



# Hammond Park Primary School

11TH MARCH 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

## ***National Day of Action against Bully and Violence***

All classes have been working with their teachers and friends to strengthen our school's existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on **Friday, 20 March 2015**. The theme of this year's ***National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence*** is "Bullying. No way!" All children will receive a wristband and have a class photo taken showing them being strong and taking a stand against bullying and violence.

## ***NAPLAN***

The annual National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (***NAPLAN***) testing for our Year 3 and 5 students will be held from Tuesday 12th May to Friday 15th May. All students (unless they have been formally exempt) will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The data from ***NAPLAN*** gives schools and systems the ability to compare their students' achievements against national standards and with student achievement in other states and territories. It also allows the monitoring of student progress over time.

All students in Years 3 and 5 will soon bring home a ***NAPLAN*** information brochure. If you require any more information about ***NAPLAN*** tests after reading this brochure please feel free to talk to your child's teacher or contact a member of the administration team.

***NAPLAN*** is scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May, Thursday 14 May and catch up sessions on Friday 15 May.

## ***No Playing Before School***

As you are all aware, at HPPS we have a policy of no play (on playground equipment or with sports equipment) before school. This policy is enforced 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. Please encourage your children (Years 1 – 6) to put their bag outside their classroom when they arrive at school and then move to Eucalyptus Block alcove where they will be supervised until 8.40am.

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### ***Funky Hair Day this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March***

This Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March our P&C Association encourage your children to join in our 'Funky Hair Day' as part of the 'World's Greatest Shave' in support of the Leukaemia Foundation. With your support children can wear their hair in a 'funky' style....anything goes: scrunchies, colours, spikes, waves, curls, toy animals! If you can wear it in your hair – it can be part of Funky Hair Day!

On the day, all students should bring a \$2 gold coin donation that will be sent to the Leukaemia Foundation on their behalf. Thank you to our P&C Fund-raising Committee member Jody Anderson for coordinating this event.

### ***Prefects and Faction Captains***

Congratulations to our new student leadership group. Four Prefects and four Faction Captains received their badges at our assembly this afternoon. These student leaders were chosen by the Year 4, 5 and 6 students following an application process. The following students are our Prefects: Tahj Loo, Daniel Grimm, Paige Wardale and Eric Babu. The Faction Captains are: Isabella Perrera (Exulto), Tom Biju (Laurus), Lucas Christie (Magnus) and Shantelle Aguilar (Creo).

### ***Anzac Cottage and the Worm Shed***

Over the past week all students in Years 1 – 6 have had the opportunity to embed learning done during class time by visiting Anzac Cottage in Mount Hawthorn or working, at school, with Kevin from the Worm Shed. Opportunities like these are so important and enrich learning experiences for all children. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered to help supervise students on their excursion to Anzac Cottage. We hope you also enjoy learning about worm farms and ways to improve the condition of our planet from the students who enjoyed making their own worm farms. Please enjoy the photos of the Worm Shed incursions in this newsletter.

Regards

Jennifer Lee

Principal



# P & C News

The P&C recently held the 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and elected a wonderful group of parents to roles across all committees within the P&C. Those representing you and your school on the P&C this year are;

President: Lianne Clark

Vice President: Amelia Palfrey

Secretary: Bethwyn Macukat

Treasurer: Elavarasi Batmarathen

General Committee: Kirsti Armstrong, Daniela Rebelo, Rebecca Woodward and Clare Poole.

Fundraising Committee: Jody Anderson, Rebecca Sheridan, Ashlee James, Tamara Ansell, Rebecca Woodward and Clare Poole.

School Banking Officers: Jodi Newman, Rebecca Alcock and Suzie Bester.

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM and nominated for a role within the P&C.

The P&C cannot run without a dedicated group of volunteers, but new members and volunteers are always welcome. If you want to know more about the P&C or to become a member, please contact us on [hammondparkpac@gmail.com](mailto:hammondparkpac@gmail.com) or come along to the next meeting. You can take up membership at any meeting for the fantastic price of \$1. Membership of the P&C allows you to nominate for any vacant positions, vote at any meeting and to also get all of the latest news delivered to your inbox. You can also find us on Facebook.

The next P&C meeting will be held in Week 8 on **Wednesday 25th March at 7pm in the Staff Room.**

## TERM 1 EVENTS

Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> – Funky Hair Day. Students can attend school sporting their best funky or weird hair-style. Bring along a gold coin donation and help the Leukaemia Foundation. This event has been organised by Jody Anderson and is supported by the P&C.

Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Raffle. Notes will go home soon with more information.

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – IMPORTANT NEWS!

