Dear Parents,

I have been the principal of Hampden Park Public School for 3 months now and the one thing that strikes me is how hard the staff work at this school. I am not sure if you are aware of the great work they do, going above and beyond to ensure that your child gets the best education that they can. They are great teachers and I am sure you will agree with me that your child is getting a great education.

Looking back at recent events such as the cross country, NAPAN, and Mothers’ Day stall just highlight this. Hours of preparation go into ensuring that the events and therefore the outcomes for your students is the best it can be. Thank you to Ms Barrett, Mr Tram and Ms Warlond for organising these events.

Our new school uniform is being made up for final approval from the school community. I will display the new uniform at a P&C meeting so everyone can have their feedback and then we can have the new uniform in place by the end of term 3 this year and we can introduce the new uniform to new Kindergarten students starting at our school next year. I think you will be pleased with the changes the teachers and the P&C executive decided upon.

And finally just a word on NAPLAN. I don’t want to put any undue pressure on the students of the school. I want the students and therefore the parents to realise that this test is just a point-in-time assessment like many other assessments that we do here at this school but what it will do it will show the teachers if there are any areas to develop across the school. When we get the test results the teachers here at school are able to delve deeply into the answers the students gave and come up with great teaching strategies to help your child improve even more. Please support your child through this NAPLAN week and just encourage them to do their best and try not to pressure them too much.

To finish with I am going to leave you with one of my favourite sayings. Mahatma Ghandi said it best when he said “Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

Have a good term everyone.

Terry Fisher
Principal

Debating

Four members of our debating team, Rifa Ahmed, Monica Chowdhury, Nayab Shazad and Danny Pan participated in a debate against Lakemba Public School on Monday 12 May in the Granville/Strathfield Area Debating Program. The topic was That all children should be allowed to own and use mobile phones. Our team was on the negative side and put forward some convincing arguments. All the debaters spoke well and the adjudicator declared our team the winners!

Our next debate will be in Week 5 against Harcourt Public School.
Finding it difficult to cope, but don’t know where to turn?

We can link you with services to help with:
- Domestic violence
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- We can help you find useful services in your local area
- You can speak to us by telephone, you can visit our offices, we can meet you in your home or somewhere convenient for you
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- We provide free interpreters

For more information contact us by:
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Email: sensfamilyreferral@barnardos.org.au

Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who competed in our annual Cross Country Carnival held at Parry Park last week. The Cross Country Carnival is the most challenging sporting event on our school calendar and it is well supported by teachers, parents and students. It is fantastic to see many enthusiastic runners eager to represent their houses. Congratulations to the following students for winning their respective races. Mustapha Jalloh, Faria Sumayea, Ali Salame, Sadia Begum, Nayab Shehzaad, Hajaratu Kamara, Willam Tran, Nora El-Cheikh and they will be representing our school in the Zone Cross Country next week at Lee’s Park.

Our Journalism Team has produced a video report for you to watch. Link is on our website.

Athletics Carnival

The athletics carnival will be held at Campbell Field, Canterbury on the 17th, June. On the day we will hold the preliminary races and finals for all track events and the finals for the field events. Don’t forget to bring the winter woolies as it is bound to be a chilly day.

Multicultural Perspectives
Public Speaking Competition

All students from Years 3-6 are currently preparing persuasive speeches for the Multicultural Speaking Competition. Class finals will be held from 19th -22nd May. The school finals will then be conducted in the hall on Wednesday, 28th, May. All parents are warmly welcome to attend these special events.

Canberra is Coming Closer!

Our trip to Canberra is getting closer. All completed medical forms are now due and must be handed to Miss Willick. Don’t forget, if your child suffers from asthma you must supply an asthma health plan that has been prepared by the family doctor.

Keep making those regular instalments. You’ll have the trip paid off in no time! All money must be paid to Miss Willick.
Mothers’ Day 2014

Mother’s Day stall and Lucky dip were again a very big success this year. Students from Kinder to year 6 were excited to choose a gift for their mother and/or grandmother. Approximately 600 gifts were available and over 500 were bought.

Thank you to the work experience girls who helped out on the stall. Also thank you to Ali Salame and Ali Ahmad who made sure all the K-2 classes were called and attended the stall. Some of them were ex students of the school and they remembered buying gifts for their mother. Mothers are an integral part of the development of any child’s life so we hope you all had a great day!

We also celebrated Mother’s Day with a breakfast. Our Mothers work extremely hard to look after us and we wanted to say thank you. Some of the Year 6 girls helped to run the event. They served the food, set up and packed up. There was a lot of yummy food and our mums had a great time. It was a fantastic celebration of our hard working mums and a time to show them how much we appreciate them. Thank you to everyone who came.
Parents and carers are invited to visit our coming 2014 Art Show which will run from Monday 2nd June to Friday 6th June in our school hall. This is a chance for the HPPS community to see the talent and creativity of our students, with hundreds of art pieces on display showcasing different techniques and styles.

Tea, coffee and fruit juices will be available for parents on Wednesday afternoon from 3:00-3:45 pm making viewing the art work more appealing!

Parents who would like to be involved in the Art Show exhibition are invited to attend painting workshops held by Miss Ju and Mr Pearce. The workshop will run from 2-3pm on Thursday 22nd May and continue from 2-3pm Thursday 29th May in the Art Room. Please sign up at the front office or by emailing hampdenpk-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your full name and contact details.

The HPPS Arts Team