



# Hammond Park Primary School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 17 Feb School  
Board Meeting

Wed 24 Feb P&C AGM

Mon 7 Mar Labour Day  
Public Holiday

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The 2016 school year has begun very smoothly. We have established twenty one classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 to accommodate 490 students.

Many new families have enrolled at Hammond Park Primary School. These families have joined us from other public schools in Western Australia and from overseas locations such as Great Britain, India, New Zealand, the Philippines and Indonesia. A number of students have joined us from other non-government schools in the local area. I would like to extend a warm welcome to these new members of our growing Hammond Park community.

As the year begins, it is an exciting time for our newest students – our Kindergarten students and their parents as they take the first step in their educational journey. I hope you all enjoy your first year at Hammond Park Primary School and take every opportunity to become active participants in our school community, meet new people and develop lasting friendships.

Our school motto *“Learning Together Every Day”* reinforces the values that underpin our approach to education. Our school is a community where we work in partnership with families to provide the best education possible for your children.

I would like to sincerely thank you all for ensuring that your children are well-prepared for the new school year. I am delighted with the number of children who are proudly wearing their school uniform – they look amazing! Thank you also for your understanding with the delay with some school uniform items. All school uniform sizes and hats are available now from the office.

### ***New Staff and Classes for 2016***

I would like to warmly welcome new teachers and Education Assistants who have joined our hard working and professional team at HPPS.

Classes have been established to ensure that we have plenty of room for future enrolments that will continue to join our growing school during the year. By establishing composite (split) classes in most year levels it is less likely that we will have to reconfigure classes during the year.

## REMEMBER:

- ⇒ “Message You” : \SMS for absences 0437 780 341.
- ⇒ You can also use Skoolbag to advise of absences.



Our classes and teachers for 2016 are:

K (M5) Possums and Wallabies: Ms Lisa Taylor, Mrs Jessica Plenty and Mrs Kelly Casson

K (M6) Quendas and Numbats: Mrs Sam Higgins, Mrs Sharon Mills and Mrs Lisa Harris

K (M7) Bandicoots: Mrs Danielle Dunn and Ms Suzanne Vanzon

PP (M1): Mrs Kate King and Mrs Terri Pitter

PP (M2): Ms Su Lim and Mrs Cathryn Guy

PP/Year 1 (M3): Mrs Rebecca O'Leary and Mrs Julie Bright

PP (M4): Ms Shauna Jeffrey and Mrs Veronica Bennett

Year 1/2 (E1): Ms Debra Beesley

Year 1 (E2): Mrs Ebony Johnson

Year 1 (E3): Mrs Lynsey Berry and Mrs Anusha Singh

Year 1 (E4): Ms Kym Van Rongen

Year 2 (E5): Ms Blagica Veljanoski (Ms V)

Year 2 (G1): Mr Brandon Docking

Year 3 (G2): Mr Rod Brennan

Year 3 (G3): Mr Jonathan Kurtjak

Year 4 (G4): Mrs Anna Pol

Year 4/5 (F2): Ms Tracey Boreham

Year 5 (F1): Mrs Amy James

Year 6 (F2): Ms Stacey Hunter

Visual Arts Specialist: Mrs Michelle Gilks

Music Specialist: Ms Lana Winfield

Physical Education Specialist: Mr Diego Negre

### ***Play Equipment***

The safety of all children before, during and after school is our priority at all times. Children are **not permitted to play on any play equipment before school** as there are no duty teachers in the playground at this time. Once children have been handed over to their parents at the end of the school day it is the responsibility of parents to make sure they play safely on the play equipment. This also includes the supervision of younger siblings who are not of school age. Thank you for helping reinforce this important rule with your children. **Please note that the school gates will be closed at 3.20pm each afternoon.**

### ***HPPS OSHClub***

Welcome to both new and old OSHClub families. We hope that you all had a fantastic break!

This term we welcome back our OSHClub Coordinator Ashleigh Greig. We also welcome Daniel Beros, who due to our Increasing numbers will be our second Program Coordinator, working alongside Ashleigh to coordinate the Hammond Park Primary School OSHClub program.



Daniel joins OSHClub after recently completing his Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science. Daniel's main focus is to provide a positive example that motivates children to follow a healthy lifestyle.

In the coming weeks we will be focusing on developing an interest based program that encourages all children to participate in both active and passive activities.

As outdoor play/fitness is a daily regime at OSHClub please ensure that your child has a spare hat and water bottle when attending the program.

Many thanks

Ashleigh and Daniel.

### **ART NEWS**

This year the Cockburn Central Education Network's theme for Visual Art is 'Sustainability and Environment'.

I have planned some super exciting lessons for years 1 -6 and would be grateful for your assistance in gathering some materials.

Some things I need help collecting for the art room this year:

- empty Nespresso coffee pods – or any metal coffee pods
- glass marbles
- beads
- calendars featuring animals/landscapes/artwork
- ice cream container lids
- clean foam meat trays
- metal ring pulls from cans
- metal washers, nuts, bolts etc
- small stones/pebbles

Your help would be very much appreciated!

Please make sure you send an art shirt in with your child as soon as possible, clearly marked with their name. This will help protect their school uniform during art lessons. The best art shirts are simply an old t-shirt that is a few sizes too big. Anything with buttons can be time consuming to put on.

Thanks for your ongoing support

Michelle Gilks (Art Specialist Teacher)

Regards  
Jennifer Lee  
Principal