what happens. If parents cannot attend due to work commitments, grandparents, other relatives and friends are welcome to join us.

**School Development Day**

Our teachers will be undertaking professional learning on Saturday 12th March. David Price (OBE), UK Innovations and international educational expert on project based learning, will be working with Hoxton Park, Hinchinbrook and Glenwood Public Schools at Hoxton Park PS. This day replaces the final day of school for teachers in term 4 (students have finished and teachers have two gazetted days of professional learning). Having a leading world class educator, such as David Price work with us will be tremendously exciting.

**School Photos**

Wednesday 23rd March will be our school photo day. Envelopes will be sent home soon.

**Year 7 application forms**

These arrived yesterday and will be given out after a meeting with all year 6 students. Dr Nielsen will be organising a parent information afternoon meeting for those parents who wish to apply to a school which is not their partner school. Students will receive a separate note home.

**Have you seen (and heard) the Hoxton Bark?**

Mr Galla and Mr Orefice have been getting together each week to write and produce The Hoxton Bark. The Bark is available on our Facebook page and gives a verbal reminder about the week ahead’s events.

**Voluntary contributions**

Thank you to those families who have paid their voluntary contributions. These can be paid throughout the year and can be paid off at the office in instalments if necessary.

Have a great fortnight.

Kylie Donovan
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**Up coming events – Term 1**

**Term 1 Week 6 Events**

- Mar 3: Scripture
- Mar 3: P&C Meeting
- Mar 4: Clean up Hoxton Park Day
- Mar 4: Stage 1 Wheelchair Sport Road Show
- Mar 4: PSSA Round 3

**Term 1 Week 7 Events**

- Mar 8: Stage 2 Plants in Action
- Mar 8: Skipping – Stage 3
- Mar 10: Selective High School Test
- Mar 10: Scripture
- Mar 11: PSSA Round 4

**Term 1 Week 8 Events**

- Mar 15: Open space day 9.00am-9.30am
- Mar 15: Skipping – Stage 3
- Mar 15: P&C Disco
- Mar 15: Year 4 Science robotics
- Mar 17: Scripture
- Mar 18: PSSA Round 5
**Movie ticket winners:**

Congratulations to the following students who won a free family movie ticket to the Gold Grass Cinema:

Anuska Chand – 1 Dream 1

Yasmin Prada Yepes – 1 Opals

Amelia Hancock – 3/4 Olyroos 2

Ravyar Ali – 5 Spirit

Ilhana Fejovic – 5 Spirit

Aaron Chang – 6 Victory 1

Gabriel Dos Santos – 3 Olympus 1

Stacey Grebleshikoff – 3 Olympus 2

Hi Everyone,

We are having a great term so far, we have celebrated Valentine’s Day and Chinese New Year with different art and craft activities and cooking experiences.

We have also been looking at the life of different bugs found around our playground and doing drawings and writing about them.

Parents, just a reminder to please book with us if your children are coming to after school care to ensure we have a place for you. You can book by calling, texting or emailing on the details below.

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 $4.55 per morning and $5.45 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.

We hope you enjoy your term.

Thankyou

Amanda Howard

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**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is on the oval side of the hall and the opening hours are:

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

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**Commonwealth Bank Student Banking**

Banking is each Tuesday. Students hand their bank book to the teacher to be sent to the office for processing.

We have exciting new prizes for 2016. If you have 10 silver tokens, send them with your order form to the school with your next deposit.

Term one prizes are

- **Flying Snake**
- **Wildlife Writer Set**
Lost Property

We have a collection of drink bottles and lunch boxes at the office with no names. Please ensure your clearly label your child’s belongings so they can be returned. If you have checked with your child’s teacher and it is not there, please come and check at the office.

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