Dear Parents

Without doubt this is the busiest time of the year for the teaching staff here at HPPS. Apart from reports that have to be written and, school plans that have to be formulated, and events that have to be organised, and kindergartens that have to be transitioned to school, we are now formulating classes for 2015.

This year has gone by very quickly but it has been a terrific year. I was very fortunate to be appointed to Hampden Park PS. Thank you for your support in making my transition here so successful and I am looking forward to a great 2015.

I look at all the great technology that happens here at HPPS and I see that we have a facebook account, we are on twitter and we have an APP for our school. We still of course send notes home as well for different events. With all that great technology out there I was wondering if the newsletter is still as effective as it once was in disseminating information to you. I am thinking about ceasing the newsletter in 2015, and would like you feedback on this matter.

One thing that you can do over the holiday is start looking for black leather school shoes for your child. Take advantage of the great sales in January. In 2015 all students will be wearing black school shoes except the day that they have to do sport, and then they can wear their sports shoes. With the new uniform that starts next year we are going to look very profession as we come to school.

There is also some great news regarding Community Language. Next year we have four community languages. We have Bangla, Urdu, Arabic and Indonesian and each student will get two hours of community language or its equivalent which is great news.

I have been asked to mention about an event (which is not linked to our school) but if you are interested Carols by Candlelight is happening at Old Government House, Parramatta (Parramatta Park) on Saturday 6 December 2014 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm Gates open 6.00pm. Santa will be there as well as candles, sausage sizzle drinks and a raffle. Entry is via a gold coin. Bring rugs or low chairs for seating at the front of Old Government House.

I hope you have a great end to the school year.

Terry Fisher
Principal
The Granville/Strathfield School Education Area Competition 2014

On 28th October 2014 Hampden Park Public School had a semi-final debate with Mortlake Public School because our team were the winners from Division A. The topic was ‘Sugar Is Dangerous!’ We were the affirmative team and it was a really close debate but on this occasion Mortlake won.

Our 1st speaker was Danny-4RH, 2nd speaker was Umar-5JD, 3rd speaker was Monica-6HT and our team advisor was Nayab-4RH. We also had 4 other debaters to watch this semi-final. They were Ariyan-4RH, Arooba-3NW, Dua-5KW and Naiyma-5KW.

This is the final debate we are having for this year but I know that we are all going to continue our debating next year! We would like to thank our wonderful coaches Ms J.Tanner, Ms J.Richardson and Ms C.Singh. Congratulations to the Hampden Park Debating Team.

By Danny Pan

Prefects 2015

On Tuesday 18th November 2014 our potential student leaders will speak to an audience of Years 3 to 6 students as well as parents in the hall. The event will begin at 9 o’clock. Following this their peers and HPPS staff will vote in their classrooms and the successful Prefects for 2015 will be announced at our Presentation Day.