The Hammond Park P&C Fundraising Committee is a group of enthusiastic and friendly parents who plan, organise and co-ordinate all of the Fundraising activities throughout the school year. Our main aim for 2015 is to raise enough funds to begin utilising the school canteen for special events and morning tea / lunches on a semi-regular basis. We meet fortnightly and all parents, friends and interested parties are welcome to join us. We discuss upcoming events and ideas for future fundraising.

Our next meeting will be held **Thursday 19th of March, 2015 at 9:10am in the Staffroom.**

Everyone is welcome.

How can you help with fundraising? Volunteer some time when events come up, put forward your ideas and when the committee require returned notes and money, please ensure it is in by the cut-off date and that you have enclosed the correct money. These simple actions will help events to run smoothly and be fun for all involved.

# Worm Farm Incursion

On Monday Kevin from the Worm Shed came to our school to help us make a worm farm. Our school won lots of money from the City of Cockburn to pay for the incursion.

Kevin showed us a slide show all about worms. He taught us how they eat, have babies, how they help the environment and he even showed us a diagram of a worm.

After the slide show was finished we got to hold the worms and we got to use the magnifying glass to see them up close and to see if they had a saddle. If they have a saddle, it means that they are an adult.

When we had finished holding the worms it was time to make our own worm farm in our plastic bottles. First we put newspaper in the bottle, then wet sand, then a little bit of dry sand and some grass. Then we put our worms in and to protect our worms from the sun, we put some newspaper on top of the worms. After that, we got a big piece of newspaper folded it in half and sticky taped it onto our bottle to provide shade for the worms because they do not like the sun at all. Last of all, we folded a little piece of newspaper as a blanket and then we wet it to keep them cool.

We will be taking our worms home soon but we have to learn how to look after them. Then after the worms have turned all of the grass, wet sand, dry sand and newspaper it will be worm poo and then we put it on our plants and BOOM! Your plants will grow nice and big and healthy.

Our school is building its own worm farm using some of money we won from the Waste Wise grant. We are buying 2kg of worms off Kevin to start off our worm farm. It will be great to be able to recycle so much of our waste and turn it onto fabulous worm poo instead of sending it to landfill. Hopefully soon we will have luscious vegetable gardens around our school.

WORMS ARE ..... AWESOME!!!

By Lucy Parker and G3



# School News



## DATES TO REMEMBER

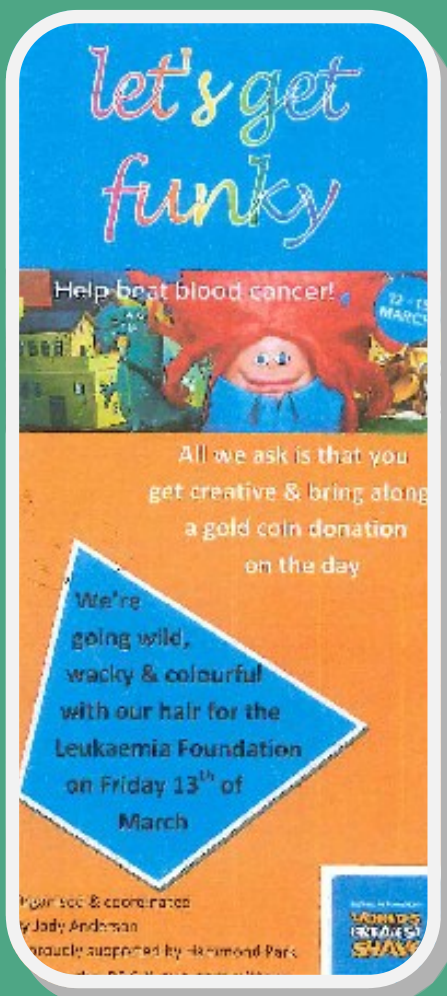
Wed 18 Mar -  
School Board

Thu 19 Mar -  
National Day  
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Against Bully-  
ing & Violence

Fri 20 - B Divi-  
sion Summer  
Carnival

Mon 23 - Har-  
mony Day

Wed 25 - P&C  
Meeting



It is time to start thinking of ordering your children's winter uniforms.

The Uniform Order Form is available from our website or at the office. We have limited stocks available for purchase immediately, otherwise please leave us your order form and the uniforms will be available for collection by the last week of this term.

Congratulations Kiara Brown for winning four medals at Little Athletics.



# Community Notices

## Did you know that over one third of parents of school age children admit to having never had their children's vision checked?

As a local member of the community, and the father of two fantastic children, I am very passionate about making sure the children of Cockburn have access to quality Optometry services. At Laubman & Pank Optometrists we can assess your children's vision, because as you know good vision plays an important role in school performance, and also in their physical and social development. We recommend every child has their vision checked before starting school, and each year thereafter—right the way through primary and high school.

