



Hammond Park Primary School

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Please Note:

The final day of Term 4 is
Thursday 18 December.

Except for the Kindy students in Numbats and Wallabies who will finish up on Wednesday 17 December.

Term 1 of 2015 commences on Monday 2 February.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our Foundation Year 2014

As we approach the end of our Foundation Year it is time to reflect on all that has happened in our community since we 'opened for business' in Term one:

- School began for 221 students K – Year 6 on Monday 3 February.
- The Administration building, Murrumbidgee Block and Eucalyptus Block were handed over to us three days earlier in a flurry of last minute activity.
- Staff worked long days to set up their classrooms ready for the start of the school year.
- At last our school was operational and our community was pleased that their long awaited school was now a reality.
- Our students looked smart in their brand new Hammond Park uniforms.
- All students shared the one available play area until the Early Childhood playground was finished in week 3 of the term.
- Kapture Photography took some magnificent candid photos of our students at their new school that are displayed daily on the screen in the school office.
- Our ICT journey began with banks of iPads for K – 3 students and Macbooks for the Year 4/5/6 students. This journey leads us to our inaugural ICT Expo being held today and tomorrow in all classrooms.
- Our first Wastewise Audit was conducted and the data analysed. Wastewise grants were successful and our first compost bay and worm farms were established yesterday.
- Our P&C Association was launched in Term 2. A team of committed members and volunteers have worked together throughout the year to introduce some interesting fundraising ventures that will be extended in 2015.
- Our Hammond Park Primary Independent Public School Board was established. The Board has endorsed policy, processes and structures that will see our school forge forward in the future.
- OSHClub offer and run before and after school care and now operate from our Undercover Area.
- Our playground landscaping delivered unique and creative play opportunities for all students in all year levels.
- The first stage of our school orchard was planted. We have orange, lemon, lime and olive trees in the orchard.
- Lots of shade trees have been planted and continue to thrive under the expert care of our gardener.



- During Term 2, Stage 2 and 3 of the building program delivered two more teaching blocks, our library, an Undercover Area and our school oval.
- We have a Visual Arts Specialist Teacher, a Phys-Ed Specialist Teacher and a Drama Teacher.
- We took part in the 'National Simultaneous Storytime' in our new library on 21 May 2014.
- Our first set of formal school photos were taken.
- Year 3 and 5 students sat NAPLAN tests in May.
- Our school was officially opening on 27 June by the Minister for Education.
- Our students love our opening song "Que Sera". They all know and sing two verses of our National Anthem "Advance Australia Fair".
- Our inaugural Faction Athletics Carnival was held in week 3 of Term 4.
- Our factions have names – Creo, Laurus, Exulto and Magnus.
- Magnus was the winning faction this year.
- Teachers took students to lots of interesting places to consolidate learning at school.
- School Banking began in Term 4.
- Our first Year 6 students graduated from primary school to begin their secondary school career.
- Our P&C hosted a celebratory Disco for all students on Friday 5 December. Everyone received a gift from the P&C to acknowledge the end of our Foundation Year.

I am very proud of our school, our students, our teachers and our supportive community. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our Business Manager and School Officer who ensure that our school runs efficiently and effectively every day. Our teachers and Education Assistants are highly effective in providing teaching and learning opportunities for each and every student in our school.

We look forward to welcoming new teachers, students and their families to Hammond Park Primary School next year as we continue "Learning Together Every Day" in 2015.

Semester Two School Reports

All students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 will receive their Semester Two report next Tuesday. Please take the time to share this report with your children and celebrate the progress they have made both socially and academically over the course of the year. It is also important to speak with your children about their goals for learning in 2015.

Holidays

School holidays begin on Thursday 18th December for all students in PP - Year 6. Quendas and Possums Kindergarten students attend school for the last time on Wednesday 17th December. Numbats and Wallabies will have their final day of Kindergarten on Thursday 18th December.

Hammond Park Happenings

School Watch

Over the school holidays it is important to keep an eye on our school. If you see any suspicious activity in or around the school please call **Ed Security on 92644771**.

You are most welcome to continue using the basketball courts and the oval during the school break. Please remember to pick up after your dogs if you bring them to the oval. It is also important that bikes, scooters and skateboards are NOT ridden on the basketball courts as they damage the surface and leave marks that are difficult to remove. Thank you for your understanding.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the team at HPPS, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday! We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2015**.

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal



Peninsula Farm Excursion

Last Friday the Year 4, 5 and 6 students attended an excursion at Peninsula Farm (Tranby House) in Maylands. We have been studying the settlement of the Swan River Colony and were lucky enough to be able to visit the original residence of the Hardy Family who settled at Peninsula Farm in 1839.

We had a tour of the original house and learnt how the early settlers lived their daily lives. We also had the opportunity to weigh rations and find out how little food was available for the workers who came out from England with the Hardys. We heard how the settlers communicated and we created letters using cross-writing (a form of writing used to save paper and postage). It is hard to imagine how people kept in contact without modern technology! To finish the day off we did some persuasive sketching.

We had a great day and would recommend a visit to Peninsula Farm to all families.

Steph Jankowska
Classroom Teacher
Hammond Park Primary School







Dhvani and Asher holding the books we received from the Book Fair.



Aryahi and Yasmin holding the books from the Bankwest Happy Communities grant.

Library News

Thank you for the wonderful support for our very first book fair, the money raised has already been used to select a wonderful collection of new books for the library. Several parents were instrumental in the smooth running of the fair both in the lead up and during the week, thank you for your ongoing support for our school.

We have also received \$1000 of new books that were selected with money received from the Bankwest Happy Communities grant. These new books will certainly make for some very happy readers in 2015.

As the end of the year is rapidly approaching all students have finished borrowing from the library. Please take the time to have a look at home and in school bags to ensure that all books are returned promptly.

Well done to Kayleigh who had the closest guess for how many worms were in the jar (at our Book Fair), there were 265!"







Success Dental Therapy Centre

Children going into high school next year are still eligible for dental treatment up to year 11. If you change your address please notify the clinic as all appointments will be posted home.

The Success Dental Therapy Centre will be closed over the Christmas break from the 23/12/2014 - 28/01/2015. For emergencies over the holidays, please contact Mount Henry Dental Therapy Centre during normal working hours on 9313 0522 from the 23/12/2014 - 23/01/2015.

We would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday.



Christmas artwork by Kindy student Kobi



HAMMOND PARK OSH CLUB WEEK 9 2014

HO! HO! HO! HO!

Time to celebrate the festive season.

What a wonderful year it has been in OSHClub with beautiful children and families. New families have enrolled in OSHClub during the year and we hope to see more next year. We all had wonderful times engaging in plenty of activities and celebrating festive seasons of different cultures. Children were involved in outdoor activities in the morning and afternoon fitness sessions.

What you need to know:

- Christmas dress up day is on 17th Dec 2014.
- OSHClub will be closed from 19th Dec-1st Jan 2015. We will see you all back in new year 2015.
- Please update online enrolments with emergency contacts, child's school year etc.
- Donations are always welcome from families, i.e. dresses for our family corner, toys etc.
- Holiday programs are available during the school holidays in nearby centres. Please check and make your online booking by visiting our website : www.oshclub.com.au

Hope you all have a good festive season and "**A HAPPY NEW YEAR**".

Kind Regards

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