Dear Parents and Caregivers

Before School

I am so pleased that so many students (Year 1 – 6) who arrive at school before 8.40am make their way to the Undercover Area where they are supervised until they are released to go to their classrooms and get ready to engage in the teaching and learning program with their teacher and their peers.

Unfortunately, we still have some students who go straight to their classrooms when they arrive at school before 8.40am. These students are not supervised in these areas as there are no duty teachers in play areas before school. Please remind your children that at HPPS there is no playing before school and they MUST come to the Undercover Area where they are well supervised and safe from 8.20 – 8.40am each morning.

Thank you for helping us remind all students about this important school rule that ensures they are safe before school begins each morning.

P&C Fundraising

Our hard-working P&C Fundraising Committee has been very busy planning and organizing a number of events that are on our school calendar. I would like to sincerely thank this group of parents who are well-organized and enthusiastic. Our school community can look forward to a $2 Coin Free Dress Day on Friday 10 June and a Year 1 – 6 Disco on Friday 24 June.

Today, information has been sent home about “PJ” Free Dress Day next week, so please check your child’s bag for this important note. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in their ‘PJs’, onesies, or dressing gowns and slippers on this special day!

Don’t forget to check the P&C news in this newsletter for a more comprehensive overview of the work our P&C has been doing and what your generous support has been able to provide for our school.
Semester 1 Reports

Semester one reports for all students in Pre-primary to Year six will be sent home in the last week of this term, on Tuesday June 28. During this week, our Kindergarten students will be bringing home a portfolio of work from their first semester at school. Please remember to send this portfolio back to school at the beginning of Term 3 with all the work from Semester 1 still inside it.

School Board

Our School Board will meet next Wednesday 8 June. Our new School Board Chairperson, Mr Nathan Cheung and I will attend Independent Public School (IPS) Board training together at Atwell College this evening. We will then be able to update other School Board members of some key changes that will be discussed at this important training session.

Lost Property

Over the last few weeks we have accumulated a large number of school and other winter jackets and drink bottles in the office that do not have a name on them. We ask that you please make sure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child’s name. If clothing or belongings are labelled with your child/s’ name we return it to them as soon as possible. Teachers also regularly check that students are wearing their own jackets and hats as sometimes they pick up the wrong jacket or hat and take it home. Please check that your child is wearing their own jacket or hat. Thank you for your support with this ongoing problem.

Items that have no name on them are only kept for a short while in the office, so please make sure you come and check if your child has lost an unnamed item of clothing or a drink bottle.

HPPS 2015 Annual Report

Our school’s 2015 Annual Report was presented and endorsed by our School Board in Week 3 of this term. This report outlines our journey in 2015. It also includes data that relates to enrolments, attendance, finance, student performance in NAPLAN and our community opinion survey.

It was my pleasure to prepare this report and I am proud to present this information as a comprehensive overview of our second year of operation. Copies of this document are available at the office by request.

Regards
Jennifer Lee
Principal
At Hammond Park Primary School our four expectations are:

- We are RESPECTFUL
- We are RESPONSIBLE
- We are SAFE
- We are LEARNERS

Our focus this week was: **During learning time we collaborate by:**

Parents can support the school by discussing and encouraging these expectations at home. For more ideas on this please see your child’s teacher.
Thank you
for the ongoing support of our Scholastic Book Club program. Each issue we receive a percentage of sales back in books for our library.
National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australian’s to read and enjoy books. Last Wednesday morning every class at our school enjoyed reading the story 'I got this hat' a story about culture, diversity and hats! In the afternoon we were treated to an engaging and fun assembly by Mrs King’s Pre Primary class to retell the story while promoting the value and enjoyment of reading.
A big thank you to all the families who have been sending in the recycled materials I asked for. Your support is very much appreciated.

I have most items that I need now, but would still appreciate envelopes that have patterns on the inside. (Many bank envelopes and those containing bills have subtle patterns on the inside – those are the ones that I’m collecting!)

We have been very busy in the art room creating many beautiful things in readiness for the CCEN Art exhibition next term. Below is just a sample of some of the wonderful artworks created by our talented Hammond Park Primary students.

Many thanks,
Michelle Gilks
Art Specialist Teacher
The next meeting of the P&C will be held on **Wednesday 15th June @ 7pm in the Staff Room.**
Everyone is welcome. Bring along your $1 and become a member on the night.

**News from the Fundraising Committee**

**Mother’s Day Stall**
Thank you to all the students that participated in the Mother’s Day Stall this year, it was our most successful one yet. It was wonderful seeing the excitement on students’ faces as they chose the gift/s for the most important women in their lives. We raised just over $1000 from the stall. Thank you to all of the wonderful parent helpers who assisted on the days of the stall, and a big thank you to Sarah and Michelle for their hard work in organising and running this Event.

**Entertainment Books**
We are selling Entertainment Books again this year and they are full of fantastic deals and discounts, including deals in Bali! You would have received a note home in the last week or so explaining about the books and how you can purchase your copy online for even more ease of use. If you **DO NOT** wish for the Entertainment Book to be sent home with your child can you please complete the form and send back to the school before **Wednesday 1st of June**. To order your Digital Membership and receive your online copy please go to [www.entbook.com.au/92653a](http://www.entbook.com.au/92653a)

**Pyjama Day, Friday 10th June — Free Dress**
You child will be bringing home a note about this term’s Free Dress Day to be held on **Friday 10th of June**. For a $2 gold coin donation students are able to come to school dressed in their sleep wear. This includes Pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns and slippers. If your child has sport on Friday’s it is advised that they also bring runners to wear during their lesson.

**Mid-Year Disco for Year 1 — 6 students, Friday 24th June 5:30-7pm**
Your child will be bringing home a note for the mid-year Disco. For $5, students will dance the night away between 5:30 - 7:00pm on Friday 24th of June. Glow sticks will also be available for purchase on the night - 4 for $2. Please ensure you have returned your child’s forms and money by **Monday 20th of June** in the labelled mailbox at the back of the Front Office area. NO MONEY will be accepted through the office or from the classroom teacher. Please be aware there will be no money accepted after the cut off date, no exceptions. Parents in E BLOCK have been asked to volunteer for this Event. Please be aware that if we are unable to get enough volunteers the disco will be cancelled.

**Our Contributions to the School**
Through fundraising by the P&C and profit from the canteen so far in 2016, we have been able to purchase $2000 worth of sports equipment for the students to use, a Brother Scan N Cut and a range of books for the Art Room, and a collection of Big Books to be used within the classrooms. Thank you to everyone for all of your support in our fundraising efforts. We look forward to being able to provide more equipment and resources for the students to use in the future.

**Next Fundraising Meeting - Tuesday 14th June @ 9am in the Staff Room - All Welcome**

**News from the Fabulous Food Factory**

**CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**
We are in desperate need of volunteers as our canteen relies heavily on the support to help with the running of recess and lunch preparation. If you are a parent, grandparent or carer and you have a few hours to spare on a Wednesday, please follow the link below to secure a spot this term.