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Dear Parents and Caregivers

We believe we are so fortunate to be part of such a terrific school community who value education and support our students to **“be the best they can be”**. One of the greatest opportunities afforded to us as a new school, has been to build a culture of high expectations. This includes high expectations academically, behaviourally and socially for all the students in our care. Thank you for supporting us as we continue our journey of **“Learning Together Every Day.”**

Term Two

Term Two has been very busy at Hammond Park Primary School. Our students have been involved in lots of new and exciting things throughout the term.

This term, our students have enjoyed participating in a number of new initiatives, such as our inaugural school Cross-Country event and our first Inter-school Cross-Country event. I was very proud of our teams who did their very best in a highly competitive field made up of students from the many large school schools across our zone. I look forward to cheering on our first interschool Winter Carnival teams tomorrow when they compete against other schools in Modcrosse, Soccer and Netball at Success Primary School.

I would like to sincerely thank Mr Brian Ellam, our Phys-Ed Specialist Teacher, who has been coordinating **Runners' Club** this term. He has been ably supported by a number of our teachers and lots of parents on Wednesday and Friday mornings throughout the term. Students from Kindy – Year 6 have enjoyed clocking up kilometres and receiving Runners' Club Certificates in recognition of their involvement. Thank you to all parents who joined in and supported their children at Runners' Club.

REMEMBER:

- ⇒ Skoolbag App now available to download on your mobile phone.
- ⇒ You can also use Skoolbag to advise of absences.
- ⇒ “Message You” : \SMS for absences 0437 780 341.

Term Three

Like many new schools with rapidly increasing enrolments, there may be occasions when we need to restructure our classes. My planning at the beginning of the year has enabled us to keep stable classes for first semester, however; given ongoing, increased enrolments since the beginning of the 2015 school year, it is now necessary to look at a possible restructure for Semester Two. This arrangement will allow us to progress to the end of the school year without any further changes. If the restructure is to go ahead, it is our intention, as a Leadership Team, to maximise learning opportunities for our students without causing any disruption to their learning program. The decision to restructure will be made shortly. If there are any changes to teachers or classrooms, Mrs Hill, Mrs Butler or I will personally contact the family of any child that is involved before the end of the school term. Should any possible restructure impact on your child we would appreciate your support in remaining positive and helping your child to move seamlessly from their current class to their new class.

Disco

Our mid-year Disco for students in Years 1 – 6 is on tomorrow (Friday) from 5.30 – 7.00pm! Thank you to our hard working P&C Fundraising Committee who will be coordinating the Disco along with a willing team of volunteers. It is probably a good idea for students attending the Disco to have a snack or an early dinner prior to arriving at school as there will be no food or drink available for purchase on the night. We look forward to lots of fun and dancing at our first mid-year disco!

Holidays and OSHClub

Term 2 holidays begin on Friday 3 July. School resumes for Term 3 for students on Tuesday 21 July. OSHClub will be available for out of school hours care for students all day on our Pupil Free Day Monday 20 July. If you would like your child/children to attend OSHClub you must register on their website as soon as possible: www.oshclub.com.au

Please check this newsletter for further information regarding Kindergarten group timetables for Week 1 next term.

Semester One Reports

Next Wednesday July 1 all students in Pre-primary – Year 6 will be bringing home their Semester One Report. This report is a summary of your child's achievement, attitude, behaviour, effort and progress in personal and social learning. It gives you the perfect opportunity to speak with your child/children about their results and their goals for Semester Two. Nothing in this report should come as a surprise for you. If you wish to speak with your child's teacher please make a mutually suitable time to meet with them.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday with your children. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 3.

Regards

Jennifer Lee
Principal



Kindy Roster next week and weeks 1 & 2 Term 2

Odd and even week Kindy rosters remain the same throughout the year regardless of how many weeks are in each term.

Week 11 Term 2:

Monday 29 June — Quendas, Possums

Tuesday 30 June — Quendas, Possums

Wednesday 1 July — Quendas, Possums

Thursday 2 July — Numbats, Wallabies

Friday 3 July — Numbats, Wallabies

**Week 1 Term 3**

Monday 20 July — No school

Tuesday 21 July — Quendas, Possums

Wednesday 22 July — Quendas, Possums

Thursday 23 July — Numbats, Wallabies

Friday 24 July — Numbats, Wallabies

Week 2 Term 3

Monday 27 July — Quendas, Possums

Tuesday 28 July — Quendas, Possums

Wednesday 29 July — Numbats, Wallabies

Thursday 30 July — Numbats, Wallabies

Friday 31 July — Numbats, Wallabies

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African Drumming Incursion

On Monday 22 June the Salaka Ensemble, one of West Africa's top cultural troupes, visited our school and presented an informative and highly interactive drumming performance. "Salaka" means "sharing" in the Ga language of Ghana. The performance immersed students in the rich culture and rhythms of Africa. The students got to put their music skills to the test and they even got the teachers up dancing!



Artist in Residence Project 2015



Department of Culture and the Arts
Department of Education

'The Red Thread'

This Artist-in-Residence Grants Program project has been assisted by the Federal Government through the Australia Council for the Arts and the Western Australian State Government through the Department of Culture and the Arts and Department of Education.

Dear parents,

Over the last few weeks our artist in residence, Samantha Hughes, and I have been busily working with the children on their mixed media artworks for The Red Thread project. The children have taken photos on the i-pads and manipulated them using various art apps. Big thanks to the parent helpers who came in to lend us a hand!

The children have also been drawing animals that are native to their parents' country of birth. It was so helpful to receive all the cultural surveys back, so we knew what animals the children needed to draw. We were also grateful to have the photos and print outs that some of you sent in with your surveys - thank you! We appreciate your help and support.

In weeks 8 and 9 the year 4-6 students went on excursions to Beau Est Mien Prints and Design. The children were lucky enough to work with Magali Dincher and Alina Tang, who are both very talented print makers. The children etched designs featuring their homes and used the professional printing press to make prints from their printing plates. The children gained valuable printmaking knowledge through this experience and had fun at the same time. Many children made a point of telling me how much they enjoyed the excursion and I know they will be proud to share their work with you.

Michelle Gilks
Visual Art Specialist





Art Room News



Help Please!

Dear parents,

In the first two weeks of term 3 we will be working to add the 'red thread' to our artworks as part of the Artist in Residence Project. The children will be adding stitching details, and as this is intricate work, Samantha Hughes and I would REALLY appreciate some help!

It would be great to have some parents/grandparents who are able to stay for an hour or two to help with more than one class if possible. We are aiming to have the children working in small groups, so the more helpers, the better! If you are willing to help us with this part of the project, please email me at: michelle.gilks@education.wa.edu.au or drop by the Art room Tuesday - Thursday to have a chat.

You don't have to be super skilled with a needle and thread to be helpful. Your time would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks,
Michelle Gilks
Visual Art Specialist



Skoolbag App

If you haven't done so already, please install our free Skoolbag App on your smartphone. This mobile App is used for communications between our school and parents/care givers.

Go to the "App Store" on your Apple device or "Play Store" on your Android device. Search for Skoolbag, then type in Hammond Park Primary School and select "install".

Full instructions are available from the school office or on our website.

Please don't hesitate to come into the office if you would like assistance in installing or using Skoolbag.



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Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at our school or at your local Woolworths.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers will be redeemed for valuable education resources for our school.

P & C News

Next Meeting – Wednesday 12th August (Term 3, Week 4) @ 7pm in the Staff Room

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

From the Fundraising Committee...

Fundraising Goal

Just in case you weren't aware, the P&C Fundraising Committee has only one fundraising goal for 2015 - to raise enough funds to have the canteen open on a semi-regular basis. So, thank you for your support with all of our Events. We're looking forward to having an operational canteen very soon.

