



Hammond Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parents and Citizens' Association

On Wednesday our school's inaugural Parents and Citizens' Association Annual General Meeting was held.

I am very pleased to tell you that we have a full complement of Office Bearers who are ready, willing and able to begin work for our P&C straight away.

I would like to congratulate the following parents who were nominated and unanimously elected as foundation Office Bearers of our P&C:

President – Lianne Clark **Vice- President** – Padmini Jayaraj

Treasurer – Ela Rengasamy **Secretary** – Bethwyn Macukat

I look forward to working closely with Lianne, Padmini, Ela and Bethwyn and all other P&C members to support the learning of our students every day.

Winter Uniforms

Thank you to all those families who have already placed orders for our 2014 Winter uniform. You are most welcome to come into the school office before or after school to try on uniforms.

After much deliberation, our Uniform Committee decided to choose a navy polar fleece jacket with our school logo on the front as this year's Winter jacket. This is a standard product and will be available for pick-up before term two begins. We have also been extremely careful to choose a jacket that is good value for money. The polar fleece jacket is priced at \$28.

We are now working with our uniform provider to design a custom made jacket in jade green, silver and navy. This jacket will be introduced for the 2015 school year following further consultation with the School Board and the Uniform Committee.

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Building Update

The second portion of our school is on track to be delivered prior to the start of term 2. It is an exciting time for us all as we reach the end of the building program that will see all teaching blocks, the library and the undercover area operational. In addition to this we will have basketball courts, cricket nets and our oval will be grassed.

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

All classes have enjoyed a series of lessons designed to raise awareness about what bullying is, what it looks like and what you can do if it happens to you. The theme of the day was **Be Strong** and **Bullying No Way!** Whilst at HPPS we see little evidence of bullying or violence between students, we decided to put the problem up front and tackle it before it becomes a problem. All children received a wristband and had a class photo taken showing them being strong and taking a stand against bullying and violence.

Industrial Action: Tuesday 1 April 2014

Please note that ALL students will be bringing home a letter today from the Director General about the pending "community day of action" on Tuesday 1st April.

In addition to this children will be bringing home a letter in relation to the arrangements for Tuesday 1st April at our school.

School Board

The Hammond Park Primary School Board will meet for the first time in Week 10 of this term. We received three nominations from parents for two positions on the School Board. At our first meeting, I will take the Board through an induction PowerPoint and we'll discuss our major directions for the year. These directions will be clearly articulated in our school's Business Plan that will be endorsed by the School Board. In addition to this the Board will develop and ratify policies such as a student dress code, homework, mobile phone and anti-bullying.

NAPLAN: National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

Before the holidays, Year 3 and 5 parents will receive a NAPLAN Information for Parents brochure. NAPLAN is scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May, Thursday 15 May and catch up sessions on Friday 16 May. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN please talk to your child's/children's teacher.

Regards,
Jennifer Lee
Principal