



Hammond Park Primary School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Newsletters and School Communication

School newsletters are available each fortnight in even weeks of each term. Although we have sent home hard copies of the newsletter in week one and week two this year, this will not be continued throughout the remainder of the year.

Our newsletter is launched onto our website: <http://hammondparkps.wa.edu.au/> and a link to this website is accessible from our school's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hammond-Park-Primary-School-an-Independent-Public-School>

Some of you will have already registered on the website to receive notification via email that our newsletter has been delivered to your inbox. If you are having difficulties registering to receive this notification please see our front office staff and they will be happy to help you.

Other important documents such as the term planner and uniform orders are always available for download on the website.

Class excursion permission notes will be sent home in hard copy, so please check or regularly ask your children if they have a note in their bag. If you require more than one copy of these notes please see the class teacher who will be happy to accommodate this request.

Parent Meetings

Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend Parent Meetings over the last two weeks. The meetings provided a terrific opportunity for you to meet your child/children's teacher/s and hear about their classroom structures and the academic program that is in place. I know that some parents have made appointments to meet with teachers to further discuss the individual needs of their children. If you weren't able to attend the Parent Meeting please make sure you ask the teachers for a copy of the booklet that was handed out on the day.

A big thank you must go to all of our teachers for delivering a comprehensive overview of their expectations and support of your children in 2015 at their recent Parent Meetings.

Playing Before School and After School

At HPPS we have a policy of no play (on playground equipment or with sports equipment) before school. This policy is in place to ensure that your children are safe as there is no supervision in the playground before school. This practice also ensures that your children are calm and ready to start learning when they are invited in to their classrooms at 8.40am.

If your children arrive at school before 8.40am they should put their bag outside their classroom and then move to the alcove of Eucalyptus Block where they will be supervised until they are released to go to their classroom. We encourage students not to arrive at school before 8.20am where possible.

At the end of the school day when students are once again in the care of parents, it would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that they play

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safely and respectfully on the play equipment. This is especially important in the Murrumbidgee (Early Childhood playground) where children have been seen climbing up the poles of the shade structure and running and jumping on the sandpit covers. We appreciate your support in making sure that our play equipment is kept in good condition and can be used and enjoyed by all students every day.

School Gates and Late Arrivals

All school gates are open in the mornings before school. They are then locked down at 9.10am each day. This practice is in place to ensure that all visitors report to the school office. If your children arrive at school after 9.00am they must pick up a late note at the office. This note is then taken to their class teacher and the attendance roll is then updated.

Please note that all gates except for the gate near the basketball courts (to allow for pick up from OSHClub) will be locked at 3.30pm every day.

On-entry Assessment for Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2

As of this week and over the next two weeks all students in Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2 will be part of the Department of Education's ***On-entry Assessment Program***.

The main purpose of the program is to provide teachers with an opportunity, early in the year, to gather further information on the current literacy and numeracy skills and understanding of the children in their class. The information will then be used by teachers to develop targeted programs to meet the individual needs of all children.

The results of the test for your child/children will be presented to you in a report later in the year.

Today all Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be bringing home a hard copy of a letter and key messages relating to the assessments.

If you require further information about these assessments please see your child's teacher.

OSHClub

Following recent discussions with OSHClub and in response to the queries of a number of parents in relation to the availability of out of school hours care on Professional Learning/Student Free Days at the beginning of each term this year (Monday April, Monday 20th July and Monday 12th October) the following advice has been communicated to the school:

- On these days, an attendance of fifteen children or more is required
- OSHClub will survey the community to see if this service is viable
- Families would be notified well in advance if the service isn't viable.

Please note that when further information comes to hand we will be sure to let you know. Current OSHClub families will also be notified via OSHClub.

**Don't forget that the HPPS P&C Annual General Meeting will be held tonight:
Wednesday 25th February in the school Staff Room at 7.00pm**

Regards

Jennifer Lee

Principal



P & C News

P&C AGM 2015

Wednesday 25th February @ 7pm in the Staff Room

The AGM is open to all members of the school community and it is an opportunity to join the committee and contribute to a growing team of volunteers supporting our expanding school.

All committee positions will be declared vacant (including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 x General Committee) along with positions on sub-committees. If you have an interest in joining the Executive Committee, please contact either Lianne Clark (President) or Bethwyn Macukat (Secretary) via email hammondparkpac@gmail.com or find the P&C on Facebook.

Membership fees for the P&C are \$1 and those intending to nominate for a position or vote are required to become a financial member. Membership forms will be available at the AGM.

