Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Welcome to Term Three**

I would like to warmly welcome ten new students and their families to our school. Thank you for choosing to send your children to Hammond Park Primary School!

I would also like to welcome two new teachers who have joined our team. Mrs Lynsey Berry who has taken over the reins in Mrs McFadden’s Year 1/2 class and Ms Justine Smith who is the teacher in our newly formed Year 3 class operating out of Gaebler 2.

You may have already seen a friendly new face in our school office on a Wednesday and a Friday. We welcome Ms Verity Phan who is working alongside Mrs Sampson and Mrs Peers in our very busy office to offer support and advice on these days.

**Thank You!**

Thank you to the parents of all children who moved classes at the end of Term Two. Your support in remaining positive and helping your child move seamlessly to their new class and their new teacher was much appreciated.

The new class structures are working efficiently and students have settled in to their new routines very well.

**Attendance: The importance of attending school regularly**

Did you know that the relationship between absences from school and achievement, strongly suggests that every day of attendance in school contributes towards a child’s learning? Academic progress is supported by regularly attending school. There is no “safe” number of absences.

Analysis of data shows that average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased.

**REMEMBER:**

- P&C Adidas Fun Run Friday 31 July (Monday 3 August for Kindy Possums and Quendas)
- The next Assembly is on Wednesday 5 August at 2.15pm.
- Download our Skoolbag App on your mobile phone.
- You can also use Skoolbag to advise of absences.
- “Message You” : \SMS for absences 0437 780 341.
The effects of absence also accumulate over time. Research shows that absence from school was related to academic achievement in numeracy, reading and writing not only in the current year, but in future years as well. It is important that we remain aware of these relationships, and understand that when your child misses school it can have an ongoing impact on their learning.

The information below, provided by “Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes; Every Day Counts” was prepared for the Department of Education by the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, UWA in May 2013 are certainly very interesting:

- One day a fortnight = one week a term = four weeks a year which equals a whole year by the end of Year 9!
- One day a week = two weeks a term = eight weeks a year = one year by the end of Year 4 = two years by the end of Year 8 and three years by the end of Year 12!

For your child to have the best chance of being successful in life they need to go to school every day – unless, of course, they are genuinely sick.

Even if a child has an attendance rate of 90% for their entire time at primary school they will still miss 32 weeks of schooling (over three terms!!!).

**School Canteen**

Our School Canteen is open for business! Congratulations must go to our hard working Canteen Committee who opened the “Fabulous Food Factory” for the first time last Wednesday! Lots of happy children (and their parents) enjoyed lunch from the canteen on this day. We look forward to seeing our canteen grow so that we truly can be “Eating Together Every Day”. Congratulations to Will Dixon and Jivesh Batma who created the winning name and motto for our canteen.

**Kindergarten 2016**

Thank you to all parents who have submitted an application for a Kindergarten place in 2016. Letters of offer will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Regards

Jennifer Lee

Principal
Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

Call for Parent Nominations for PBS Leadership Team

This year Hammond Park Primary School has begun its journey into Positive Behaviour Support or PBS.

PBS is a school wide framework aimed at improving the academic and behavioural outcomes of all students. PBS works to establish a climate in which appropriate behaviour is the norm. This occurs through the use of proactive strategies and the explicit teaching of behavioural expectations. Data is collected to assess the types of behavior, the need for change and the effects of the intervention. Systems are created within the school that ensure that the interventions are implemented consistently and that the change is sustainable.

Staff members from different areas across the school have come together to form the PBS Leadership Team. The purpose of the team is to implement a whole school framework to enhance academic and behavioural outcomes for all students that is known and valued by staff, students and the wider school community. This term we will be asking for nominations from parents to join our PBS Leadership Team. We are looking for one parent to represent the parent body.

The PBS Leadership Team meet each fortnight at 3.15pm to 4.15pm on a Thursday. The successful parent representative will be required to regularly attend these meetings. It is important that no children are present at these meetings.

We encourage parents who may not already have extensive commitments as P and C committee members or School Board to nominate for this important position. This position will require a long-term commitment.

If you are interested in nominating for this position please fill in the form below and return it to the front office. Alternatively you can email the PBS Team Leader, Amy Wilson at amy.wilson@education.wa.edu.au with your nomination. Nominations will close on the 6th of August 2015.
On Monday the 27th July students from Pre-primary to Year 6 celebrated the 100th day of school for the year 2015.

Students and teachers wore t-shirts they had decorated with 100 items and they all looked fabulous in their creative designs. It was great to see the students linking their designs to what they had been learning about in class. T-shirts were covered in tally marks, graphs, creative creatures and some humorous phrases.

The day consisted of different activities in a number of classes across the school allowing Mathematics to be the focus of the day. There were bundling, grouping and counting activities to 100 and beyond. Some classes also looked at probability and graphing of 100 coin throws or dice rolls.

Teachers used an ‘aging app’ to make students look 100 years old and students completed a piece of writing to complement their picture, many writing about how grumpy they were going to be as they got older!

It was a fantastic day and 100 thank ‘yous’ go out to the parents, students and staff for their engagement in this celebration. It was a ‘real life’ educational success and we look forward to celebrating again next year!
Dear parents/caregivers,

I am excited to say that our Artist in Residence project has now begun, and what a wonderful start it has been! The children in years 1-6 have responded enthusiastically to the project and have been learning about the local area, as well as the School of St Yared in Ethiopia.

In week 1 Amanda Huxtable came and gave a wonderful presentation to the children about the School of St Yared and what life is like in Ethiopia. The children were astounded to discover how small the houses were that the children were living in, and that many houses shared one tiny kitchen. The news that children in Ethiopia had no TV or chocolate drew a very loud gasp from the students!

