Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Parking in and around our school**

A big thank you must go to our community who have worked together to follow the rules when dropping off and picking up students in and around our school each day!

The recent wet weather, that always seems to arrive at 3.00pm and makes parking and pick up more difficult than ever has been well managed by many respectful and courteous parents and caregivers.

Please remind your friends and relatives that:

- The western car park along Eucalyptus Drive is **NOT** a ‘Kiss and Drive’ area. This means that you should **NOT** stop to pick up your children when you enter the car park. You **MUST** find a parking bay and either wait in your car for your children or get out of the car and wait for them at the school gate.

- You must **NOT** park on the footpaths or the median strips around the school. The Ranger has been patrolling the area and you will be fined if you continue to park in these areas.

You must only park in designated bays in the Murrumbidgee Car Park (adjacent to the Early Childhood playground). A number of cars have been seen parked adjacent to or on the kerb on the eastern side of this car park. This creates a serious safety issue for cars that are backing out or trying to exit the car park on Murrumbidgee Drive.

Please note that the car park adjacent to the Administration building and Eucalyptus Block is for **STAFF PARKING ONLY**. A clearly visible sign will be erected at the entrance to this car park very soon.

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**2015 NAPLAN Reports for Students in Year 3 and Year 5**

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 who sat the NAPLAN test in May this year will be bringing home their NAPLAN results today. Included with these results is an explanatory pamphlet.

These results provide an important measure of how all Australian students are performing and progressing in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

It is important to remember that your child/children’s results provide a ‘snapshot’ of their achievement. NAPLAN results should be viewed and considered alongside more extensive and informative judgements made about their performance by the classroom teacher.

**REMEMBER:**

- Sports Carnival Lunch orders due by Wednesday 26 August.
- Father’s Day Stall orders due by Wednesday 26 August.
- “Message You” : SMS for absences 0437 780 341.
- You can also use Skoolbag to advise of absences.
If you would like to discuss anything about the NAPLAN results please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher or a member of the administration team at a mutually convenient time.

Our Annual Faction Athletics Carnival

Our much awaited annual Faction Athletics Carnival will be held next week - Thursday 3 September!

During the term students have been working hard in preparation for the carnival during Phys Ed lessons and sport with Mr Ellam and their teachers.

All students in Year 1 – Year 6 will compete in a range of team games, individual events and relays on carnival day. Our Pre-Primary students will run in a race on the oval at the beginning of the carnival. After this they will return to the Murrumbidgee playground where they will enjoy a sports tabloid.

We look forward to welcoming parents, grandparents, family and friends to the school on this special day. The P&C Canteen have been taking pre-orders for healthy lunches on the day. Coffee will also be available from the canteen during the carnival.

Please note that Kindy and Pre-Primary children will stay with their teachers and friends during the carnival at recess and lunch time. This arrangement ensures their safety throughout the day.

A schedule of events for the carnival will be sent home with all children in Year 1 – Year 6 next week.

Atwell Zone Art Exhibition

What an absolute delight it was to attend the opening of this year’s Atwell Zone Art Exhibition yesterday afternoon at Atwell College!

The art work displayed by local schools was outstanding. I was extremely proud of the Hammond Park artwork displayed at the exhibition. Mrs Gilks, our Visual Arts Specialist teacher, is to be congratulated on the amazing collection of student artwork that was displayed. Our students are most fortunate to work with Mrs Gilks each week to learn, practise and refine their art skills and processes. The exhibition is open to families again tonight (Wednesday) and Thursday night – I strongly urge you to make the time to have a look!

Pre-primary Enrolments for 2016

- Do you have children currently attending our Kindergarten program?
- Will these children be staying at Hammond Park Primary School in 2015?

Do you live in our LOCAL INTAKE AREA?

If you have answered YES to all three questions, your child is automatically enrolled at our school for 2016 and NO further action is required.

We are now accepting enrolments for 2016 for students in Pre-Primary to Year Six who will live in the Hammond Park Primary School Local Intake Area.

For more information on enrolling visit www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolinginwa

Will you be at Hammond Park Primary School in 2016?

As we plan for the new school year it would be very helpful if you could let us know if your children will be attending Hammond Park Primary School in 2016. If you are moving to another school, interstate or overseas, please drop in to the school office and let us know as soon as possible.

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal
This year Hammond Park Primary School will be holding their Faction Athletics Carnival on Thursday the 3rd of September.

**Format for the Day –**

Students will arrive at school and will go to class as normal. They will then walk with class teachers down to the oval to begin the Faction March at 9.10am. After this students will participate in a range of team games, races and relays.

Parents are invited to come and watch these activities. Please be aware that students and teachers need room to move and would appreciate parents and younger children staying behind the ‘spectator’ line. Also to minimise clutter on the oval we would like families to base themselves on the step area and move around to the different events as needed. We would appreciate it if Faction Bays are reserved for students from Year 1 to Year 6 only.

We will have two breaks (recess/lunch) in which time students may go and sit with families. Students from Year 1 to 6 will remain on the oval for the entire day so will need to bring their bags with them.

To ensure a successful day please note that dogs are not allowed on the oval and it is a Smoke-free event.

**What to bring –**

Please ensure that your child has the following things in their school bag:

- A water bottle
- Recess
- Lunch (can be purchased from the canteen)
- A school hat
- Sun cream

**Lunch Orders –**

Lunches can be purchased from the canteen prior to the day. Parent and spectator lunches can also be pre-ordered. Please pick up order forms from the canteen. Lunch orders are due into school by the 26th of August.

