



Hammond Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As term one in our new school comes to a close it is timely to reflect and celebrate the many positive outcomes that have been achieved as a result of our hard work as a school community. Some of these outcomes are:

- Our teachers and Education Assistants have worked tirelessly to get to know their students to ensure that they have every opportunity to “*be the best they can be*”;
- Our students have shown they are capable of successful learning every day in their classrooms. They are developing self-discipline and working and learning cooperatively with others;
- Getting to know the families of the children we teach and working with them as partners has been amazing;
- Our Parents and Citizens’ Association has been established with a full complement of office bearers;
- Many parents have willingly volunteered to be on committees, such as the Grounds Committee and the Wastewise Committee, whilst others have generously given their time to launch our first Bookclub order, cover books and coordinate our school banking and
- Our inaugural School Board has been established and will meet for the first time in week 2 of next term.

The second portion of our school will be handed over at the beginning of term two. The library, two teaching blocks including a purpose built Visual Arts room and a Music/Drama room and the undercover area will be operational when the students return to school on Tuesday 29th April. The second sculpture of a single tree will be installed on the lawn area outside the library. This sculpture matches the sculpture at the front of the school.

A Date for your Diary: June 27th 2014

The Minister for Education has announced that he will officially open Hammond Park Primary School on June 27 2014.

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NAPLAN Testing

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the annual *National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy* (NAPLAN) tests in week 3 of term two. This year the tests will be held from Tuesday May 13 until Thursday May 16. All students (unless they have been formally exempt) will be assessed using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The data from the NAPLAN test results gives schools and systems the ability to compare their students' achievements against national standards and with student achievement in other states and territories. It also allows the monitoring of student progress over time.

Throughout their schooling in West Australian schools, all students have been well prepared by their classroom teachers to sit the NAPLAN tests. The test format will be familiar to them and the types of questions that they will encounter have been explored and discussed throughout the year in preparation for the testing program in week four of this term.

All Year 3 and Year 5 students will bring home a **NAPLAN 2014 Information for Parents** brochure today. After reading this brochure, if you require any more information about the NAPLAN tests please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or speak to Mrs Sarah Hill our Associate Principal.

On-entry Literacy and Numeracy Testing

As you may recall all students in our Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 classes were assessed by their teachers, in Literacy and Numeracy early in term one. The assessments used were part of a comprehensive strategy by the Department of Education to improve literacy and numeracy standards in Western Australian public schools.

The Literacy test summary for parents was sent home this week with all PP, Year 1 and Year 2 students. There is also a summary of the skills tested on the back of the test results.

Your child's class teacher may request to speak to you about the results via the letter that is attached to the summary sheet. Please feel free to speak to classroom teachers if you have any queries about any of the items tested.

The numeracy test results have been delayed and will be available to parents early in term two.

Staff Changes

As student enrolments continue to increase, there will be a number of staff changes in place for the start of the new term. Mrs Nichola Butler will be the teacher of the Year 3 class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Mrs Gilks will move into her new role as our visual Arts Specialist Teacher. All students in Years 1 – 6 will be working with Mrs Gilks each week in our new Visual Arts Room.

I would also like to take this opportunity to farewell and thank Mrs Rebecca O'Leary for her hard work and professionalism during term one. Mrs O'Leary leaves our school to take up a full-time position as a pre-primary teacher at Beeliar Primary School.

School Development Day: Monday 28th April

Teachers and Education Assistants will work in various schools across the *Cockburn Central Education Network* (CCEN) on day one of term two. Teachers will take part in a series of moderation activities with teachers from other schools who teach the same year level. This day provides the opportunity for teachers to make sure that they make consistent judgements about student work based on the standards in the Australian Curriculum in Maths, English, History and Science. This work will be reflected in the grades given to students in the first formal student report that will be sent home at the end of term two.

Education Assistants will take part in a day long workshop on Autism at Atwell Primary School.

Dress in Your Team Colours... for a gold coin donation to the Hammond Park Primary School P&C

Thank you to all parents who supported our first P&C fundraiser today – “Dress in Your Team Colours”. The students and staff looked very colourful and relaxed as they showed their support for their favourite football, soccer, rugby, basketball, netball or other team by dressing in their team colours instead of their uniform. An amount of **\$189.55** was raised through a gold coin donation. This money will go to our P&C.

Term One Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and families a happy, safe and restful school holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 29th April ready for another term of “*learning together every day*”.

Regards

Jennifer Lee

“Learning
Together Every
Day”



Our sports stars enjoying their Subway lunch.