Dear parents and caregivers

Term 3 2016

Term 3 began smoothly for all students on Tuesday 19 July. We welcomed a number of new students and their families to our school. We hope you will enjoy the many opportunities that our school has to offer and we look forward to getting to know you all better as the term progresses.

Wandi Primary School

I would also like to warmly welcome Mrs Maria Cook who has been appointed as the Principal of Wandi Primary School. Mrs Cook is working out of F4 as she does the planning for the new Wandi Primary School that will open for Kindergarten and Pre-primary students in 2017.

100 Days of School

Our annual celebration of 100 days of school has been celebrated in style today. Our Pre-primary – Year 6 students have enjoyed the opportunity to decorate their clothes and their belongings in many different and creative ways. Strong curriculum links have also been embedded in the learning across classrooms throughout the day. Please don’t forget to ask your children about their learning today. Thank you for embracing this very special occasion and allowing your children to celebrate 100 days of school for 2016!

Pokémon Go

Although we don’t allow mobile phones at school, I have recently heard many of our children talking about Pokémon Go. Coincidentally, I received an email article from David Gribble, Chief Executive Officer of the Constable Care Child Safety Foundation and I thought you may like to consider his thoughts about the new Pokémon Go augmented reality game that is sweeping across the world at the moment.

David pointed out a couple of positives and a potential concern or two about this new game. In its favour is the fact that for once we have a computer game that is getting large numbers of young people (and older people) out of their houses and into the open. Pokémon Go is getting kids to do exercise
without realising they are doing it! He has also spotted kids willingly taking the dog for a walk, leash in one hand and phone in the other, just so they can play the game.

It’s also great that it generally involves young people in a group social activity. Chasing Pokémon's is much more enjoyable when done with friends who then compare notes with other hunters they meet can be a great opportunity for developing social and communication skills, an area where online computer games have perhaps been open to criticism over the years.

On the downside, we know that walking around looking at your mobile device and being distracted is not a good idea. Anyone who is walking or running in a shared traffic environment whilst staring at their phone is putting themselves at risk. So, playing Pokémon Go makes it difficult to endorse the message this game sends that walking or running while using your phone is okay.

David’s final message as a CEO in the child safety sector is that being outside and active is a really good thing for our children’s health, but parents should always ensure their kids are hunting Pokémon's with a friend or in a group and that they know the number to call if they get lost, feel threatened or need help and they should remember that their phone can be useful for things other than finding the elusive Cryogonal the snowflake Pokémon!

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on Students with Disabilities**

Our school is part of a national project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties that require learning adjustments.

Each year we are asked to provide data about the number and learning needs of children at our school. The name of the school and the name of the students will not be reported. Information about the different types of needs and the programs and resources the school uses to overcome barriers and support children with special educational needs will be collected.

We believe it is important to contribute to this because it will help Governments and the Department of Education to develop better policies that acknowledge the level of resources needed in schools to meet the needs of all students in Western Australia.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Hill on 94943200. Alternatively, you can call the Western Australian Department of Education NCCD Helpline on 0477 741 598.

**School Board Meeting**

The first School Board meeting for Term 3 will be held next Wednesday 3 August in the school Staff Room. At this meeting we will be hearing from our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) parent representative and perusing a number of Codes of Conduct for parents and students from a range of other schools.

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 is:

- WHEN WALKING SAFELY WITH OUR CLASS WE:
  - WE LISTEN TO THE TEACHER
  - WALK IN FRONT OF THE TEACHER

Our focus last week was:

- WHEN MOVING AROUND THE SCHOOL WE ARE RESPECTFUL BY
  - WALKING QUIETLY

Parents can support the school by discussing and encouraging these expectations at home. For more ideas on this please see your child’s teacher.

https://youtu.be/wUTexOS-ACA
https://youtu.be/9GhckwKmBEY

Many thanks

PBS Committee, Hammond Park Primary School
Today is the 100th Day of School and this is the second year Hammond Park has celebrated 100 days. We started counting the number of days at the start of the year and have been counting every day that we come to school. Today in class we have been doing lots of fun activities.

Students in all classes have made a shirt with something of one hundred to on the front. Zac drew 100 smiley faces and Philip used 100 sequins in the shape of 100 on his shirt.