**Students leaving school grounds –**

Students who are leaving early must sign out at the front office as per the normal procedures. If the carnival concludes prior to the end of the school day, students whose parents are in attendance may leave early. Please see your class teacher to sign your child out. Students whose parents are not at school will remain with class teachers until the end of the school day.
Pre-Primary -

The Pre-Primary students will participate in the Faction March and age races before returning to the K-PP area for tabloids. This will occur during the first rotation (10.00am – 10.40am). Parents are invited to come and watch these events however please remember to stay behind the ‘spectator’ lines. After this Pre-Primary students will return to class and continue their day as normal. Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students will stay in their area during lunch. Pre-Primary students will come out for the Grand Pole Relay and presentations (2.20pm)

Faction Shirts -

If you would like to purchase a new faction shirt for your child/ren please see the front office as soon as possible as we may need to order certain sizes and colours in.

If you have any questions in regards to the carnival please contact Brian Ellam or Amy Wilson at the school.
‘Books Light up our World’ was the theme for Book Week 2015. We held a Book Week parade on Monday 24th August. Students dressed as their favourite book character.

Thank you to everyone for supporting Book Week, the ideas and effort put in to costumes was quite amazing.

The winning books have been announced by the Children’s Book Council.


Picture Book - My Two Blankets
Early Childhood - Go to sleep Jessie
Young Readers - The Cleo Stories
During Week Five of Term Three the students at Hammond Park Primary School participated in Science Week. The theme this year was, Making Waves – The Science of Light.

We believe it’s extremely important to celebrate scientific events in our community. Not only does is raise the profile of science but it also provides the children with fun, educational and engaging activities.

This is a recount one of our Year Three students wrote about the Science Tabloids we had in our blocks.

On Tuesday after lunch I went to some science rotations. First I went with Miss Webb and she taught us how colours change in bubbles. I learned in that rotation that bubbles can change colours. Then on the 2nd rotation I went with Miss Smith and we got an ice block. We were in groups. The 1st group was inside, looking if the ice can melt, the other group was outside in the sunshine and the 3rd one was with a magnifying glass outside in the sunshine. I learned that the one with the magnifying glass didn’t melt as fast as the one outside. On the 3rd rotation I went with Miss Hunter and I experimented with items to see if they can reflect, filter or absorb light. I learned that a mirror can reflect on things. I also learned that foil can’t reflect on things. On the last rotation I put some ice in a cup then I put some food colouring on the ice. After that I mixed salt with it too. Then I went outside and it looked so beautiful, like crystals. I learned that ice can change when you put it near the sun.

On the Wednesday of Science week we also had Mick from Science Alive come to our school for a whole school incursion. The children had the opportunity to learn more about light and sound as per the theme for Science Week this year.

In week Seven the Year Five and Six students will be submitting their Cockburn Central Education Network science project. The students have to upload a technology presentation that displays the properties of light. Some of their models are amazing and we look forward to sharing some of the projects in the future.

We have shared some of our favourite photographs about Science Week 2015, Enjoy!
Welcome Sarah and Penny!
Sarah Ingram has joined the Fundraising Committee and
Penny Taylor has taken on the role of School Banking Officer.

Term 3 Events

Father’s Day Stall - Week 7
Forms and money due back to the office by Wednesday 26th August. Students will be attending the stall during Week 7.

Athletics Carnival Zinc Station - Week 7
“Get Zinc’d” this year at the Zinc Station for the Athletics Carnival. For a gold coin donation on the day, students can show their team spirit by having their faction colour across their face. It also helps to promote sun safety during the carnival.

Family Portrait Day - Sun 20th Sept
If you have already booked please ensure you pay your $20, in a labelled and sealed envelope, to the front office by Tuesday September 1st otherwise your booking will be reopened for another family to book.

Portrait sessions run for 20 minutes at the school grounds. Your $20 session fee includes a portrait, wallet print and a keyring. Families will be able to order packages from the photographer after they have viewed their images. This will not occur on the day. 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. You need to book your photographic session online at www.advancedlifestudios.com.au and use the code: ZGD XNG J5Q

This offer is open to friends and family of Hammond Park students, even if they do not attend our school. Please share this opportunity with your family and friends who may like to take advantage of this amazing offer.

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The Fabulous Food Factory

Athletics Carnival Lunch Packs
Order forms and money are due back to the canteen by Wednesday 26th August. There will be no lunch packs sold on the day - only pre-ordered packs will be available. This is open to all students and non-students (yes, even parents can order one!)

What have we raised so far?

Mid-Year School Disco - $980
A huge thank you to the organisers, volunteers and Groovy Entertainment for making this a great night for the students.

Adidas Fun Run - $7600
This was a hugely successful event with many thanks to the organisers but also to the students and parents. You are the ones who raised this amount and scored some fantastic prizes along the way. Prizes have been ordered and should arrive before the end of Term 3.

Entertainment Books - $600
Thank you to everyone who has purchased a 2015-2016 Entertainment Book from our school. There are only 4 books left available at the office, and once they are sold we will not be ordering any more. However the digital app will still be available. 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.

All fundraising is helping us to meet our goal of setting up the canteen.

THANK YOU!

P&C Meeting - Wednesday 9th September (Term 3 Week 8) @ 7pm, Staff Room
Fundraising Meeting - Tuesday 22nd September (Term 3 Week 10) @ 9am, Staff Room
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