



Hammond Park Primary School

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Dear parents and caregivers

Term two began very smoothly on Tuesday 29 April. We welcomed fifteen new students to our Hammond Park Primary School community.

Our library and two teaching blocks (Frankland Block and Gaebler Block) were finished during the school holidays. Our purpose built Visual Arts room is part of Frankland Block. Mrs Gilks has worked very hard to set this room up and welcomed her first class of enthusiastic students last Wednesday. Our final sculpture is in place on the lawn area in front of the library. This morning four custom made timber benches have been installed on the lawn area near the sculpture outside the library. This area will be especially for our senior students to use as a quiet meeting or reading area.

The school holidays also saw some exciting developments in stage one of our playground and landscaping project. The 'boat', on the lawn outside Eucalyptus Block, has been explored and admired by all classes. The lawn in and around the boat has now been given the all clear following the maintenance work that was carried out in the second week of the holidays. This means that next week our Year 1, 2 and 3 students will be able to enjoy playing on the 'boat' and drawing on the blackboard that is mounted to the eastern wall of the block!

Our Early Childhood students are thoroughly enjoying their new play equipment. The balance beams and stepping stones that meander through the gardens are very popular. The 'cubby' has become a popular meeting place for students and will be utilised by teachers to encourage creative play and extend the classroom program into the playground. A custom made child size picnic table is moved in and out of the sand pit each day. The children enjoy making sand cakes and cups of tea to share with their friends at the picnic table when they are playing in the sand pit.

Stage two of our playground and landscaping project will begin soon. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will convene again in the next few weeks to make decisions about what comes next.....so watch this space!

Our undercover area will be finished next week. We are looking forward to using this area to hold our first assembly in the coming weeks. This area will also be used for our official opening to be held on **June 27 2014.**



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Staff Changes

To accommodate our growing enrolments, we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Heidi Myers as a support teacher in in our Year 4, 5, 6 class. Mrs Myers has already begun working and teaching in partnership with Mrs Jankowska to ensure that our Year 4, 5 and 6 students have every opportunity to 'be the best they can be'. Mrs Myers is well known to all our students in her ongoing role as our Phys-Ed Specialist Teacher.

I would also like to welcome Ms Renee Cuthbertson who has joined our team as a Drama Specialist Teacher teaching our Year 1 – 6 students each Monday.

Sadly, we must say goodbye to our Associate Principal Miss Sheri Evans who is leaving us to take up a position with the Institute of Professional Learning. I would like to sincerely thank Miss Evans for her hard work, enthusiasm and support in the development stage of our new school. On behalf of the Hammond Park Primary School community I wish her luck in her exciting new role .

School Board

Our inaugural School Board met for the first time last Tuesday at 7.00pm in the school Staff Room. Terms of Reference for our **Hammond Park Primary Independent Public School Board** were developed at this meeting. The Board consists of thirteen members: Amanda Dixon, Angela Tibbits, Megan Charlton, Lianne Clark, Jo Brown, Martin Maloney, Alicia Pearce, Nathan Cheung, Steve Goldsworthy, Nicole Singleton, Nichola Butler, Sarah Hill and Jennifer Lee.

Steve Goldsworthy has been elected as the School Board Chairperson. Lianne Clark is the P&C representative on the School Board. I would like to thank Mrs Jeanette Sampson, our Business Manager, who has agreed to be the Executive Officer for our School Board

A Code of Conduct for the Board was endorsed by its members. This Code of Conduct is in place to ensure that the values of our school represent the best interests of all students and members of the Hammond Park Primary School community.

The School Board will meet twice each term on Wednesdays in Week 3 and Week 7.

Winter Uniforms

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who made sure that our students began term two with winter uniforms and personal items needed for school. Your attention to these things makes such a difference!

Faction shirts can be worn on Fridays.

Please note that orange faction t-shirts will arrive this week along with more winter jackets.



Safety of Students

The safety of all our students is a priority at all times. In particular, at the end of each school day, to ensure a safe handover, our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students are released by their teachers, into the care of a parent or caregiver who is known to the school. On any day, if you have arranged for another person (who is not known to the school) or the parent of another child, to pick your child up at the end of the day; please let the teacher know in writing or by phoning the school office. If you are detained at the end of the day and can't make it to school to pick your child up please call the office and we will be happy to let the teachers know.

NAPLAN

For Year 3 and 5 students across Australia, **NAPLAN** assessments will take place from tomorrow (Tuesday) to Thursday 15 May. On Tuesday morning the students will complete a forty minute assessment on **Language Conventions** and a forty minute assessment on **Writing**. On Wednesday Year 3 students will complete a forty five minute assessment on **Reading** and the Year 5 students will complete a 50 minute assessment on **Reading**. On Thursday Year 3 students will complete a forty five minute assessment on **Numeracy** and the Year 5 students will complete a fifty minute assessment on **Numeracy**.

Students have been well prepared by their teachers for these assessments. This preparation includes practise with the format, language, response types and time constraints of the test.

Online Newsletter Delivery

Please visit the school website www.hammondparkps.wa.edu.au and subscribe to receive the newsletter delivered to your inbox each fortnight.

Regards

Jennifer Lee

“Learning
Together Every
Day”





*Exploring our
school as it grows*



HAMMOND PARK OSHCLUB WEEK 3 2014

Welcome back to an exciting term at OSHClub! We invite you to see our room and meet Beth our NEW Coordinator. She is a qualified Primary Teacher and has transferred from Parkfield OSHClub (Bunbury).

At OSHClub we continue to provide a safe, caring and stimulating environment therefore we have planned activities centred round children's interest and the following learning outcomes:

- Week 1 & 2: Decorating our room – Children will develop a sense of identity; feel safe, secure and supported.
- Week 3 & 4: Dance/Music – Children will become confident and involved learners as they resource their own learning through connecting with people, technologies and processed materials.
- Each week we develop our physical skills through fitness and sport/games.

What you need to know:

- Our online enrolments are easy! Simply visit our website: www.oshclub.com.au and follow the prompts to create your account. Remember you have control over your bookings and cancellations.
- Please update your child's school year, emergency contact details and medical conditions
- OSHClub children are required to bring a drink bottle and hat on a daily basis.
- Please refrain from allow your child to bring their personal toys to OSHClub. We will have a "special toy day" soon. WATCH THIS SPACE!
- Attached is an invitation to Hammond Park OSHClub's fund raiser for the Australian Cancer Council.

Service Goal for Term 2:

We endeavour to provide a supportive learning environment that is vibrant and has flexible spaces to cater for different learning capacities and learning styles. An approach to supporting this goal is to obtain the following: clean recycling such as cereal boxes, containers, lids etc., a 2 seater couch for quiet reading and story-telling, clean clothes for dress up/family corner and as spare children's clothes for accidents/spills, clean socks for puppetry and craft making, children's books and toys, natural resources as glass stones, shells, glass jars, artificial grass etc for textile and sensory play. If you are able to donate any of these items we would appreciate it.

Kind Regards

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