



# Hammond Park Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Caregivers

The 2015 school year has begun very smoothly. We have established sixteen classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 to accommodate 350 students.

Many new families have enrolled at Hammond Park Primary School. These families have joined us from other public schools in Western Australia and from overseas locations such as Great Britain, India, New Zealand and Indonesia. A small number of students have joined us from other non-government schools in the local area. I would like to extend a warm welcome to these new members of our rapidly growing Hammond Park community.

As the year begins, it is an exciting time for our newest students – our Kindergarten students and their parents as they take the first step in their educational journey. I hope you all enjoy your first year at Hammond Park Primary School and take every opportunity to become active participants in our school community, meet new people and develop lasting friendships.

Our school motto “*Learning Together Every Day*” reinforces the values that underpin our approach to education. Our school is a community where we work in partnership with families to provide the best education possible for your children.

I would like to sincerely thank you all for ensuring that your children are well-prepared for the new school year. I am delighted with the number of children who are proudly wearing their school uniform – they look amazing!

## ***New Staff and Classes for 2015***

I would like to warmly welcome the new teachers and Education Assistants who have joined our ‘Foundation Team’.

Classes have been established to ensure that we have plenty of room for future enrolments that will surely join our growing school during the year. By establishing composite (split) classes in most year levels it is less likely that we will have to reconfigure classes during the year.

Our classes and teachers for 2015 are:

- K (M5) Quendas and Numbats: Ms Ebony Mansfield, Mrs Danielle Dunn and Mrs Terri Pitter
- K (M4) Possums and Wallabies: Ms Lisa Taylor, Mrs Kym van Rongen and Mrs Cathryn Guy
- PP (M1): Mrs Kate King, Mrs Kym van Rongen and Mrs Julie Bright
- PP (M2): Ms Su Lim, Mrs Danielle Dunn, Mrs Christina Stivaletta and Mrs Sue Vanzon
- PP (M3): Ms Ashleigh Yates, Mrs Yvonne Scott and Mrs Von Bennett
- Year 1 (E1): Ms Debra Beesley
- Year 1 (E2): Mrs Ryah Hadden-Cochrane

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- Year 1/2 (E3): Mrs Andrea McFadden
- Year 1/2 (E4): Mrs Anna Pol
- Year 2/3 (G1): Mr Brandon Docking
- Year 3 (G2): Mrs Nichola Butler and Mr Jonathan Kurtjak
- Year 3/4 (G4): Ms Amy Wilson
- Year 4/5 (F2): Mr Rod Brennan
- Year 5/6 (F1): Ms Steph Jankowska
- Visual Arts Specialist: Mrs Michelle Gilks
- Drama Specialist: Mr Jonathan Kurtjak
- Physical Education Specialist: Mr Brian Ellam

### ***SMS Messaging***

SMS messaging “Message You” is in place at HPPS. This service alerts you if you haven’t notified your child’s teacher or the school office that your child is going to be absent from school on that day.

If your child is marked absent on the roll by their teacher, in the morning, without an explanation from you, a text message will be sent to your mobile phone at approximately 11.00am on that day.

If you receive a message you can reply by text message or by phoning the school, to assure us that your child is safe and with you.

You are also welcome to notify the school at any time that your child is going to be absent by text message on the following number: **0437780341**.

### ***Request from Mrs Gilks in the Art Room***

Mrs Gilks needs a few things that you may have at home and would be willing to donate to the Art Room to support her Term One programs:

- High fashion magazines such as Vogue, Scoop, Cleo, Marie Claire etc. that show good quality images of faces.
- Calendars or pictures featuring animals (for animal portraiture)
- Ring pulls from soft drink cans - only the ring pulls please, not cans!
- Nuts, bolts, screws, washers etc.

Mrs Gilks would also like to remind all children that they need to bring an art shirt (a big old shirt will do!) clearly marked with their name.

Regards  
Jennifer Lee  
Principal