



Learning Together Every Day

Hammond Park

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Kindergarten Parent Information Booklet 2019

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We warmly welcome you and your child to the Hammond Park Primary School community.

When can children start Kindergarten?

Children can start Kindergarten if they turn four years of age on or before 30 June 2019.

How often do children attend Kindergarten?

In 2019 Hammond Park Primary School offers a 15 hour a week kindergarten program. This program is in line with the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education.

The model for provision is outlined in the table below:

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 (Odd weeks)	Possums Quendas	Possums Quendas	Possums Quendas	Numbats Wallabies Bandicoots	Numbats Wallabies Bandicoots
Week 2 (Even weeks)	Possums Quendas	Possums Quendas	Numbats Wallabies Bandicoots	Numbats Wallabies Bandicoots	Numbats Wallabies Bandicoots

In Term One as part of our transition to full days at Kindergarten, the children attend part time during the first two weeks. This means that they will go home at 12.00pm midday on each day of their roster.

From week three, all children will go home at 3.00pm on each day of their roster.

Daily Kindergarten Routines

Read Morning Message board

Classroom door opens: 8.40am – Please remember we do not play on equipment before school.

School start time: 8.50am – bell sounds

Morning recess: 10:50 – 11:10am – bell sounds at 11.10am

Lunch: 12:40 – 1:20pm – bell sounds at 1.20pm

School finish time: 3.00pm – bell sounds

Term 1 2019 commences on Wednesday 6th February 2019 for Possums and Quendas.

Term 1 2019 commences on Thursday the 7th of February 2019 for Numbats, Wallabies and Bandicoots.

What happens at Kindergarten?

Hammond Park Kindergarten provides a safe, stimulating and supportive environment where children can grow socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually.

We aim to capture children's natural love of learning while developing literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for future learning.

Children learn through playing and being actively involved in experiences planned by their teachers. Children are encouraged to explore, discover, improvise, create, question, discuss and construct.



English as an Additional Language

Hammond Park Primary School is located in a thriving community that is represented by people from all over the world. We are proud to have a multitude of cultures at our school and we appreciate the skills and diversity everyone brings to our community.

If your child speaks any other languages, it is very important that you let the school know upon enrolment. We are then aware of the rich culture your family is bringing to our school as well as the need to cater for your child's additional language strengths through visual prompts, short instructions and the opportunities to develop their oral language through play.

One of the greatest gifts we can pass on to children is language. The first language, learned in the home, is extremely important and forms the foundation for all later language development. We would like to reiterate how important it is to continue to speak your family language(s) at home. Children with a sound knowledge of their first language will be able to transfer skills from one language to another. This will assist with your child's ability to develop their English language skills as well as their development of a positive self-identity and well-being.

Learning is hands on and takes place through touching, seeing, hearing, exploring and experimenting. Some of the activities children may participate in include:

- *designing and creating*
- *dressing up*
- *dancing*
- *doing puzzles*
- *making collages*
- *listening to and playing music*
- *painting and drawing*
- *cooking*
- *reading books and storytelling*
- *playing with clay, play dough, blocks, sand and water*
- *using technology*

Community Involvement

At Hammond Park Primary School we understand that kindergarten is often the parents and caregivers first point of entry into a school community. Therefore we believe it is important to foster positive relations with our community as soon as possible. We also understand that many of you will be forging new friendships, meeting new people and embarking on a new journey together with your child. At Hammond Park Primary School we are always looking for parent/carer helpers in the classroom. In kindergarten, we start this in Term Two, as this gives the children a chance to settle in and adjust to their environment.

Parents Information Evening

On Wednesday the 21st November 2018 we would like to invite the 2019 kindergarten parents to attend a parent information session from 5pm – 6pm in the school library. During this information session you will meet some staff members, learn about the school canteen, school banking and other parent and community activities.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Wednesday 28th November 2018 we will be holding a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' for our new kindergarten children and their parents and caregivers. This is an opportunity for everyone to come into our school, find out where the classrooms are, complete some fun learning activities together, meet some of the teachers and staff as well as meet other parents and children.



Parents' & Citizens' Association

We have a very active and successful Parent and Community group at Hammond Park Primary School.

The Parents' and Citizens' Association (P&C) provides a great opportunity for parents, teachers and community members to support the learning and infrastructure of the school. *The role of the P&C is diverse, but ultimately, they are the voice for our parents. Our P&C contribute significantly to the funding of programs and facilities within our school.* The Annual General Meeting is held in February. Dates of the meetings are published in the events calendar on the school app-SKOOLBAG, the school newsletter, on the school website and in the term planner.

Listed below are the Committees that have been established. *All committees welcome input from parents and community members.*

Fundraising Committee: This team of P&C members coordinates and runs a number of fundraising events each year.

Canteen Committee: Volunteers are always needed in the school canteen each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. You can sign up for volunteering on the canteen's Fabulous Food Factory Facebook page.

What does my child wear?

Uniform

We encourage all children to wear the Hammond Park Primary School uniform and a school hat throughout the year. Children should wear suitable footwear that they can put on and take off by themselves. We also encourage the application of sunscreen before the school day. Children will keep their shoes on for most activities, including outdoor play. Please feel free to come and purchase your child's uniform from the front office between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday. Kindy children for 2019 will be allocated a faction by the end of November 2018.

What does my child need to bring?

A list of items that your child will need (ie. pencils and other stationery items) for use in the classroom is included in this information package. As Kindergarten is about shared experiences; all stationery items will be shared for classroom use. These items **don't** need to be labelled. Some of the items will be labelled by the staff and sent home at the end of the year to be used in Pre-primary (eg. take home folders and art smock). Please send all stationery items to school in a sealed plastic bag with your child's name on it.

