



Hammond Park Primary School

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Welcome to 2014

I would like to warmly welcome you all to our Hammond Park Primary School community. Our **Foundation Year** has begun smoothly and our students are busy **“Learning Together Every Day”**.

Our school motto **“Learning Together Every Day”** reinforces the values and ethos that underpin our approach to education for the students of Hammond Park Primary School.

Our school is a community where we work in partnership with families and other agencies to provide the best education possible for your children so that they can be the best they can be.

We currently have an enrolment of 222 students. Many of you have come from other public schools in Western Australia and across Australia, from overseas locations such as Great Britain, South Africa, New Zealand and Brazil. A small number of students have joined us from other non-government schools in our local area.

It is a particularly exciting time for our newest students – our Kindergarten students and their parents as they take their first formal step in the educational journey. I sincerely hope that you all enjoy your first year at Hammond Park Primary School and take every opportunity to become active participants in our school community, meet new people and develop lasting friendships.

Thank you once again, to all parents and caregivers who have made sure that their children are well-prepared for the new school year. I am delighted with the number of children who are proudly wearing their school uniform, including our school hats. The colours on the inside of our school hats are our faction colours. Very soon you will be asked, via survey, to suggest some names for our factions so that they reflect the history and culture of our local area.

Our School Website

www.hammondparkps.wa.edu.au

Our school website is now live. It is a **work in progress**, but will eventually contain lots of information about the school and the students. You will also be able to access our fortnightly newsletter from the website. Standby for more updates in the next few weeks....

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Parent Meetings with Class Teachers

Next week – week 3 (**week 3 and week 4 for Kindergarten parents**), you are invited to a meeting with your child/children's class teacher/s. Some of you may have already seen this invitation on the daily message board outside your child's classroom.

Parent Meetings will be held at this time each year. Teachers will take this opportunity to share their classroom routines and timetables with you so that you can help your children be ready for each part of every school day. They will also provide information about the academic and behavioural expectations for children in each teacher's class. There may be an opportunity for you to ask questions that relate to these structures and processes during the meeting, but please remember that if you have specific questions about your child it would be best to make an appointment to meet one on one with the teacher at a pre-arranged time. If you are unable to make it to the parent meeting please let the class teacher know and they will make a mutually suitable time to meet with you or provide you with any information that was given out at the meeting.

PARENT MEETING TIMETABLE

CLASS/YEAR GROUP	DAY and TIME	WHERE
Year 3 (Mrs Gilks and Mrs Hill)	Wednesday 19 February 8.15am – 8.45am	E2
Quendas and Possums	Wednesday 19 February 9.00 – 9.30am	STAFF ROOM
Numbats and Wallabies	Wednesday 26 February 9.00 – 9.30am	STAFF ROOM
PP (Miss Walmsley)	Thursday 20 February 9.00 – 9.30am	STAFF ROOM
PP (Miss Lim)	Thursday 20 February 2.30 – 3.00pm	STAFF ROOM
Year 1 (Mrs Hadden)	Wednesday 19 February 3.15 – 3.45pm	M3
Year 1/2 (Mrs Pol)	Wednesday 19 February 3.15 – 3.45pm	E3
Year 2 (Mr Docking)	Wednesday 19 February 3.45 – 4.15pm	E4
Year 4/5/6 (Mrs Jankowska)	Wednesday 19 February 5.30 – 6.00pm	E1

Crunch & Sip

Hammond Park Primary School is a **Crunch&Sip** school.

Crunch&Sip is a set break in the school day to eat fruit or salad vegetables in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. This gives children a chance to refuel, a bit like putting petrol in a car.

Each day students need to bring fruit or salad vegetables to school to eat in the classroom at a set time decided upon by their class teacher.

Each child should also bring a bottle of water to school to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration. Refrigerated drink fountains are also available outside each teaching block.

Crunch&Sip, demonstrates our commitment to nutrition education in the classroom, by making links with the curriculum and creating a supportive school environment. The **Crunch&Sip** break gives children the opportunity to eat the piece of fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox or not be eaten at all. This initiative aligns with the Department of Education's Healthy Food and Drink Policy that will soon be available on our school website.

With this newsletter, today, all families will receive some information about **Crunch&Sip** and each child will receive a **Crunch&Sip** bookmark.

HPPS Library Bags

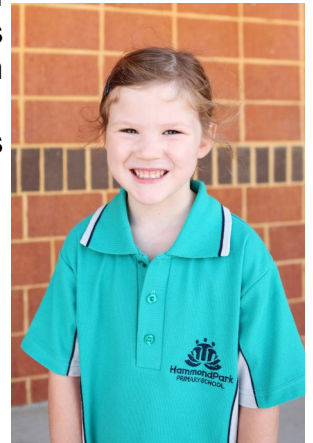
As a gift from the school in our Foundation Year, every student K – Year 6 will be bringing home a Hammond Park Primary School library bag next week. This bag has our logo on the front and the words **“Foundation Student 2014”**. We would like all children to enjoy using this library bag and hope that it becomes a memento of their time at HPPS.

“It’s all about children being the best they can be and coming to a school that’s safe and joyful so its been a really great experience”- Did you see the article in the Cockburn Gazette?

Kapture Photography

Many of you would have noticed photographers at work yesterday as you brought your children to school. This team of photographers were from Kapture Photography. They were invited to take lots of candid shots of our buildings, our students, our teachers and our community as a record of our first weeks at school in our Foundation Year. These photos will soon be available to us to use on our many school documents and information booklets. Kapture will also use the photos to make us some banners to display in the foyer of our Administration building.

This company will also be taking portraits and class photos on June 3 this year.



Regards

Jennifer Lee, Principal

Community Notices

Vixens Netball Club

The Vixens Netball Club is looking for players aged 7-13 for games held at the Success Netball Association. Games commence on Saturday 29th of March. Visit their Facebook page for details.



Community Notices



HAMMOND PARK JFC

community funfest

Rides
Food
Entertainment
Prizes

Register to play AFL with the Hurricanes in 2014!

Stalls
Music
Heaps of fun for all!

Saturday 15th Feb
Botany Park
Macquarie Blvd, Hammond Park

3pm—7pm

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at
Beeliar Community Centre
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Tuesday's @ 9:30am – 12pm
Session 1: Tuesday 18th February 2014
Session 2: Tuesday 25th February 2014
Session 3: Tuesday 4th March 2014

A free workshop for parents and caregivers of children 1-12 years

Are meal times becoming a challenge?

Kids having too much screen time?

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