In week 2 Leah Napier, local history librarian, gave presentations to each class. She taught the children about the history of Hammond Park. The students were very engaged during her talk and Leah told me what fantastic questions they asked her.

You may also have noticed a new face around the school.....that is our wonderful artist Samantha Hughes. Samantha Hughes is a writer, illustrator and textile artist who has worked with children and young people as a children's librarian in public libraries over the last decade. Her role has involved storytelling, running art and illustration workshops and the promotion of great children's books. We are so lucky to have her working with our students!

Parents, if you haven't yet returned your child's permission note for the Artist in Residence Project, can you please do that as soon as possible? If you have misplaced your note, just ask your child's teacher for a new one. If we don't have the permission note back, then we can't include your child's work in the end of project exhibition.

The other note that needs returning is the cultural survey. Could you please send this in as soon as you can?

Many thanks!

Michelle Gilks
Visual Art Specialist
A Dummy is Needed!

Well, to be more specific, a dressmaker’s dummy (or dress form) is needed as part of the CCEN Art Exhibition display.

Parents, if anyone is willing to loan me a dressmaker’s dummy between Monday 24th - Friday 28th August, it would be most appreciated! I need to display some gorgeous brooches made by the children and I intend to dress the dummy in a coat and add some brooches to the lapel.

If you are able to help me with this request, please stop by the art room (Tues-Thurs) or send me a message at: Michelle.Gilks@education.wa.edu.au

Many thanks,
Michelle Gilks
Visual Art Specialist

Library News

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due online or to the office by Friday July 31st. The new Scholastic LOOP payment system makes it easier than ever to order online and is the preferred ordering method for Hammond Park Primary. Cash payments will still be taken via the locked box located in Administration.
Over the holidays Madeline of G4 spent 1 week with her Cheer group, Edge Fitness Cheerleading Academy, on the Gold Coast at a National competition. Their team competed against another 12 cheer groups from across Australia. Not only did they walk away with the Gold medal they were also crowned as the highest scoring level 2 team in the whole competition. The girls also spent time making friends and spending time with other clubs and had a workshop with the experts from the USA.

Congratulations ...

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school.

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.
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 were really excited to see the canteen up and running last week and all of the children able to order a hot lunch from school.

The Adidas School Fun Run
This Friday is the Adidas School Fun Run and we are looking forward to getting outside and having a few laps around the oval. If the weather is fine all students will meet on the oval at 9:10am for a 9:15am start. Students will complete laps around the oval in any way they wish, including running, jogging, skipping, marching, hopping, dancing and walking. The Fun Run will finish at 9:30am.

We ask that all students return the completed back page of their sponsorship booklet and hand this to their classroom teacher, along with any cash they have collected, first thing Friday morning. This form needs to be accurate and fully completed so that students’ prizes can be ordered.

In the case of rain the Fun Run will be completed in the undercover area and will be run using the following timetable:

- 9:10 M4 & M5
- 9:20 M1, M2 & M3
- 9:30 E Block
- 9:40 F Block
- 9:50 G Block

Quendas and Possums will complete their Fun Run next Monday on the oval at 9:10am and will move to the undercover area in the event of rain. They will need to also bring their completed back page of their sponsorship booklet and hand this to their classroom teacher, along with any cash they have collected, first thing Monday morning.

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. Whichever option you choose, $13 from each sale goes towards the P&C fundraising efforts.
Term Three Upcoming Events
Father’s Day Stall - Week of 31st August
Family Photo Day - Sunday 20th September
Team Colours Day - date to be advertised closer to the event
Athletics Carnival Fundraising Events - details to be posted closer to the event

Family Portrait Day
On Sunday the 20th of September, Advanced Life Photography will be conducting family portrait sessions at Hammond Park Primary School. These will be run via a booking system and cost $20 per session, including 3 different poses. Each family will receive a portrait, wallet print and a key ring as part of their $20 booking fee, and will be able to order further packages after viewing their images. Advanced Life Photography is also running a draw for their clients to win a $1500 prize, which all families who book this fundraising session will be entered into. This offer is open to friends and family of Hammond Park students, even if they do not attend our school. We need 25 families to participate to be able to run this fundraiser. More information will be sent home within the next couple of weeks.

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 30th July @ 9:10am in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

From the Canteen Committee…

Thank you to all the Students and Parents who participated in our first canteen day on Wednesday 22nd of July.

The Canteen Team at Fabulous Food Factory were able to deliver Recess on time to well-mannered and excited students. We had over 130 orders ready for lunch delivery in baskets to the classrooms. We thank all the teachers and students for picking up and dropping off the baskets.

A few things we have learnt from our first day:
• Milos for lunch cannot be delivered in the baskets. Can students please have $1 to purchase a Milo after eating lunch? Alternatively if they have ordered lunch they will need to remember to keep their bag & return to pick up their Milo from the canteen.
• Pre Primary and Kindy students are unable to purchase recess food, Milos and icypoles as these items are all pick up from the canteen.

We will be at the canteen every Tuesday morning from 8:20am to receive lunch orders and to answer any questions. Wednesday morning we can take Kindy orders for Numbats and Wallabies or the drop-box is available next to the canteen. There are extra bags and menus outside the canteen.
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Term 3 2016

When: Thursday afternoons from 3:16 to 4:16pm starting on the 30th of July
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

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participate in an open way.

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The new season of 2015/2016 is fast approaching and we are NOW taking expressions of interest for
T-Ball children aged 5-12 and Baseball children aged 12-16.

---Club Registration Day - Saturday 1st August - 9am-2pm---

For more information please contact Cricketcoach083@gmail.com.au or see us on
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We are now taking registrations for the 2015/2016 Season for
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Sunday 9 August
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