A library bag will be required in Term Two. Hammond Park Primary School library bags with our school logo on it are available for purchase from the school office.

Every day your child will need a large school bag containing:

- A container with their crunch and sip (raw fruit and/or vegetables),
- a drink bottle filled with water,
- morning tea - fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese, crackers or a nutritious snack,
- lunch – sandwiches, salad wraps etc,
- a clearly named school hat,
- a change of clothes (in case of a mishap or getting wet during water play).

**** All items, including spare clothing, must be named****

**** Please do not send toys from home, as they can easily get lost and this can cause distress to your child.****



Crunch 'n' Sip

The Crunch 'n' Sip program is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy!

Crunch 'n' Sip is a set break to eat fruit or vegetables during the afternoon to give your child energy to improve physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. This gives kids a chance to refuel, and is a bit like putting petrol in a car.

Each day students bring fruit or vegetables to school in a clearly labelled container to eat in the classroom at Crunch 'n' Sip time. Each child is encouraged to bring a small bottle of water to the classroom to drink throughout the day to increase hydration.

At Hammond Park Primary School we follow the Department of Education's ***Healthy Food and Drink Policy***.

School Canteen

The school canteen (Fabulous Food Factory) commenced operation in Term 3 of 2015. The Fabulous Food Factory will continue to provide a lunch service on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in 2019. The canteen menu is over 80% 'green' according to the Department of Education's Healthy Food Guidelines and the majority of the food is homemade on the premises. The menu is displayed on the noticeboard next to the canteen and on our website. You can also find information about the online canteen at <http://www.quickcliq.com.au>. This link can also be used to order your child's lunch online.

Our 'Fabulous Food Factory' follows sustainable processes as part of our Waste Wise commitment. We use reusable containers, reusable milo cups, sandwich wraps, paper straws and stainless steel cutlery. Reusable bags for orders are also available for purchase from the canteen.

Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition, it's very important that you fill out the appropriate medical forms during the enrolment process. If your child has a Medical Action Plan endorsed by a doctor, please give a copy to the school office before your child starts kindergarten or as soon as it's available.

Please make sure your child's class teacher has any emergency medication they need for your child, as outlined in their Medical Action Plan.

If your child needs to have medication administered during school hours, you will need to fill out an, *authority to administer medication form* at the front office.

Hammond Park Primary School is an *allergy friendly school*. This means that we don't have certain products available at the canteen and we request that parents avoid nut products in lunch boxes.

Toileting

When your child begins kindergarten, your child needs to be able to go to the toilet independently.

This means your child is able to:

- realise when they need to go to the toilet,
- remove their pants and pull their pants up,
- wipe their bottom and flush the toilet,
- wash their hands after using the toilet.

Accidents do happen and the teaching staff are there to help, but your child needs to be developing these skills independently. It is time to start practising these independent toileting skills so your child is ready for Kindergarten.



Social/Emotional

The first day of Kindergarten can be an anxious time for both you and your child. Preparing your child for Kindergarten by answering all their questions honestly and in as much detail as they can understand can help prevent potential anxieties.

Here are some tips to get ready for starting school in 2019:

- Read stories with your child about starting school.
- Go past the school and talk to your child about how they will soon be going there, the exciting things they will do and the friends they will make.
- Acquaint your child with their written name so they can identify their name tags on their box and belongings.
- Purchase items such as a hat, lunchbox, drink bottle and school bag and label with your child's name.
- Teach your child self-help skills such as putting on shoes/socks, going to the toilet on their own, dressing/undressing outer garments (using zips or buttons) and opening/closing lunchbox, drink bottles and school bag.
- Explain that Mummy, Daddy/another family member/or OSHClub will drop them off and then pick them up when school has finished.



**We look forward to sharing this exciting
and important journey with you.**



Reading Books about Starting School

- Billy and the Big New School by Catherine and Laurence Anhold (Orchard Books)
- Buzzy had a Little Lamb by Harriet Ziefert and Emily Bolam (Blue Apple Books)
- Fiona the Pig's Big Day by Leigh Hobbs (Penguin/Viking)
- First Day by Margaret Wild and Kim Gamble (Allen & Unwin)
- I am Too Absolutely Small for School by Lauren Child (Orchard Books)
- Meet the Barkers: Morgan and Moffat go to School by Tomie de Paola (Putman)
- Mr Ouchy's First Day by BG Hennessy and Paul Meisel (Putnam)
- Tom goes to Kindergarten by Margaret Wild and David Legge (ABC Books)
- When an Elephant Comes to School by Jan Ormerod (Lincoln)
- Who will go to School Today? by Karl Ruhmann and Miriam Monnier (North-South)





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<http://hammondparkps.wa.edu.au/>

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[HammondPark.PS@ education.wa.edu.au](mailto:HammondPark.PS@education.wa.edu.au)



Reporting absences please text 0437 780 31

Advise student name and reason for absence

Note: If the school is not made aware of an absence a text message will be sent to confirm.



To make school payments, purchase uniform or pay for excursions/in school performances you can use the Qkr! App.

You can find it in the App Store or Play Store for free.



Our school uses *Connect* and the *Connect Now* App to communicate with our parent community.

We ask parents to install the free *Connect Now* App – visit your Play Store or App Store and search for Connect Now.

To access Connect you will be provided with a 'P' number and password from the Department of Education.

P&C

Hammond Park Primary School P&C's Email:

hammondparkpac@gmail.com



Find the Hammond Park Primary School P&C on Facebook.



To Volunteer at the Fabulous Food Factory go to:

<http://signup.com/go/UitAHq>

The Fabulous Food Factory's Email:

canteenhpps@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook as the Fabulous Food Factory - Hammond Park PS



The Fabulous Food Factory (our canteen) has online ordering.

Go to quickcliq.com.au
