June 2014
Term 2 Week 6

Dear Parents,

You may have heard me talk once or twice about resilience and how the staff at this school is trying to build resilience in your child. The reason for this is simple. In this fast moving world of technology it is important to build resilience, creativity, innovation, social awareness, team work and collaboration.

When your child reaches the age where they can enter the work force 25% of the jobs they will have, currently do not exist. To help build this resilience we need your help. Thank you to the parents who attended the resilience workshop yesterday. It was a great workshop so much information for parents to help their child and thank you to Ms Matsoukas for organising it for the parents of the school.

Thank you to Ms Warlond and Ms Khan for organising the multicultural speaking competition and thanks to Ms Khan and her team for putting together and excellent art show. Congratulations to the debating team that had their second win against Harcourt PS. That’s two wins from two debates. As you can see we are providing many learning opportunities for your child.

As from Monday we are going to ask you, if you arrive late on a Monday or Thursday for our assembly, could you please wait very quietly at the back of the assembly until it finishes. This will help the children already in lines concentrate on proceedings.

Finally, while we are the subject of lateness, far too many parents are arriving late with their students. Please be on time at 8:55, not walking through the gate at 8:55 or later but actually at school in lines at 8:55am. Please do not sleep in. Please set an alarm and get into a good morning routine that includes a healthy breakfast, a shower, and getting to school before the music starts.

I’ll leave you with this saying. “All experience is an arch to build upon”
Have a good long weekend.

Terry Fisher
Principal

Hampden Park Writes

Hampden Park is having a whole school writing day on Wednesday 18th June. It is called ‘HPPS Writes’ and students from K-6 will be participating in presentations and workshops hosted by two visiting children’s authors and picture book illustrators. Tina Matthews and Gaye Chapman, will present workshops for students to participate in drama, puppetry, drawing and writing activities.

This is an exciting opportunity for students to experience many different forms of story telling and writing with published authors and we welcome parent participation in the classroom.
**Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition 2014**

Congratulations to all the Stage 2 and 3 students who participated in the HPPS Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition (MPPSC) on 28 May 2014.

MPPSC is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education and Communities to raise awareness of multiculturalism amongst students, while developing their interest in public speaking and building their speech writing and delivery skills.

Once again the high quality speeches delivered by our students showcased the learning opportunities that they are exposed to each year. Each student from Stage 2 and 3 had to prepare a speech from a given range of topics, which included a multicultural content. The two best speakers from each class were then chosen for the school finals.

All students demonstrated their skill in writing a well-balanced multicultural speech and their confidence in effectively speaking in front of an audience. They showed a deep knowledge and understanding of their topics by including real world examples, their own viewpoint and also the broader world perspective on the issue. Their speeches displayed an empathy and connection to living in a diverse multicultural society. Our judges were impressed with the quality of the speeches and the final winners chosen in each category were:

**Stage 2**
- Tajfi Ahamed 4JB
- Danny Pan 4RH
- Sowmiah Salai Manimudian 4JB (reserve)

**Stage 3**
- Rifah Ahmed 6CE
- Monica Chowdhury 6HT
- Rohan Rezwan 5KW (reserve)

HPPS winners will go on to compete in the South Western Sydney Local Final at Greenacre Public School on Wednesday 18th June. Thank you to all the parents/ carers who supported their child in the class competitions and school finals.

Mrs Khan & Ms Hutty
MPPSC Coordinators

**Data Collection Notice**

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability, which in turn will help our school.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here:


Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here:


If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.
The HPPS Annual Art Show was on this week and as always we were super proud of the impressive talent on display. The exhibition of K-6 and the Support Unit students’ artwork showcased an amazing spectacle of drawings, paintings, photographs, sculptures, craft items, cultural artefacts, loom bands creatures, Wordle and Paint art and much more.

Some classes recreated the style and technique of renowned artists; others were inspired by Aboriginal art and culture, while still others got their inspiration from idioms, stories and themes being studied in class.

We were delighted to see mums, dads, grandparents, relatives and friends streaming in throughout the week. They not only appreciated the art but also the students’ writings, poems, descriptions of their art pieces and processes involved and their reflections.

There were 3 categories of prizes to award the best pieces of work in each grade: A Judges Choice Award, a Popular Vote Award and a P&C Choice Award. The winners of these awards will be announced in the following newsletter.

A huge thanks to teachers, students and their families for all your hard work and support.

The Art Show Team 2014
HPPS ART SHOW