This morning everyone in the school designed a $100 note and wrote what they would do if we had $100. Some classes have put 100 things into bags, classes have made posters about been 100 days smarter. Mrs Lim’s class have been stacking 100 cups and completing puzzles of the 100 square. In Miss V’s class they wrote letters to themselves for next year’s 100 days.

In classes certificates have been given out for those that have attended school every day for 100 days. Congratulations to all 46 people in the school who had 100% attendance.

We’ve had lots of fun celebrating 100 days of school. We look forward to seeing what we will do in the next 100 days.

By Philip and Zac (E1)
This term we are implementing Loose Parts Play in our Eucalyptus Block playground for use during recess and lunchtime. Loose Parts Play is about using recycled materials to allow students to play creatively and explore how equipment goes together to make their own play. The students will have the opportunity to make cubbies, construct cars and invent their own games.

The project has been funded by a Waste Wise grant which has allowed us to buy containers for the materials to be safely stored in.

Over the school holidays Ellements Garden Supply completed the first step and installed a sandpit in the Eucalyptus playground. This sand pit has proved very popular and during the first week there was barely any playing room. We hope to have Loose Parts Play running in the next few weeks.

A big thank you to the P & C for providing funding to put a shade sail over the sandpit.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR DONATION:** old pots and Pans
During Week 5 this term we will be celebrating Science week. This will run from the 15th of August until the 19th of August.

The theme this year is, ‘Drones, Droids and Robots’. The students at Hammond Park Primary School will be involved in lots of exciting and engaging activities such as; Science Tabloids, A Cockburn Central Education Network Robot competition, A Science Alive incursion on Wednesday the 17th of August for our Pre-primary to Year 6 students and many other activities focused on celebrating Science.

We look forward to sharing our learning with you via the website, classroom blogs and the newsletter.

Please refer to the Science Week website for more information and exciting events in our areas. http://www.scienceweek.net.au/
Hammond Park Primary School is a WasteWise school and we support the ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ message. We are very proud of the Worm Farm that is housed in the Early Childhood Murrumbidgee Block. This Worm Farm was funded by WasteWise and the Cockburn Council.

Classes in M Block collect their lunch scraps and recycle these into the Worm Farm. In turn, the worms use these scraps to produce worm tea and worm castings, which are two excellent fertilisers for our garden.

At the end of last term the Green Guardians organised a Worm Tea Label competition for the whole school. Classes were asked to design a label following specific criteria. The label had to clearly state: the school name, what the product was, a worm graphic, ratios for diluting the worm tea and a caution.

In the last week of Term Two the Green Guardians selected 10 finalists. These 10 Worm Tea Labels were then displayed in the library in Term Three so each child in the school could vote on their favourite from the 10 finalists. Voting closed on Tuesday and the votes were counted. The lucky winners were announced in assembly on Wednesday.

**Congratulations Tristan of G3 and Kobe of F2!**

Your Worm Tea Labels have been chosen by the children of Hammond Park Primary School to go on the Hammond Park Worm Tea bottles. Thank you to everyone who participated in the competition.
Thank you for the ongoing support of the Scholastic Book Club at Hammond Park Primary.

Every issue we receive a percentage of sales back in new books for our library.

These students are shown with just some of the new books we received from issue 4 this year.

Issue 5 of Book Club payments are due online by Monday 1st of August.

We will be celebrating Children's Book Week in week 6.
The theme for 2016 is: Australia! Story Country.
Atwell College are once again hosting the CCEN Art exhibition, which will take place in week 6 of this term.

Due to the popularity of this event and the huge crowds we saw last year, there will be a few changes to the format of opening night. This year opening night will be split across two evenings. Opening night for Hammond Park Primary will be on Wednesday 24th August. Please see the attachment with this newsletter for more details.

I will be sending home notes by week 5 to let you know if your child will be showcasing their art at this event. The students have created some beautiful work and choosing pieces to exhibit is extremely difficult. There are too many wonderful artworks to choose from!

I look forward to seeing you there.

Michelle Gilks
Art Specialist Teacher
The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Week 4, Wednesday 10th August at 7pm in the Staff Room.