School Mid-Year Disco – Friday 26th June

The cut-off date for this Event has now passed and we are unable to accept any more notes or payments. We are looking forward to boogying the night away with all the students attending in Years 1 - 6. Access to the school grounds for both drop off and pick up will be via the Murrumbidgee Drive gate near the Pre-primary classrooms. All other gates will remain locked for the duration of the Disco. This is a Kiss and Drop Event and all parents, except Volunteers, will be asked to leave the school grounds after their child has entered the Disco. Once students have arrived the gate will be locked to ensure the safety of all, and will be unlocked shortly before 7pm. Students will be supervised at all times and will be unable to leave the Disco until a parent or caregiver is there to collect them.

Don't forget to bring your \$2 along on the night to purchase your glow sticks!

Please note: food and drink will not be sold at this event. There is no food or drink allowed on the school grounds.

Entertainment Books

The 2015-2016 Entertainment Book is available now for purchase through the school office. If you would like the new Digital membership (accessed via an app on your phone) you can order this online: [https:// www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/92653a](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/92653a) . Whichever option you choose, \$13 from each sale goes towards the P&C fundraising efforts.

The Adidas School Fun Run

Next term all students will have the opportunity to participate in the Adidas School Fun Run. Students will be asked to raise sponsorships both face-to-face with friends and family, and via an online portal. There are many prizes available depending on the amount students raise, and every child who raises a minimum of \$10 is able to go into the Australia-wide draw to win a trip to Disneyland. More information regarding this event will be sent home Monday afternoon.

Fundraising Committee Reminder Notices

Keep an eye out on your child/ren's classroom Morning Message boards for the new P&C Fundraising Committee Reminders. Reminders will be on a bright pink note and will be used to remind you when cut-off dates for events are approaching and the dates for special events.

Cut-Off Dates

We ask all parents to carefully check notes, Facebook posts, and advertising materials located around the school for the cut-off dates for each event. Once this date has passed we will not accept any payments or notes. Cut-off dates have been set for each event to ensure the event runs on schedule and with minimal disruption for the organisers who are volunteering their time for the benefit of the school.

The next Fundraising Committee Meeting will be Thursday 2nd July @ 1:45pm in the Staff Room.



School Canteen

So the time has finally come!!

We know there are many parents out there who are just as excited as ourselves at the thought of having a break from making school lunches.

As of term 3, week 1, the canteen will be opening. A canteen committee was established this term through the P&C and have been working tirelessly to establish the school canteen. Thanks to the fantastic Hammond Park Primary School P&C and their tremendous fundraising efforts we have been able to set up a fully functioning canteen.

As we are a new and a relatively small school, it has been decided that initially the canteen will be opening 1 day a week.

Wednesday has been chosen as that day so that the whole school can take advantage of the opportunity to purchase their lunch, including all the kindy classes.

The canteen committee is very excited to be able to provide a canteen service to the school and will initially be working together for the first few weeks in order to iron out any problems we may encounter and to see exactly how busy we will be.

We understand that without the assistance of parents, grandparents, carers within our beautiful school we will not be able to provide the service we all want. **Volunteers will be needed for every Wednesday and at this stage we imagine 2 volunteers per week will be required.** We have come up with a few different strategies for registering as a volunteer and encourage everyone if possible to please give it a try. Those who do find the time will be rewarded for their well-earned efforts.

Our menu has been a work in progress and we are now happy to announce that over 80% of the menu will be 'green' according to the Dept. of Education's Healthy Food Guidelines and the majority of the food is 'home made' on the premises. We hope that our menu will reach out to all of the school community and offer something enticing for everyone. Today, year 5/6 students enjoyed a tasting day to sample a few of the hot menu items available. Let's hope we passed the test!

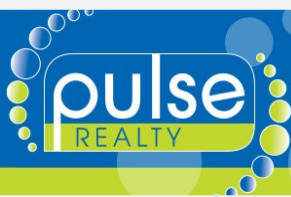
Yesterday, we gave a brief presentation at the school assembly. Our menu is displayed for everyone to see on the notice board next to the canteen. We would love to speak to anyone who thinks they may be able to help out with volunteering.

We understand that it seems like a canteen has been a long time coming and we hope that after careful consideration and plenty of planning we can provide a great place for your kids to get a yummy, healthy lunch and morning tea and at the same time be able to contribute to the school by running a profitable business thanks to the generosity of everyone at Hammond park primary school.

Thank you and eat up



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