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# Hammond Park Primary School

29TH APRIL 2015

ISSUE 5

### **Dear Parents and Caregivers**

### Welcome to Term Two

Term Two began very smoothly for everyone, including eleven new students and two new teachers. I would like to warmly welcome our new students and their families to our school community. I am also very pleased to welcome Mrs Sherrylee Webb as our Year 3 teacher and Ms Stacey Hunter as our Year 5/6 teacher. Mrs Webb replaces Mrs Nichola Butler who has joined the administration team as an Associate Principal and Ms Hunter has replaced Ms Steph Jankowska who has taken up a new challenge as Principal of Tammin Primary School. Mrs Webb and Ms Hunter have enjoyed a most successful first week as part of the team of dedicated teachers at our school.

### School Board Meeting

Our first School Board meeting for Term Two will be held next Wednesday evening (6 May) at 7.00pm in the Staff Room. This meeting is an 'Open Meeting'. If you would like to come to this School Board meeting you are most welcome to attend as an observer.

### ANZAC Assembly

Our inaugural ANZAC Commemorative Service was held last Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April to remember and acknowledge the centenary of the first ANZAC Day. Our Year 5/6 class hosted the assembly in fine style, in front of approximately one hundred parents, relatives and friends. I would like to congratulate the Year 5/6 students who worked so hard with Ms Hunter, Mr Kurtjak and Mr Hunt to present a polished performance that acknowledged the ANZAC tradition and the true spirit of ANZAC Day from 1915 to the present time. The students sang the stirring song "We are Australian" as a tribute to the diversity of our great nation.

### **REMEMBER:**

- ⇒ Mother's Day Stall orders due into office by Thursday 30 April.
- ⇒ Book Club orders due by Tuesday 5 May.
- ⇒ NAPLAN Testing being held on 12,13, 14 May.
- ⇒ "Message You" : \SMS for absences 0437 780 341.

Sincere thanks must go to Major Rachel Brennan of the Australian Army who spoke to the assembly. Major Brennan clearly presented connections between ANZAC Day and the present. She also included some very important links to the values that closely align with our school rules and ethos.

Thank you also to our School Board Chairperson Mr Steve Goldsworthy who read the 'Prayer of Remembrance' at the assembly.









### **Our School Oval**

As you may have noticed over the ANZAC Day Long Weekend, the Gaebler Road gate to our school oval has once again been unlocked to allow access for the Hammond Park community. The decision to open the gate again came after many calls from parents who pledged to remind the community that the oval is NOT a dog exercise area, whilst others offered to clean up any mess left by dogs that had previously been there. Thank you to everyone who understood my decision and thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Tennis Lessons**

I am very pleased that our tennis courts will be put to good use for tennis lessons on Thursday afternoons after school beginning tomorrow (Thursday  $20^{th}$  April). The lessons will be held from  $3.10-4.10 \, \mathrm{pm}$ . If you would like your children to enjoy this opportunity please collect an enrolment form from the school office.

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal

### P & C News

### Next Meeting - Wednesday 13th May (Week 4) @ 7pm in the Staff Room

At our last meeting the Canteen Committee was created and a small team of dedicated P&C members have been busy making sure the facility is up to date and ready to be used on a regular basis at the school. Keep an eye out for future special lunch days, morning teas and other exciting events.

Interested in joining the P&C or just coming along to a meeting to hear about what is happening? Then email us <a href="mailto:hammondparkpac@gmail.com">hammondparkpac@gmail.com</a> and we will answer any questions you might have about the P&C.

### From the Fundraising Committee...

### Easter Raffle - Term 1

Thank you to everyone who donated items and bought tickets. The event was a huge success and many students went home very happy with their 'loot' for the holidays.



### Mother's Day Stall - Term 2

All students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift or two (or 3 or 4!) from the P&C Mother's Day Stall this year.

Everyone will have received their note by now about the stall. Can everyone please return their money and note to the front office by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

No notes or money will be accepted after this date.

The next Fundraising Committee Meeting will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May @ 1:45pm in the Staff Room.



### **School News**

### **Skoolbag App**

Our school now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent community. We are asking parents to install our free Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Hammond Park Primary School" in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

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- When installed click "Open"
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- 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.





### Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

- 1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
- 2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
- 3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
- 4. Click the "Install" button.
- 5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
- 6. Click "Open" when installed.
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## **Early Childhood Block**

Dear Hammond Park Primary School Families,

The Early Childhood teaching block is beginning to set up some imaginative play boxes to promote creativity and ongoing play scenarios in the play-ground. We are searching for items that suit the following themes and would kindly take any donations you have to offer-

- <u>Matchbox cars</u>, wooden trains and wooden train tracks. This set will also include materials to promote track design such as neat off cuts of poly pipe to make tunnels, miniature trees, plants or decorative buildings
- <u>Costumes</u> especially boy's themed costumes. Any interesting old clothing, hats, shoes, bags junk jewellery
- <u>Kitchen</u> and cooking items eg old kettles, strainers, pots and pans, muffin trays, spoons, egg beaters, potato mashers, microwaves, trays etc
- Woolworths Dominoes
- Barbie Dolls, clothes and accessories
- Duplo and Lego
- Material ribbons and elastic
- Toy Dinosaurs- plastic
- Farm Animals- plastic animals, tractors and farm buildings

Please send any items down to our Kindy and Pre-Primary classrooms and we will happily play, love and create with them for years to come.

We will be making a collection of dancing scarves and other costume items later in the year and would kindly accept any sewing help from our wider school community. Please send a short note down to the Early Childhood block with your name and contact details if you would like to help.

Thank you in advance for your generous and creative donations.

Mrs Kym Van & Mrs Danielle Dunn Murrumbidgee Block



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### **Hammond Park Primary School After School Tennis - Term 2**

When: Thursday afternoons from 3:10 to 4:10pm starting on the 30th of April	
Cost: \$100 for 8 weeks	
Free ANZ Hot Shots Tennis T-shirt for all participants	
Racquets available to purchase for only \$20.00 each	
Payment methods: Cash or cheque	
EFT (James Guilfoile, ANZ Bank, BSB 016 268, Acct. # 563472407)	
Please complete and return the attached registration form along with payment by the start of the first lesson. Please contact Jim Guilfoile, Tennis Australia Junior Development Coach, on 0403 743 147 or at jimmystennis@iprimus.com.au if you have any queries. Kindly advise if your child has any medical conditions as well.	
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Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### **OSHClub**

### **HAMMOND PARK OSHCLUB WEEK 2 2015**

Welcome back to Hammond Park OSH Club for Term 2.

We have an exciting new program with lots of new activities for the children to enjoy. Our curriculum day was full of fun with four staff members. We welcome the new families who have enrolled in our program. Our numbers are increasing on daily basis. We look forward to getting to know and welcoming you to our OSH Club family. We welcome our new casual staff Courtney Churchill. She is studying Primary Teaching at ECU in her second year. OSH Club operates weekdays 7-9am (Before School Care) and 3-6pm (After School Care).

During week 1, we focused on Anzac day activities. During Week 2 and 3 we will be focusing on learning to be socially responsible and show respect to our environment. We will combine junk construction activities using recycling, so please send your recycled "treasure" for us to use.

Fitness is a major part of our morning program. We engage in eye tracking/hand coordination, circuit fitness and sensory skills. Please ask your child what they did this morning? Ask your child what they are learning to do?

We endeavour to improve the quality of care and service at Hammond Park therefore this term we focus on the NQF Quality Area 3: to establish our new physical learning environment, emergency procedures, routines and rules. We have received and appreciate your feedback.

### What you need to know:

- There are a number of children with health and allergy requirements who attend our program. We
  ask all the Parents/Guardians to please make sure updated plans are given to the OSH Club Coordinator to copy.
- If your child requires an Epi-pen please make sure we have one that can be stored at the program. If you would like a copy of OSH Club's anaphylaxis policy please feel free to ask the OSH Club coordinator.
- A Suggestion Box is displayed near the Sign-In, Sign-Out area for both parents and children.
   Please feel free to put the suggestions and feedback in the box.

Have a great week.

Kind Regards,

HAMMOND PARK OSH CLUB TEAM.

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