Dear Parents and Caregivers

2016 ANZAC Assembly

Our annual ANZAC Commemorative Service was held yesterday 6th April. Our Year 6 class together with the Year 2s from G1 hosted the assembly in fine style, in front of parents, relatives and friends in our Undercover Area. I would like to congratulate all students who worked so hard with Ms Hunter, Mr Docking and Ms Winfield (our Music Specialist Teacher) to present a polished performance that acknowledged the ANZAC tradition and explored the true spirit of the ANZACs that still exists in Australia today. It was wonderful to hear all students (PP – Year 6) singing the song "The ANZAC" by Adam Brand, as a tribute to our great nation.

Sincere thanks must also go to Major Rachel Brennan, CSM, who spoke to the assembly about the soldiers who have defended our country in a number of wars to build a better life for all Australians. She made strong links to one of our school expectations “We are Learners”, when remembering and reflecting on what we as a country, have learnt from the commitment of our armed forces over the years.

Mr Docking also spoke about the challenges he faced when walking the Kokoda Trail last year with his father. He shared the trials and tribulations of the journey with us. He also reflected on how he and his father supported each other mentally and physically throughout the walk to achieve their goal of making it to the “finish line”.

The sale of our ANZAC Cookies raised $57 for Legacy.

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is being celebrated at our school today. This special day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It highlights inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The day reflects the goals of the recently celebrated United Nation’s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Docking and his team of willing helpers who have worked hard to organize this special day. Thank you also must go to the many parents who helped with activities throughout the day and to everyone who brought along delicious food to share for our multicultural lunch.

REMEMBER:

⇒ Canteen orders can now be placed via: www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
⇒ “Message You” : SMS for absences 0437 780 341.
⇒ You can also use Skoolbag to advise of absences.
Hammond Park Primary Independent Public School Board

Two new School Board members have joined our School Board. I warmly welcomed Mr Shaun Naude and Mr Leo Lawrence to our School Board at the meeting held on Wednesday 16th March. The School Board is confident that our new School Board members have the capacity to work collaboratively with others and can work through consensus decision-making processes that will support the achievement of good outcomes for our students and enhance the reputation of our school in the broader community.

At this meeting we also accepted the resignation of our School Board Chairperson Mr Steve Goldsworthy. Steve had been in this important role since the first meeting of our School Board in May 2014. I would like to sincerely thank Steve for being our School Board Chairperson during these exciting times for our school.

The School Board members accepted the nomination and unanimously appointed Mr Nathan Cheung as our new School Board Chairperson. On behalf of the School Board and the Hammond Park Primary School community, I would like to thank Nathan for accepting this role. I look forward to working with him as we move towards our first Department of Education Services (DES) Review in November this year.

Mr Rod Brennan

Tomorrow will be Mr Brennan’s last day at Hammond Park Primary School. Mr Brennan is going on Long Service Leave in Term 2. He will then retire from the Department of Education in Term 3. He is looking forward to travelling overseas in Term 2 and having a ‘sea change’ upon his return. I sincerely thank and acknowledge Mr Brennan for his commitment to the education of children and young adults in a career that has spanned 35 years. On behalf of the staff and students of Hammond Park Primary School, I wish him good health and happiness in the future.

Summer Carnival: Friday 18th March 2016

Students from Year 3 – Year 6 represented our school in Basketball, T-Ball, Cricket and Volleyball against a number of neighbouring schools, at Lakeland Senior High School on Friday 18th March. I was extremely impressed with the excellent sportsmanship displayed by our students during the day. It was obvious to me when I visited the carnival in the afternoon that our students not only enjoyed being part of a team on the day, but they worked hard for their team and achieved some terrific results. I would like to thank the large number of parents who cheered on our teams over the course of the day. Thank you also must go to Mr Negre, Mrs James, Ms Hunter and Ms Boreham who worked closely with their teams on the day. We have come such a long way since our first foray into the competitive arena of interschool sport last year.

First day of Term 2: Wednesday 27 April 2016

Please remember that the first day of school for students in Term 2 is Wednesday 27 April.

OSH Club will be operating at our school on Tuesday 26 April. To book in please register on their website: www.oshclub.com.au

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal
Easter Egg Hunt

The Year 6 students enjoyed using their number skills to solve different problems inside each egg. The children had to use the iPads to scan QR codes, to then solve the number problems. The team that answered the most correct answers, showed working and good collaborative team skills won the hunt!

The winning team enjoyed the chocolate prizes!

City of Cockburn Art Competition

*Draw what the City of Cockburn would look like if it was the perfect place for kids.*

Winners from Hammond Park Primary School were: Mia, Alyssa, Kobe, Nina, Tyler, Rose.
School Uniform

We advise that there will be a price increase as of the start of Term 2.

Shorts, track pants and jazz pants will no longer be stocked.

We currently have supplies of good quality track pants and have reduced the price to $18.00.

Get in quick and save!

Success Dental Therapy Centre

The Success Dental Therapy Centre will be closed the second week of the school holidays.

South Coogee Dental Therapy Centre will be the emergency clinic. Their phone number is 9437 4826.

Success Dental Therapy Centre will re-open on Tuesday 26th April.
HARMONY DAY
Hammond Park Primary School P&C Association (Inc.)

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday 18th May @ 7pm in the Staff Room.

Everyone is welcome. Bring along your $1 and become a member on the night.

Mother's Day Stall - notes and payments due back this Friday 8th April. Please return them to the black P&C Letter Box at the back door of the Administration Office.

The Mother’s Day Stall will be run on Monday the 2nd, and Friday the 6th, of May this year. All gifts will be $5 and students are able to purchase more than one item from the store. We are asking for parent volunteers from G Block and selected classrooms of M block to help between 9am and 11am on these days to assist students in selecting their gifts. If you are available please complete the note that was sent home and return it to school ASAP. The more parents that volunteer the easier it will be.

Please note there will be no returning or swapping of gifts once students have selected them. Every effort has been made to try and ensure larger families do not receive multiples of the same gifts. Please remember your child selected these gifts with excitement and especially for you.

Next Meeting

The Fundraising will next be meeting on Tuesday the 10th of May at 9am in the Staffroom. Non-committee members are welcome to attend. We would love to see you there.

News from the Fabulous Food Factory

Please ensure all orders are placed prior to 9am Wednesday using the canteen drop box (checked daily) or on the day in person from 8am to 9am or by ordering online at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

CANTEEN OPEN ON FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 (WED 27th APRIL) WITH NEW WINTER MENU!!

Check out this newsletter or the school website for the new winter warmers for Terms 2 & 3.

Is your child having a birthday?

The canteen can bake and deliver cupcakes to your child's classroom. Please head down and see them on a Wednesday to fill out an order form. Orders must be placed and paid for 7 days in advance.

Cupcakes are $1 each.

Absent from School? If you child is not at school on a Wednesday for their lunch order, please email canteenhpps@gmail.com The canteen will receive the message instantly and postpone the order to the following week.

Please remember Kindy & Pre-Primary students cannot order recess, icy-poles or hot milo.

★ FOR SALE ★ JAFFLE MAKER ★ $60 ★

The Fabulous Food Factory are selling their new Jaffle Maker. Why? The jaffle's were just too big! Only used once and in perfect working order. If anyone is interested in purchasing this item, please see the canteen staff on a Wednesday morning or email them on canteenhpps@gmail.com
School Holidays @ Cockburn Libraries

Food Fest
April 12 - 22

For all the details visit
library.cockburn.wa.gov.au
or see our flyer.

Spearwood Library
Superhero Food Ages 6+
Terracotta Pot Decorating Ages 5+
Popcorn Box Decorating Ages 5+

Coolbellup Library Ages 5+
Cupcake Decorating
Bird Seed Decorations
Indigenous Food

Success Library Ages 5+
Pasta Making
Food Sculpture Ages 6+
Food Literacy & Healthy Eating Ages 5-8

These events are free, but bookings are essential.
Parents must be in attendance during these events.
If you can’t make it please let us know so other kids can take your place.

Cockburn Libraries
Coolbellup Public Library
90 Coodelea Avenue, Coolbellup
Phone: 9411 3813

Spearwood Public Library
9 Coodelea Crescent, Spearwood
Phone: 9411 3800

Success Public Library
Cnr. Swanley Rd & Wentworth Pde, Success
Phone: 9411 3840

library.cockburn.wa.gov.au
Committed to accessible and inclusive events
Wildlife Education and Encounters

NATIVE ARC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Do you love nature and caring for wildlife? Join us these school holidays for some exciting wildlife and nature-based kids programs!

TRACKS & SCATS
Thursday April 14th 10am — 12noon (age 5-15) $5.00
What footprints are they – a bird? a bug? a bandicoot? Can you tell a bat scat from a cat scat? Put your detective hat on and get ready for some fun as we learn who is hopping and slithering in our bushland.
*NOTE: Child supervision required at all times

NOCTURNAL NINJAS!
Friday April 22nd 5.30pm — 7.30pm (age 5-15) $5.00
What insects, birds, reptiles or mammals might you encounter after dark in the Beelar Wetlands? Join us for a night stalk to find out. Be Warned, only the quietest ninjas will see anything! Don’t forget your torch and closed in shoes!
*NOTE: Child supervision required at all times

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

All sessions take place at Native ARC, 172 Grape Road, Bibra Lake
For registration & session details: adminassistant@nativearc.org.au
For more information about Native ARC visit nativearc.org.au

SUPPORTED BY:
City of Cockburn
FREE EVENT

HARVEST HOO HAA

Saturday 30 April
10am – 2pm
Harmony Oval,
Harmony Avenue,
Atwell

Come along to the Harvest Hoo Haa for lots of FREE family fun including:

- Cuddly farm animals, circus sports, pooch pageant, recess pointers, multicultural food and arts & crafts
- Cockburn’s Got Talent Grand Final and Get Connected Expo
- LIVE performances by Voices in Sinc, Mucky Duck Rush Band and Johnny Cash and Co.

cockburn.wa.gov.au/carnivalofevents | 9411 3444
Cockatoo KIDS Club

Calling all Cockatoo KIDS! Join us for

Insects Alive!

Friday 15 April
10.00am to 12.30pm

Join us to learn all about insects!
Why are insects so important?
Learn how to make your garden insect
friendly. Explore insects under the microscope.
Make an 'Insect hotel'. The session will feature
a live insect display and interaction.

Where: Native ARC, 172 Hope Road, Bibra Lake
Cost: FREE for club members, Non-members $15
Bring: Hat, water bottle, old closed in shoes.
RSVP required: adminassistant@nativearc.org.au

NOTE: Child supervision required at all times

Morning tea provided.
Visit nativearc.org.au for further info