



Hammond Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 4

The final school term of our foundation year began smoothly on Monday 13th October. We welcomed a number of new families to our school community. We also welcomed Mrs Jodie Peers as our new School Officer. Mrs Peers will be the friendly face at the front desk of our school office each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The term is already shaping up to be very busy as new enrolments flow into our school in readiness for the beginning of the 2015 school year.

Kindergarten Enrolment Week

Parents and caregivers of our 2015 Kindy students are invited to finalise their enrolment paperwork this week (Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October). At this time it is important to bring in your child's Birth Certificate, Immunisation Records and proof of your residency with our school's Local Intake Area (a current utilities bill, Immunisation Record, a rental contract or a building contract). When you complete the enrolment procedure you will be given a folder of information that includes School Contributions and Charges, a 2015 Kindergarten Information Booklet and a Uniform Order to help you plan expenditure for the new school year.

We look forward to meeting our 2015 Kindy students and their families at **"The Teddy Bears Picnic"** on **Wednesday 26th November between 9.30 and 10.30am in Murrumbidgee Block**. Don't forget to put this date in your diary!

Faction Athletics Carnival

What a spectacular sight it was to see our Kindergarten – Year 6 students marching to the oval in the Faction Parade last Friday morning to begin our inaugural Faction Carnival. It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic students dressed in their faction colours as they walked to the oval accompanied by marching music.

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The carnival was a huge success. A big thank you must go to all the parent helpers, teachers and education assistants for their support in ensuring the day was a positive sporting experience for all. Thank you must also go to Mrs McFadden, Mrs Hill and our gardener Mr Twedde, who worked tirelessly organizing the schedule for the day, marking the oval and putting up and taking down shade structures.

Thank you also must go to our hard working team of P&C members who delivered a tasty sausage sizzle for the students and their families to enjoy for lunch. We are certainly looking forward to next year's carnival!

The results of the carnival were as follows:

- 1st **Magnus** with 392 points
- 2nd **Creo** with 358 points
- 3rd **Laurus** with 298 points and
- 4th **Exulto** with 278 points

P&C

The next meeting of the P&C Association will be held on **Wednesday 5 November at 7.00pm**. All parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend this meeting. These meetings provide an opportunity for you to catch up on school events and meet and work with other parents to support the school and your children.

School Board

The next meeting of our School Board will be held in the Staff Room tomorrow evening **Wednesday 29th October at 7.00pm**.

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal

Library News

The library has been very busy at lunch time with the arrival of some new games including Uno, Connect 4 and Jenga. The library is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for students to enjoy some quiet time to read, play games with their friends and exchange books. We are preparing for our school Book Fair in week 7, stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter.



Swooping Magpies on our School Oval

Be Aware of Swooping Magpies

Male magpies are territorial and may swoop at people if they think their nest or offspring are being threatened. Be on the lookout for swooping magpies between August and October. Although this can be alarming, in most cases you can continue on your way, the bird will often retreat to a tree and watch until you leave its territory. Do not look towards the swooping bird and ask your children not to throw rocks or sticks at the birds. The Department of Parks and Wildlife encourage people to avoid known swooping areas and find an alternative route during the breeding period, also to encourage the wearing of a broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses to conceal your face and eyes. If swooped while riding a bike consider attaching cable ties to your helmet as a deterrent. Dismounting and walking your bike through the area can also help.



Hammond Park Primary School are very excited to get their next sustainability project up and running. We are going to build three compost bays, funded by the Waste Wise grant, so we can offset our carbon footprint and reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill.

When we conducted our whole school audit we discovered that food scraps made up a large proportion of waste that our school sends to landfill. Unfortunately, food that is sent to landfill rots away producing methane, which is a dangerous greenhouse gas. From November, all of our food scraps will be either feed to our composting worms or placed into the compost bays. Over time it will break down into luscious compost that we can use on our school gardens. This is another way to close the loop on recycling.

