Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 3 and happy Eid to all those people who celebrated this joyful occasion.

So much has happened since the beginning of this term; the new uniform has been sent off to the new manufacturer to be made up and initially will be sold in term 4 to the new kindergarten enrolments. We had a very successful education week, it was a pity our numbers were down because of Eid, but the educational expo was terrific and it was good to see so many parents here to support their children.

I also want to tell you of another innovation we are introducing to help your child achieve. It comes under the umbrella of Speech Pathology and we are screening many students to see if they need intervention for any speech delays or difficulties. This screening will start on Wednesday and run for several weeks. The University of NSW is involved in the screening and subsequent activities for the students. We will start by screening Kindergarten and year 1 students, but any child who has any receptive or expressive or delayed speech will be helped through this program. It’s an exciting innovation.

Finally I just wanted to remind parents that you are most welcome to come up to the school and make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss any issue. Don’t forget the next P&C meeting is Tuesday 19th August in the school hall.

I hope you have a successful term and I will leave you with this thought, “A person who does not think for himself, does not think at all”

Terry Fisher
Principal
Australian Government Assistance for National Capital excursion

Year 5 and 6 students from our school will soon be undertaking (September 17th – 19th, 2014) an educational tour of our national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy. This excursion directly supports the learning of “Australian Democracy” which Stage 3 students studied during term 3.

We will be visiting Parliament House, Old Parliament House, National Capital Exhibition, The Museum of Australian Democracy, CSIRO, The Australian War Memorial, Telstra Tower, Questacon and The Australian Institute of Sport.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education.

To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20- per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward school travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We know the excursion will be a very rewarding experience for all.

Kris Willick
(organising teacher)

Jersey Day

On Wednesday 6 August, students and staff wore their favourite sports team jerseys to raise money for the Year 6 farewell event.
Debating Results

On the 1st of August Hampden Park Public School had a debate with Punchbowl Public School. The topic was that ‘There is too much junk food being sold in school canteens.’ We were the affirmative side. We did win but it was a close debate!

We have currently won 4 out of 4 debates.

Our first speaker was Namiya-5KW
Our second speaker was Nayab-4RH
Our third speaker was Umar-5JD
Our team advisor was Mawi-5KW

The chairperson for this debate was Danny-4RH
The timekeeper was Ariyan-4RH

Debating coaches – Ms J Richardson, Ms J Tanner, Mrs C Singh

Congratulations to everyone involved.

Danny Pan 4RH

Upcoming Event - GOT Games

During Term 4, our school will provide an exciting and fun specialist program of gymnastics for students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The program being taught is Balance Rhythm & Movement. This program will be taught by qualified teachers who are specialist instructors in sport and gymnastics. The program will be implemented by the GOT GAME organisation.

To find out more about this organisation please visit:

www.gotgame.com.au

All students will be exposed to equipment not normally available at our school with all lessons and equipment specifically targeted at each child’s developmental stage. All students are expected to participate in this program.

Cost: $22.
Final Payment due: Friday 12th Sept.

Please return the money and note to your child’s teacher.

Miss Willick
(organising teacher)

ICAS Science results 2014

Year 3 – Merit – Punum Bankik
Distinction – Mohammed Arabu

Year 4 – Credit – Farhan Dewan
Distinction – Tajfi Ahamed
High Distinction – Danny Pan

Year 5 – Credit – Umar Khan, Rokika Khandoker, Jawaad Mahmud

Year 6 – Merit – Monica Chowdury
Credit – Rifah Ahmed, Morshed Ali
Distinction – Lazina Siddiqui
On Saturday the 23th of August, HPPS will be proudly participating in the Haldon Street Festival. This is a perfect opportunity to celebrate a day of Respect, Unity and Peace with teachers, students, parents and the wider community. We need as many students, teachers and parents to participate in showing off their HPPS pride during the street parade at 10am and we encourage you to watch the school dance group at 11.20am.

**When:** Saturday 23th, August. We are meeting at 10 am for the parade and 11.20am to watch the dance group.

**Who:** Teachers, Students & Parents .

**Where:** 31 The Boulevarde, Lakemba (In front of Olympics Hardware Store (across the car park).

**Dance group:** performing at 11:20 am to 11:30 am.

Location of where our meeting point will be: