Dear parents and caregivers

**Official Opening**

Our Official Opening ceremony will be held at 9.00am on **Wednesday 2 July** in our Undercover Area. You are all most welcome to join in this special celebration. The official ceremony is scheduled for 9.00 – 9.30am. After this the students will go back to their classrooms with their teacher. The Minister of Education and the official party will then tour the school.

**Quendas and Possums on Wednesday 2 July**

On the day of the Official Opening of our school I would like to invite Quendas and Possums (even week kindergarten students) to be our special guests at the ceremony. I would be very pleased, if it is at all possible, for these special guests to come to school for the ceremony. At the end of the ceremony at approximately 9.30 they will then go home with their parents. **A letter outlining these arrangements will be sent home with each child from the classroom today.**

**Uniforms**

I would like to thank parents who have recently purchased a winter jacket for their child/children. It is important that where possible our students wear this jacket or a similar one in a colour close to our school navy for our Official Opening. We encourage students not to wear hooded windcheaters or ones that have explicit logos or writing on the front. As the navy polar fleece jacket with our school logo on the front has been very popular with students and parents we have decided that it will be available for purchase beyond 2014. If parents wish to buy a jacket but cannot pay the full amount at the time of purchase it is possible to arrange a payment plan. Please see our Business Manager, Mrs Jeanette Sampson to make these arrangements.

**Semester One Reports**

Semester one reports for all students in Pre-primary to Year six will be sent home next Thursday 3rd July. Our Kindergarten students will be bringing home a portfolio of work from their first semester at school.

When you receive your child’s report please read the explanations found on the back of the cover page. This information will guide your understanding of A – E grades and the words used to explain these grades eg excellent, high, satisfactory, limited and very low. In addition to this there is clarification of the ratings given for Attitude, Behaviour and Effort. You will also notice that a grade for effort has been given for each Learning Area.

Please take the time to discuss both the Learning Area grades and the effort grades with your child to gain a complete picture of their performance throughout the first half of this year.

If the classroom teacher has requested an interview, please make a time that is mutually suitable to all parties involved.

I would like to sincerely thank all teachers and Education Assistants for their hard work in preparing reports and portfolios to be sent home. Reports and portfolios take considerable time to write, edit and collate, but provide a wonderful record and keepsake of your child’s learning in Semester One 2013.
**Green Guardians and Plastic Free July**

At our school we’re lucky enough to have a group of passionate environmentalists. This group of students, from the Year 4/5/6 class call themselves the **Green Guardians**. These students are interested in environmental and sustainability issues and are prepared to share their knowledge with the school community.

The first project the **Green Guardians** are involved in is **Plastic Free July**. The students will be using the iPads to present information about ‘zero waste’ lunch boxes and waste audits to all students across the school.

**Staff Changes**

At the end of last week we bid farewell to Mrs Heidi Myers who has been our Physical Education Specialist Teacher since the start of the year and most recently our Year 4/5/6 support teacher. I would like to acknowledge her hard work and enthusiasm as our first Phys-Ed Specialist teacher and wish her all the best with the pending birth of her third child. Ms Andrea McFadden, who is well known to all students as one of our relief teachers will take over Mrs Myer’s role until the end of this term.

**Jump Rope for Heart**

During the term, all students in Year 1 – Year 6 have been practising their skipping skills in readiness for our **JUMP ROPE for HEART** event to be held next Thursday 3rd July. **Students will need to wear their faction shirt and hat on the day.** They also must make sure they are wearing appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle.

**As this event is supporting Heart Foundation Research students are asked to bring a gold coin donation on the day.**

You are all most welcome to come and watch this special event. The timetable for the day is as follows:

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**Missing Hats and Jackets**

We seem to have a growing number of children who have misplaced their hats and a smaller number who cannot find their winter jackets. We would really appreciate your help in making sure that your child/children have their **own** hat and jacket and haven’t mistakenly taken someone else’s. It would also be helpful if you could make sure that hats and jackets are clearly named. The tag on the winter jacket also has a place where you can write a phone number.

We have a supply of school hats that can be borrowed for wearing during Phys-Ed and outdoor learning activities. As of next term these hats will not be available for borrowing at recess or lunch time.
Term Two Holidays….please note the following important dates

- Term two holidays begin on Friday 4 July.
- School resumes for students on Wednesday 23 July.
- The school office is open on Monday 21 July.

Teachers and Education Assistants will be working together on Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July. On these days we will be learning about Classroom Management Strategies (CMS), Visible Learning and planning using the Australian Curriculum English Strand – Writing.

OSHClub Holiday Program

Please note that a Holiday Program is not available at Hammond Park during the school break; however, please check the OSHClub website: [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) to find alternative OSHClub locations where a holiday program is operating.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

Kindergarten enrolments for children born between *July 1 2010 and June 30 2011* are now open. Application forms are available from the school office. **Applications will close on Friday 1st August 2014.**

The following documentation will be required upon enrolment:

1. Copy of Birth Certificate or Passport (Visa Number)
2. Copy of Immunisation details
3. Copy of proof of address (eg. Alinta Gas or Synergy account and/or lease agreement/ building contract)
4. Copy of Court Orders (if applicable)

Pre- Primary Enrolments for 2015

Do you have children currently attending our Kindergarten program? Will these children be staying at Hammond Park Primary School in 2015? Do you live in our LOCAL INTAKE AREA? If you have answered YES to all three questions, your child is automatically enrolled at our school for 2015 and NO further action is required. We are also taking enrolments for students in Pre-Primary to Year Six who will live in the Hammond Park Primary School area in 2015. Please let us know as soon as possible if your family will be not be attending Hammond Park Primary School in 2015.

For more information on enrolling visit [www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolinginwa](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolinginwa)

Regards

Jennifer Lee
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