Meetings for 2015

General meetings for the P&C are held on Wednesday @ 7pm in Week 4 & 8 of each term in the Staff Room. Sub-committees meet at other nominated times (depending on elected members).

Events for 2015

Keep an eye out for details on these events coming up in Term 1!

Friday March 13th – Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday April 1st – Easter Raffle

Executive Committee Roles & Responsibilities

A P&C cannot function without a team of volunteers to steer it in the right direction and keep its goals aligned with those of the school. Below is a brief outline of some of the key roles on the committee. If you think you can assist in one of these roles then please contact us. We're always looking for more volunteers.

President

Chair meetings and ensure they run according to agenda.

Signatory on accounts.

Ensure P&C operates according to rules and Constitution.

Vice President

Chair meetings and run the P&C in the absence of the President.

Represent the President on sub-committees.

Secretary

Maintain all records for the P&C

Provide notice of meetings, organise an agenda with the Chair and provide accurate minutes of each meeting.

Deal with correspondence.

Maintain a Membership Register.

Signatory on accounts.

Ensure the P&C operates according to rules and Constitution.

Treasurer

Maintain all financial records for the P&C

Present a report on financial position at each meeting.

Prepare books for audit.

Signatory on accounts.

MultiLit

We are pleased to advise that Hammond Park Primary School will be implementing the MULTILIT program this year. MULTILIT is a research initiative of Macquarie University and stands for Making Up Lost Time in Literacy. MULTILIT is an educational program for low progress readers, aimed at students in Year 2 and above. The program is clearly set out and follows a routine of word attack skills, sight word recognition and oral reading.

Volunteers required

We are currently targeting a small number of students requiring this additional support, but would like to make this program available for more students. For this to occur we are appealing to parents, grandparents or community members who would be willing to volunteer some of their time each week to assist. In order to be effective, the program needs a reliable commitment for at least one 30 minute session per week (more if you are really keen!). Volunteers find it rewarding to contribute to improving a child's reading skills and confidence, and in addition, they learn skills that they can apply to their own children or grandchildren.

How do I participate?

Training and support will be given to new volunteers, where you will be shown through the structured program. DVDs are also available to make the training process easy! After training, one or two children will be assigned to you, dependent upon your available time. Training times will be arranged at a later date to suit all. Unfortunately it is not possible to bring toddlers when volunteering.

Please help - just 30 minutes a week can make a huge difference to a child's learning experience and self confidence.

If you would like to volunteer or discuss this before committing yourself, please call Rebecca Fowler on the school number Ph: 9494 3200.



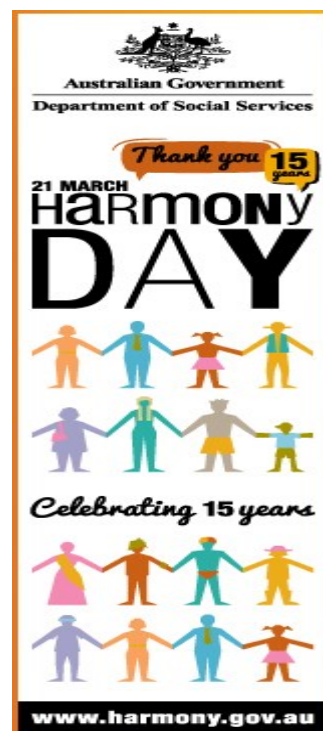
National Harmony Day

'Hammond Park Primary School will be celebrating National Harmony Day on the 23rd of March.

The key message for this special day is “**everyone belongs**”. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

To provide our students with a rich cultural experience we are asking you, as an important member of our school community, to share your culture with us on Harmony Day. If you would like to be part of this wonderful event or if you would be willing to work with a group of children and share activities from your culture such as dancing, food and cooking, arts and crafts, stories or games please email Mr Docking our Year 2/3 teacher @

brandon.docking@education.wa.edu.au. Activities will run for 30 minutes and should be appropriate for all age groups.



New shade structures have been installed behind the library and over the kindy play equipment..



Community Notices

Please note:

The next school Assembly will be held in week 6 on Wednesday 11 March at 2.15pm.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 25 Feb - P&C AGM.

Mon 2 Mar - Labour Day Public Holiday.

Wed 11 Mar - Assembly

What's on for families at Cockburn Libraries

Storytime—Ages 2-5 With five sessions happening each week across the three branches don't miss our Storytime program. Stories, activities, crafts, rhymes, songs, and special guests provide a fun and appealing morning for children and parents. Sessions are designed to develop literacy, numeracy, fine motor skill development, and socialisation.