We want to make these compost bays using recycled materials. We are looking for star pickets, chicken wire and pallets. If you have any of these items lying around and taking up space, it would be fantastic if you could donate them to the school.

Stay tuned to hear about when we will be holding our Busy Bee. It would be great if you could come and assist with the construction of these compost bays.

Kind regards,
Nichola Butler

Faction Athletics Carnival



"Message You" : \SMS for absences 0437 780 341.

Reflections on the Faction Athletics Carnival from Year 3

The first faction carnival



I liked the running race.



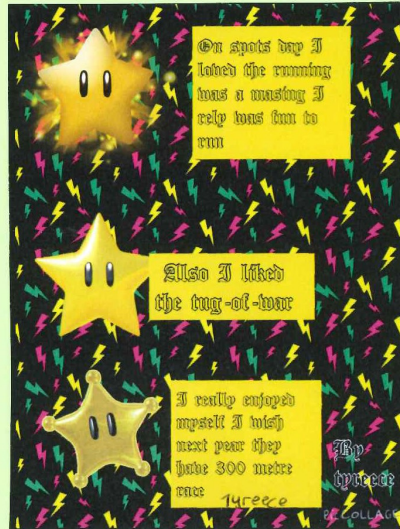
I loved the music for the faction march.



I wish for games with parents.

Makenzie

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By Tristan

Faction carnival



I really like how everyone joined in for the game

I really like that even if they came 4th they were still happy



What I wish for long jump for next year

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The First Faction Carnival



I liked the running race.



The parent and teacher tug of war was funny.



I wish next year we could have a teacher and parent running race.

Bruce

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Sports Carnival



I liked it when people didn't give up.



I enjoyed the 80 metre run.



I wish next year there's long jump.

By Juliana

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Sports carnival



I really liked the tug-of-war.



I really liked that everyone participated.



I wish that next year we have a tent for purple faction.

By Maddi

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Fantastic faction carnival



I really liked Tug-o-war and 80 metre running race

I really liked how everyone participated

I wish that they have Tug-o-War next year

By Jesrien

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Fabulous Faction Carnival

By Damiyah Noori



At the faction carnival I really liked Tug-a-War, because everyone worked together



At the carnival I liked Circular Tunnel Ball



I wish that next year at the carnival there are team songs

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2 STARS AND A WISH FOR THE FACTION CARNIVAL



I ENJOYED THAT EVERYONE PARTICIPATED



I ALSO ENJOYED THE RUNNING RACE AND THAT I CAME 1ST IN THE RUNNING RACE



I WISH NEXT YEAR OTHER PEOPLE COME 1ST PLACE AND EVERYONE IS HAPPY!

BY ENILA

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Dear Parents and Families

Welcome back to another term - the last term before the end of the year and what a busy year it has been at OSHClub.

We warmly welcome our new enrolments to our OSHClub family.

Here at OSHClub we promote **Healthy Eating** as it is essential to have a healthy lifestyle and good nutrition. We embed these practices in our daily menus. This week our healthy eating goal is **“Eat more fruits and vegetables and tasting Summer fruits”**.

This is designed to encourage children to try new fruits. Ask your children which new fruits they discovered this week and which ones they liked best.

During weeks 2 and 3 we will be focusing on cultural activities such as Halloween and Diwali.

Our Dress Up Day for Halloween is on Monday 27th October. Children can bring their Halloween costumes from home to wear in the afternoon session of OSHClub. New recipes from parents are more than welcome to share for Halloween week.

Fitness is a major part of our morning program. We engage in eye tracking/hand coordination, circuit fitness and sensory skills. Please ask your child what they did this morning? Ask your child what area of fitness are they improving on? You are welcome to join in our 10 minute fitness regime each day.

What You Need To Know:

- Please update online enrolments with emergency contacts, child's school year etc.
- Friendly reminder of OSHClub's policy on child "PICK UPS" from the service: Parents/Caregivers must call us, to inform Staff who is will be picking up your child from the service; this person must be 16 years and over and have photo identification.

Kind regards

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