



Hammond Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As I walk around the school I feel very proud of all that our community has achieved since school began almost six weeks ago.

As we now move forward to establish our foundation School Board and Parents and Citizens' Association, I am also aware of the huge support we receive from you, our very important, parents and community members. It is an exciting time as we work together to establish and embed a collaborative culture at our school that will see it thrive for many years to come.

Our school logo "Learning Together Every Day" symbolises the successful, ongoing and lasting relationships that are growing each day at Hammond Park Primary School. Relationships such as this build a strong platform upon which the future work of our School Board and the Hammond Park Primary School P&C will be based.

I encourage you all to become involved in our school in some way; whether as a P&C or School Board member, a volunteer in classrooms or at school activities. Your support, guidance and help is always welcome and appreciated.

The first opportunity to learn more about our P&C was held yesterday. An information session that outlined the role of the P&C and the format of meetings was discussed. Thank you to those people who put their names down as possible office bearers, sub-committee members or volunteers. Your willingness to help will ensure the success of our P&C.



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"Message You" : SMS for absences

Please remember that our SMS "Message You" number is: **0437780341**. You can send a text to this number or notify the school office if your child is going to be absent from school.

Waste Wise Audit

On Monday the 10th of March a representative from Waste Wise worked with the Year 3 – 6 students at Hammond Park Primary School to conduct a whole school waste audit. The data is still in the process of being measured but some quick calculations from the children showed that our school is sending over **80kg** of waste to landfill each week! Once we receive the official figures we will share the results.

Waste Wise is a program of the Waste Authority and works with schools to reduce the amount of waste that gets sent to landfill by using the 3Rs of **reduce, reuse and recycle**. They work together with the community to devise, implement and maintain environmental programs. Waste Wise For Schools encourages school communities to apply for their grants so different projects can be developed within the school and linked to the Australian Curriculum.

Many of the children were excited about the possibility of applying for the various grants so we can have worm farms, permaculture gardens and chicken runs. Imagine all of the exciting hands on learning that can take place! What a great way for the whole school community to be involved in caring for our environment and learning at the same time.

Hammond Park Primary School is in the process of becoming a Waste Wise School so that we can start applying for the first \$2000 grant. It will be great to hear what ideas the children come up with for how we can reduce the amount of waste our school sends to landfill.

We look forward to sharing our action plan with you once the audit is complete.

OSH Club

Our OSHClub student numbers have been steadily growing with up to 18 students attending the after school session.

Unfortunately at this time, until enrolment numbers increase (as they surely will), an OSHClub vacation program will NOT operate from Hammond Park Primary School. You are welcome to use any other OSHClub program that operates in another location close to Hammond Park. The closest program operates from St Jerome's Primary School, Troode Street in Munster. Other programs operate from Kardinya and Bertram Primary Schools. If you wish to register to use any programs you can do so via OSHClub as you normally do.

Winter Uniforms

Our Winter uniform sizing kits will be available at the school office as of next **Wednesday 19 March**. You are welcome to bring your children in before and after school to try on track pants, jazz pants and jackets prior to placing an order.

Track pants and jazz pants are navy and will have a school logo on them. The jackets are made of polar fleece and will continue our 'jade green' theme with a navy panel, silver piping and a logo on the front. Our supplier, Tudor Uniforms, is working hard to make sure orders are ready for the start of term two.

As the weather cools down I understand that it may be necessary for your children to wear a jacket or a cardigan to school in the morning. Please allow your children to wear something suitable in order to stay warm until our Winter jackets arrive.

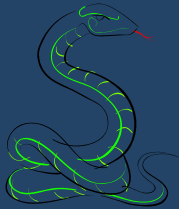
Regards,
Jennifer Lee
Principal

Success Dental Therapy

Children in Pre Primary to Year 6 are eligible to attend the Success Dental Therapy Clinic based at Success Primary School. Opening hours are 8.00am—4.00pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Phone 9499 1938.

Did you know?

Even when a snake has its eyes closed, it can still see through its eyelids.



Dates to remember:

Term 1

Mon 3rd February

to

Fri 11th April

Term 2

Mon 28th April

to

Fri 4th July

Community Notices

Immunisation Information

Immunisation programs in our community are designed to keep everyone well and safe, especially those people who are most at risk, such as babies.

Parents or legal guardians who do not immunise their child should note the following:

In the case of a Measles or Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak, Western Australian schools are required by the Department of Health, to exclude students who have not received the appropriate number of vaccinations.

Please make sure your school-aged child is fully immunised and that you have provided a copy of the ACIR immunisation record to the school.

Did you know that as parents you can ring the National registry or go to the web site to check out your child's immunisation status? All you need is your Medicare number. Phone 1800 653 809 or access the web site: www.humanservices.gov.au or email acir@humanservices.gov.au

Kids and Technology

"Kids and Today's Technology" being held by Relationships Australia at 1 Ord Street, Fremantle - Thursday 3rd and 10th April 6.30-9pm.

This two week course is for parents of kids between ages 2 and 18 years. Technology is now being used by very young children and most teenagers are proficient users of many aspects of technology. Your knowledge of what's out there, how it's being used and how you manage it in your home will have a direct impact on your kids' learning and safety. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

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Hammond Park Primary School Website

Our next school newsletter will be delivered to your email inbox when you register on our website ; www.hammondparkps.wa.edu.au

Some hard copies of the newsletter will still be available in the front office.

Nomination Forms for HPPS School Board

Hammond Park Primary School: **School Board Nominations**

We are calling for nominations from parents who are interested in being a member of our foundation School Board.

As an IPS (Independent Public School) our board will serve as our major decision making group and will help shape our school business plan (2014 – 2016) and staffing profile for 2015.

Below is a nomination form that we ask interested parents to complete and return to the school office by **Wednesday 26 March**. We have 2 community positions available. If we receive more than 4 nominations the final decision will be made following a voting process. This will be announced in subsequent newsletters. I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Hammond Park Primary School School Board Nomination Form

I _____ wish to nominate for a position on the Hammond Park Primary School, School Board.

I wish to nominate for the following tenure; (please tick one option)

- 1 year tenure
- 2 year tenure
- 3 year tenure

I understand that if more nominations are received than there are available places, then a vote will be held to elect Board members.

Signature

Nominations for HPPS P&C Association

Hammond Park Primary School: **Parents & Citizens' Officer Bearers Nominations**

We are also calling for nominations from parents who are interested in holding an officer bearers position in our foundation P&C.

These positions are: **President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer**.

Please call into the school office to pick up a nomination form if you are interested in holding one of these positions. Alternatively you can express your interest by sending me an email: Jennifer.Lee@education.wa.edu.au

The Annual General Meeting of our P&C will be held on Wednesday 26 March at 7.00pm in the Staff Room. Please put this date in you diary!