Bookstars – Ages 5+ Aimed at developing a love of reading as well as fostering the skills needed to be a great reader, the sessions are planned and run by a qualified and experienced teacher. Borrow, read and keep a record of the books from our Ready, Steady, Go collection and receive a certificate to mark your progress. Meetings are held once a month at Success Library.

LEGO – Ages 5+ LEGO club is a great way to spend an afternoon. With monthly meetings at all branches you can use the library's LEGO to create something amazing.

School Holidays

During the school holidays we have a range of activities available for school aged children including special guests, gaming, craft and more.

visit: www.library.cockburn.wa.gov.au

Spearwood 9411 3800, Coolbellup 9411 3830, Success 9411 3840

KidSport Program

KidSport is a partnership between the Department of Sport and Recreation and local governments. It's a voucher scheme which gives eligible youth aged 5-18 years up to \$200 a year per child towards club fees.

If you want to sign-up for KidSport contact the City of Cockburn's **Club Development Officer on 9411 3444** or visit www.clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport.

"Message You" : \SMS for absences 0437 780

Message from your Community School Health Nurse:

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Kristen Cousins, and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me via the School Office. I have attached some healthy Lunchbox Tips below:

Back to school.....what to make for lunch today?

Are you constantly asking yourself this question as you busily get ready for the day ahead? Children need a healthy school lunch to boost their energy and help them concentrate and learn in the afternoon, so we asked our Health Promotion Team here at CACH for their top tips.

Lunchbox tips:

Use a variety of breads to make sandwiches more fun

Use biscuit cutters to cut sandwiches and fruit into different shapes

Pack your own snacks in a snap lock bag or brown paper bag decorated with stickers. A cheaper and healthier alternative to pre-packaged snacks.

Use a frozen ice brick or drink and an insulated lunchbox to keep the food cold

Include a non-food surprise e.g. a joke, sticker or note

Encourage your children to be involved in the preparation of their lunch. When children are involved in food preparation they are more likely to experiment with different types of foods.

Think outside the box; try frittata, boiled egg, popcorn and rice paper rolls to keep lunches interesting!

According to the Australian Dietary Guidelines children aged 4-8 years should aim daily for 1½ serves of fruit; 4½ serves of vegies; 1½-2 serves of dairy; 4 serves of bread, cereals and grains; and 1½ serves of meat. For more information on what is considered a 'serve' and for other healthy lunch ideas visit [HealthyWA](#) or the [Raising Children Network](#).



OSHClub



HAMMOND PARK OSHCLUB WEEK 4 2015

Welcome back to in another year with OSH Club in Hammond Park!!

The 2015 year has begun very smoothly. Many new families have enrolled at Hammond Park OSHClub. Most of them are Kindergarten children. I hope you all will enjoy your first year in OSHClub Hammond Park with fun activities, fitness, art and craft, and cooking activities.

OSH Club Philosophy:

OSHClub provides the highest quality After School Care and Before School Care.

Our programs are designed with working with families in mind, ensuring that they can contribute in their work environment without concerns about the safety and care of their children.

OSHClub provides Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Programs which meet the diverse needs of parents and children in the local community.

During the first three weeks of this term we have developed relationships with new families and with new children, getting to know each other. Children are working on their portfolios, Birthday Calendar and other art activities. Since the beginning of the year, OSHClub has been working towards the goal of establishing all areas of play including the Family Corner with more new resources. Donations are always appreciated; parents are free to bring donations for our rest area and dress up corner.

What you need to know:

- We have children with nut, dairy and egg allergies as well as Gluten free children at our service. If you have any tasty snack ideas or recipes for After School that everyone can enjoy together please send us your suggestions.
- In WA we must wear our sunhats all year round. Children with no hats unfortunately will not be able to play outside. If you would like to leave a hat here for your child we will store it in a safe hygienic place so they never miss out on outside play.
- OSHClub provides sun cream. If your child is allergic to a particular type of sun cream please inform Coordinator (Ravneer) at the program.
- There are a number of children with health and allergy requirements at the program. We ask all Parents/ Guardians to please make sure updated action plans are given to the OSH Club Coordinator to copy. If your child requires an Epi-pen, please make sure the Epi-Pen is stored at the program. If you would like a copy of OSHClub's anaphylaxis policy please feel free to ask the OSHClub Coordinator.

OSH CLUB BRAND PROMISE:

"Happy Children Learning".

Kind Regards

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