



# Hammond Park Primary School

ISSUE 2

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Well, here we are, almost at the end of week four in our new school. What a delight it has been for me and the team at Hammond Park Primary School to watch the joy on the faces of our students as they begin their first year of learning at our new school.

Lots of progress has been made on our building site. Most importantly for our Kindy and Pre-Primary students, the early childhood playground is almost ready for them to use. Landscaping work and sand pits are on track for our very busy youngest children to enjoy next week. At this time you will be able to enter your children's classrooms from the south-eastern sides of the building. Access from the car parks and drop off area will make it much easier for you to come to and from the classrooms in the morning and the afternoon.

Please note that Mrs Hadden's Year 1 classroom (M3) will still be only accessible from the northern side of the building. This is because the students will play and work with their Year 1 peers in and around Eucalyptus Block as they are already used to doing.

## Playgrounds and Landscaping

I am currently working with a company who is preparing a concept design for our Early Childhood and Eucalyptus Block play areas. My vision for the design of these areas includes the development of nature-based playgrounds that incorporate the landscaping that is already in place. The play areas will encourage students to explore, create and challenge themselves at play. Their design will enable them to expand their classroom learning to continue in the playground.

In the coming weeks I will invite you all to a meeting where I will discuss the concept design for our playgrounds. At this time I am very keen for you to present your ideas and vision for these important areas in our school. This meeting will allow us to establish a Grounds Committee to guide all future developments at our school.

## Administering Medication to Students

If your child needs to be medicated during the school day, it is very important that you fill in a form authorising the class teacher or the Administration team to be able to do this. This form is available for the school office. We are unable to administer medication to your child without this authorisation. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you may have about this process with me or the Associate Principals.

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## SMS Messaging – “Message You”

As of next Tuesday 4 March SMS messaging “Message You” will begin at Hammond Park Primary School. This service will alert you if you haven’t notified your child’s teacher or the school office that your child is going to be absent from school on that day.

If your child is marked absent on the roll by their teacher, in the morning, without an explanation from you, a text message will be sent to your mobile phone at 11.00am on that day.

If you receive a message you can reply by text message or by phoning the school, to assure us that your child is safe and with you.

You are also welcome to notify the school at any time that your child is going to be absent by text message on the following number: **0437780341**.

## New School Bank Account Details

We would like to advise you that our bank account details have now changed.

This change is effective immediately:

Commonwealth Bank

WA Government Banking Centre

BSB: 066-040

Account Number: 19903274

Thank you for making note of this important change.

## Waste Wise Audit

On Monday 10 March a representative from **Waste Wise for Schools** will be coming to Hammond Park Primary School to assist us with a waste wise audit.

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will work in teams with Mrs Butler and their class teachers to calculate the amount of waste our school is sending to landfill. Further down the track these students will devise a plan to reduce our waste through various environmental programs such as worm farms and vegetable gardens. We will be working closely with **Waste Wise for Schools** to achieve these goals.

The students will follow the Inquiry Process from the Australian Science Curriculum to; question and predict, plan and conduct, process and analyse data, evaluate findings and communicate findings. They will also have the opportunity to learn about other areas of the Australian Curriculum such as; counting and calculating, measuring mass, graphing, working as a team, showing respect for the environment and formulating an action plan. Information about this program is available at the website below:

<http://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/waste-wise-schools>

All students K – Year 6 will put all their rubbish and scraps into the bins on this day.

You are most welcome to take part in this school wide audit after lunch at approximately 1.30pm on Monday 10 March. Please call in and leave your name at the office or speak with your child’s teacher if you would like to help – your support is most welcome!

We will let you know the results of our work and share our action plan with you once we have conducted the audit.

## School Rules

Our three school rules are now on display in each classroom. Teachers will discuss the rules and what they 'look' like with the students. The rules are very simple and align with our school vision and beliefs. They support our motto of ***"Learning Together Every Day"***.



Play and work safely



Respect yourself and others



Care for our school

***"Learning  
Together Every  
Day"***

## Fundamental Movement Skills

In Week 3, our Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 students started a Fundamental Movement Skills Program. This program will run every Friday from 9am to 10am. The program gives the students an opportunity to have explicit lessons and practise in the *Fundamental Movement Skills* needed to play organised sport when they grow older. Students are organised into 8 groups according to their faction colours and rotate through a number of lessons and activities. During Term 1, students will be learning how to hop and become confident runners. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to try some new activities and work with other students and teachers from across P – 2. There were lots of smiles in every group. A big thank you to Mrs Walmsley and Mrs Lim for organising the lessons for Term 1. Kindergarten will also start a Fundamental Movement Skills Program specifically designed for their needs on Wednesday mornings when we move to the new early childhood playground.

Regards

Jennifer Lee, Principal

# Community Notices



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