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

** News from the Fundraising Committee **

**Parent Movie Night** The note for Bad Moms screening on 12th August was sent home last term and is due back no later than Tuesday 2nd August 2016. There is a labelled mailbox alongside the back door of the administration office for your payments. This will be a fantastic night and give parents a chance to socialise. Parents are more than welcome to bring along their friends.

**Family Photo Day** Its that time of year again, where you can get your gorgeous family photos taken for a very low $20 sitting fee. This also entitles you to an A4 photo of YOUR CHOICE. Not to mention the amazing packages that are on offer for fantastic prices.

**Entertainment Books** If you missed out on your Entertainment Book, or changed your mind, you can still purchase an app online. This app can be shared between two phones or people and has all the same fantastic specials, as well as the option of finding the deals closest to you using a map. You can purchase your digital copy using this link: www.entbook.com.au/92653a

**Father’s Day Stall** Father’s Day is coming up and we will be running our Father’s Day Stall a little differently this time around. A note coming home mid-August to explain the new stall format. Gifts will still be $5 each.

**Athletics Carnival Zinc Station** This will be our Free Dress Day event for Term 3. On the day of the Athletics Carnival students will be able to ‘Get Zinc’ed’ for a $2 coin donation in their factions colours to help support their team. More information will be sent home closer to the event.

**Our Contributions to the School** Through your support, the P&C have been able to fund a shade sail that will be placed over the new sandpit in E Block. We will be discussing other areas where the P&C funds will be able to assist the school at the next P&C meeting. If you have any ideas of where you think our funds could be spent come along and share.

The next meeting of the P&C Fundraising Committee is on Tuesday 2nd August at 9am in the Staffroom.

Everyone is welcome to come along and share their ideas.

** News from the Fabulous Food Factory **

To find out the latest updates from the Fabulous Food Factory, please like our Facebook Group Fabulous Food Factory. We will advertise on a weekly basis if we need help filling shifts for the canteen.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** We still have 70% of shifts for this term not filled. Please visit the link to roster a shift: [http://vols.pt/9zQUBf](http://vols.pt/9zQUBf)

Unfortunately if the shifts are not filled the canteen cannot be opened for that week.

The carefully planned and tested Winter Menu is on the school website, ouronlinecanteen.com.au and the schoolbag app. You can also pick up a hard copy from the canteen if needed.

**Canteen Committee - VACANCY**

We are still in need of a canteen committee member. 1 full shift per month, support and input in running the canteen including menu options.
Protecting our Kids Online
Parent and Community Session
Wednesday, August 3rd 2016 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Bertram PS Library
$5.00 per family

Tickets available from the front office at Bertram Primary School, online at http://www.bertramps.wa.edu.au/payments-and-excursions/ or at the door.

The Presenter
Paul Litherland - Surf Online Safe

Paul’s interactive and informative presentation helps parents better understand the networks and systems our children are using. Communication is ultimately the key; however Paul offers some great tips and hints to help you maintain your peace of mind when your kids are online. www.suronlinesafe.com.au

Please note this presentation is targeted at an adult audience. It is not suitable for children.

Protecting our Kids Online - Ticket Order Form
Parent and Community Session - Wednesday, August 3rd 2016 6:00pm - 8:00pm

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Community Notices

‘Please slow down, Consider our Kids’

HPCA Fundraiser 2016

Help us spread the ‘Please slow down, Consider our Kids message’ and increase road safety in our suburb, whilst fundraising for items/events for our local community.

Grab your set of 2 bin stickers today!

Cost: $10 for 2 bin stickers

How to order: Message us via Facebook; or
email: hammondpark@cockburncommunity.asn.au
and let us know how many stickers you’d like.
We will then contact you with payment details/pick up location.

About the program:
‘Consider Our Kids’ is a program that invites Local Governments and the community to participate in raising the awareness of drivers to reduce their speed in built up areas. Speeding drivers have been identified as a main contributing factor in road related deaths and serious injury in Western Australia. The Road Safety Council of Western Australia is committed to reducing the speed of vehicles on our roads and continues to conduct regular community education campaigns targeting speed. The ‘Please Slow Down, Consider Our Kids’ stickers are designed to be placed on the sides of wheelie bins. The stickers act as a deterrent for speeding by providing a visual reminder to drivers to reduce their speed. As they are only displayed on bin collection days, it reduces the chance that drivers will become accustomed to them.

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