With Bulkbilling available to all Medicare Card Holders we are well placed to look after your student's vision and eye health.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Lost Bicycle

A child's bicycle was left at the school on Friday 6 March, please see us in the office if you are missing a bike.

**“Message You” : \SMS for absences 0437 780**



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## Mandarin Classes

### Give your child the competitive edge!

China has overtaken America to become the world's largest economy, according to the International Monetary Fund and Chinese is the most spoken language in the world.

With China being Australia's biggest trading partner, it would be advantageous for us to learn the Chinese language, Mandarin.

Agape Centre for Excellence conducts Mandarin/Chinese language program designed to:

- equip you to converse, read and write in Mandarin.
- learn about the Chinese culture, traditions, festivals and virtues such as "XiaoDao" (Respect parents) and "QianRang" (Modesty)

A qualified and experienced native speaking Chinese teacher conducts our program. The class size is kept small (maximum 8 students) so students have more attention. The program is highly interactive to keep the students engaged.

Students will be individually assessed and provided with materials tailored for their level.

**Investment:** \$450.00 (2 sessions x 10 weeks x 45 mins sessions)

**Class Levels for both adults and children**  
Foundation/ Elementary/ Intermediate/ Advanced

\*Individual tuition also available



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## Creative Maths

### April Holiday Programs

Stimulate intellectual curiosity, promote discovery and develop creativity, mathematical thinking and problem solving skills this holiday! Lessons introduced here are based on strong mathematical concepts that aim to nurture the creativity in the child and also develop his/her interests and ability in solving problems.

**Tuesday, 7 April 2015**

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Investment: \$75**

Time: 1 - 4pm

#### Young Magician (Year 3 - 6)

Your kids will discover the hidden Mathematics principles behind magic, become more analytical, gain speed in mental calculation and become sharper in observational and visualisation skills. It's a fun and creative way to build Mathematics skills, and give your kids the tricks of magic to pull out at their next party — while discovering how amazing Mathematics can be!

#### Games Strategising and Design (Year 3 - 6)

Ignite your child's interest for Mathematics with what they like best — Games! Children will be exposed to a variety of Maths games, as they strengthen their Maths concepts, learn winning strategies and design new Maths games. Through the game creation, children will develop their higher order thinking skills such as analytical skills, creativity and evaluation.

**Wednesday, 8 April 2015**

Year 3 & 4 : 9.30 - 12.30pm

**Investment: \$75**

Year 5 & 6 : 1 - 4pm

#### Maths Problem Solving Skills

In this holiday workshop, your child will be given a wide variety of questions so as to train his/her ability to identify and apply the most effective problem solving strategy. Your child will learn

- How to use the different problem solving strategies,
- To identify critical information in the question,
- To identify missing information or redundant data,
- To organise and connects the information,
- To identify one or more most-effective strategy to use, e.g. guess and check, model drawing, logical reasoning, pattern recognition, etc.

**Thursday, 9 April 2015**

Time: 9.30 - 1pm

**Investment: \$75**

#### Fun with Maths Craft (Year 1 - 4)

Enjoy the fun of learning Maths with craft making! Children will be taught to make interesting Maths craft and pick up different Maths concept such as geometry, fraction and symmetry. They also get to unleash their creativity while solving puzzles of crafts. Children will get to bring back and play with some of the Math crafts that they have made.



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## HAMMOND PARK OSH CLUB WEEK 6

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children of OSH Club,

We regret to inform you that Hammond Park OSH Club Assistant Gabriel Hurtz is leaving on 10<sup>th</sup> of March. We take this opportunity to thank him for the contribution in providing fun activities and good caring for the children throughout the year and sharing his knowledge with us. We wish him all the best in his near future for his new career and studies.

At OSH Club we continue to provide child-interest program therefore the next 2 weeks children will participate and learn the skills of hand-ball, children will become confident and creative learners as they will enjoy painting. Presently, OSH Club children are involved in fitness circuits and sporting games. We appreciate your support and feedback what would you like to see happen at this service.

We welcome Jessica Nguyen, who will be the permanent assistant replacing Gabriel Hurtz alongside your coordinator Ravneer Kaur, they will assist you in any queries you may have regarding your online enrolment, medical conditions and will provide best edu-care for your children.

Please visit the service located in undercover area for more information regarding OSH Club's policies and philosophy.

### What you need to know:

- Please ensure that your child's medical condition is specifically expressed to staff. We endeavour to provide the best care for your child. Please provide a copy of your child's immunised records as soon as possible for updates.
- We are collecting empty glass jars with the lids for our environmental activities.
- Please update online enrolments with emergency contacts, child's school year etc.

***Education is what remains after one has forgotten  
what one has learned in school. ~Albert Einstein.***

Kind regards

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