Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Student Personal Items Lists for 2015**

Today, your eldest child at Hammond Park Primary School will be bringing home an envelope that contains a **Student Personal Items List** for the children in your family who will be attending our school in 2015. These lists have been approved by the School Board.

Please note that orders should be made online, or dropped into the school office on or before **Friday 21st November**. Payment for these orders is by cash or visa card only.

*Australia Post* will deliver your family’s orders for $7.50. If you are ordering online it is important that you click ‘**add a booklist**’ when ordering one or more lists online so that you don’t get charged twice for delivery. Alternatively, if you are ordering via the school office you should place all family orders into the one envelope so that you are only charged one delivery fee.

**Charges and School Contributions 2015**

A copy of our **Charges and School Contributions** for 2015, approved by the School Board, are included in the envelope sent home today. You can clearly see on the grid on the back of this document the expected charges for 2015 to help you plan for possible expenditure in the new school year.

**Charges and School Contributions 2015** can be paid online when lodging the **Student Personal Items List** or at the school office or by direct deposit to the school’s bank account:

- **Account Name**: Hammond Park Primary School
- **Bank**: Commonwealth
- **BSB**: 066040
- **Account No**: 19903274
- **Reference**: STUDENT NAME

Payment plans are also available. Please see our Business Manager, Mrs Sampson, if you wish to organize a payment plan.

A final statement of your 2014 Charges and School Contributions is also included in the envelope today. Unless your child is leaving the school at the end of this year, credit balances on this statement will be rolled over to your child’s account for 2015. If you are leaving the school please see our Business Manager Mrs Sampson to arrange a credit for the funds still available in your account.
Kindergarten Classes for 2015

Thank you to all those parents who have finalised enrolments for Kindergarten in 2015. Very soon you will receive a letter notifying you of your child’s class and Kindy days for 2015.

Teddy Bear’s Picnic

We look forward to meeting our 2015 Kindy students and their families at “The Teddy Bears Picnic” on Friday 26th November between 9.30 and 10.30am in Murrumbidgee Block. The Book Fair in the library will be open for half an hour after the Teddy Bear’s Picnic. Don’t forget to put this date in your diary!

Lapathon: Monday 17th November 9.30 – 10.00

On Monday 24th November, together with the family of Jimi (Lesane) Moyle, Hammond Park Primary School will take action against brain cancer. Our school community will be walking together around our school oval as part of the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation’s Walk4BrainCancer fundraising event taking place across Australia in November.

We ask all HPPS families to support this worthwhile cause by enabling your children to complete the walk and making a donation (large or small) before the day. Some of the money will go to support Walk4BrainCancer and some of the money will go to the Moyle family from our HPPS community.

Our brave Year One student Jimi and his family relocated to Hammond Park earlier this year, so that he could be close to Princess Margaret Hospital where he continues to receive treatment.

The Moyle family (Shamari, Rage, Jimi, Patience, Haze and Jennie and Daniel) face their second Christmas away from family and friends as they put their time and energy into making sure that Jimi has access to the very best of care from PMH.

You will also find a note about the lapathon in the envelope along with other information that has been sent home today. Please return the signed permission note to the school office so that your child/children can take part in the walk on Monday morning 24th November from 9.30 – 10.00. Please include your donation (in cash) to this worthwhile cause in an envelope with the permission slip.

K – PP students will walk for 10 minutes (9.30 – 9.40)  
Year 1 – 3 students will walk for 15 minutes (9.30 – 9.45)  
Year 4 – 6 students will walk for 20 minutes (9.30 – 9.50)  

Kindy students who don’t attend school on Mondays are most welcome to walk with their parents from 9.30 – 9.40.

P&C Fundraising Committee Meeting

Thank you to those parents who took time out of their busy schedule to attend the P&C Fundraising Committee meeting yesterday afternoon. Some very exciting things are being planned for the end of the year – stand by for more information!
Hammond Park Happenings

Book Fair
Get ready to catch the reading bug at Hammond Park Primary School’s first ever Book Fair!

The Book Fair will be held in the library in week 7, and we are looking for volunteers. If you can spare some time to assist during the opening hours below, or for set up and pack up please visit Davina in the library to put your name down.

Wednesday 26 November: 10:30 - 11am (for 2015 Kindy students)
Thursday 27 November: 8:15 - 9am and 2:45 - 3:45 pm
Friday 28 November: 8:15 - 9am and 2:45 - 3:45 pm
Monday 1 December: 2:45 - 3:45pm

Remembrance Day
Yesterday was Remembrance Day and the children in M3 were learning about the history behind this important day and the significance of the Red Poppy. The students read the poem ‘In Flanders Fields’ that talked about the red poppies that grew amongst the graves of soldiers from World War 1. The Red Poppy became the symbol to remember those that have given their lives so that we may be free. The students then made their own poppy to wear for the day.
On Friday 31st of October we had the team from Science Alive present a show at our school.

E1, F1 and F2's show was called, 'Our Blue Planet'. The blue planet is our Earth. It is one of the most exciting things to learn about.

During the incursion we learned the most amazing new facts about the sun, the Earth and the other planets. We also talked about things that we already knew.

There are 8 planets in the universe. They are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. We are very special to live on Earth. It is the only planet to have life! It is amazing and we need to make sure we look after it.

Most of the children in E1 loved the rocket explosion. It’s pretty cool to see the different chemical reactions that take place when you mix chemicals. Even enough power to make a rocket launch!

I can’t believe that our Earth is this spectacular! We all had lots of fun at the incursion. I really want to learn more about Earth, the Sun and the Moon.

Ashleigh Palfrey and E1
“Message You” : \SMS for absences 0437 780 341.
Enrolment Evening
Monday 17 November 2014
4.00pm to 6.30pm
Apply to enrol now for 2015

We provide high quality education for children from Years 7 to 12 in all secondary general course subjects including ATAR and vocational education. We also offer places in academic extension, rugby and netball courses.

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