

Year 5 Classroom Information 2022

Welcome to Year 5. We are looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year of learning with your children.



Communication

Please feel free to make an appointment to see us regarding your child's progress or any concerns you may have. Teachers are best contacted via email during business hours. Please note you may not receive a response until after 3pm.

Connect

We will also use Connect to communicate with parents. Connect can be accessed by parents via their P-number. Please see the office if you need assistance with accessing Connect.

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)

PBS is our whole school approach to behaviour management. Students will receive a range of rewards for positive behaviours each day and week. PBS tokens, PBS slips and certificates are awarded on a daily and weekly basis to students who display the PBS Expectations. At Hammond Park Primary School, we have four PBS Expectations that we explicitly teach to students throughout the year. They are:

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

Academic Program

Our academic program consists of English, Mathematics, HASS, Science, Health and Design & Digital Technologies. In every class, there is a range of abilities and learning needs. Students will consolidate learning at various levels of difficulty. Every child will experience targeted small group work with their teacher on a regular basis. Students will be aware of learning requirements for each lesson through the use of Learning Intentions.

At Hammond Park Primary School, we use the following strategies to cater for the needs of all students in our classroom.

- ✓ Explicit teaching (whole class and small group)
- ✓ Hands on and interactive activities
- ✓ Small group activities
- ✓ Differentiated teaching and learning
- ✓ Mixed grouping and ability grouping
- ✓ Tuning in and plenary activities
- ✓ Integrated use of digital technologies

English

Our English block includes formalised spelling, writing, speaking and listening and reading activities.

Spelling

In Years three to six, the Words Their Way spelling program is used to teach word study skills. Students are taught to discover patterns in words and think critically about the words they read and spell. Students work their way through activities using their 'word sort'. Word sorts are chosen specifically to cater for individual needs in the classroom and for the spelling behaviours they demonstrate in their writing.

Talk for Writing

Talk for Writing is Hammond Park Primary School's whole-school approach to teaching writing. This is an engaging and challenging program where students are scaffolded through stages of the writing process. They create high quality, structured texts and build on their bank of vocabulary and creative ideas.

Lexile

Your child will sit a Lexile Placement Test at several points throughout the year. This will give them a range of books to choose from in the library that reflect their reading ability and interests. Once they have read their Lexile book, your child may complete a comprehension quiz and gain points and certificates through their online account. Please encourage your child to read their Lexile book at home. E-books are also available for your child to read and complete quizzes.

Shared and Guided Reading

During our English block, students will be taught a range of reading comprehension strategies. They will engage in a range of varied text types and practice these reading strategies. This will take place both as a whole class (shared reading) and in small groups (guided reading).

Mathematics

Mathematics blocks cover Number & Algebra, Statistics & Probability and Measurement & Geometry. Mathematical concepts will also be covered in other learning areas, such as Science and HASS. The Maths block incorporates explicit teaching and small group activities. Small group activities involve a range of hands on, ICT-integrated, written and/or problem solving activities. Students will learn a range of problem solving strategies throughout the year to use when solving multi-step word problems.

Science

Students will learn science content across the four areas of Chemical, Physical, Biological and Earth & Space sciences this year. Students will also be assessed on their Science Inquiry Skills. These skills look at a student's ability to conduct experiments, ask and pose questions and make discoveries when investigating new topics.

Student Leader Roles and Responsibilities

In Term 4 of Year 5, students will nominate for a number of leadership roles throughout the school; Prefect, Faction Captain and PBS Leader. They will be

required to fill out a nomination form that highlights their reasons for nominating and the characteristics that make them suitable for the role. Students will also make posters that will be displayed outside F-block.

Voting for the leadership positions will take place in Term 4 of Year 5. The Australian Electoral Commission runs the process.

If students are nominated, there are a number of responsibilities that come with each position as well as high expectations. Each student will also undertake a Leadership Mentoring program and attend student meetings both before and after school.

Some of the roles and responsibilities of each leadership position include;

Prefect:

- Follow the correct guidelines when managing the school flags
- Make speeches and announcements at assembly and on the PA
- Set up and pack up assemblies
- Deliver lost property
- Supervise break time games
- Hand out sports equipment during recess and lunch duty

Faction Captain:

- Attend Student leader meetings
- Assist with the allocation of lunchtime equipment
- Assist with the organisation of Middle and Senior sport equipment
- Make speeches and announcements at assembly and on the PA
- Assist with Runners' Club and other PE activities

PBS Leader:

- Attend PBS meetings
- Take ideas from students back to the PBS meetings
- Support teachers to create information on PBS
- Make speeches and announcements at assembly and on the PA
- Collect PBS Slips and tokens and assist with the tally

If your child is not chosen for a position, there are many other leadership opportunities that are available throughout Year 6 including class PBS Representatives and Games Leaders.

Dance Lessons

In preparation for their Graduation, Year 5 students will participate in a dance program throughout Term 4 during Year 5 and 6. Teachers from Humphreys Dance Studio will give our students the opportunity to learn a range of social dances as part of the curriculum. These dance lessons encourage appropriate social interaction,



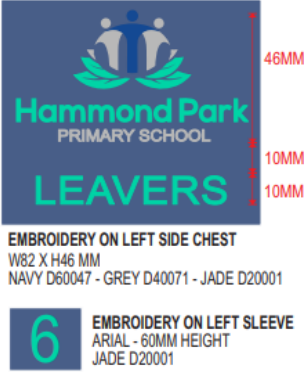
respect, cooperation, poise, social grace and of course rhythm and creativity. This means that our students will be well prepared for their Graduation Ceremony and Dinner.

Forms will be sent home at the end of Term 3.

Leaver's Shirts

The Leaver's uniform is a very special part of the Year 6 journey and something students take a lot of pride in.

Year 6 polo will be able to be purchased from our uniform store at any time of the year.

FRONT	BACK	EMBROIDERY
		 <p>EMBROIDERY ON LEFT SIDE CHEST W82 X H46 MM NAVY D60047 - GREY D40071 - JADE D20001</p> <p>6 EMBROIDERY ON LEFT SLEEVE ARIAL - 60MM HEIGHT JADE D20001</p>

If you would like to purchase a Leavers' shirt with the names of the Year 6 students printed on the back, this usually needs to be ordered at the end of Year 5 to allow for delivery and production.

Documented Plans

Your child's classroom teacher will contact you for a meeting if an individualised learning plan is required for your child in one or more learning areas. This is called a Documented Plan. The purpose of these plans is to provide some students with individualised learning support to help them achieve learning goals at their ability level.

Specialist Classes

This year our specialist subjects are:

LOTE – Indonesian

Art

Music

Physical Education

Health – Once a fortnight with a specialist teacher and also taught in class by the classroom teacher.

Class Timetable

Please refer to your child's Connect page to access the class timetable.

Morning Routine

The classroom door opens at 8:40am. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for his/her belongings and check the morning board before entering the classroom. Every day, the whiteboard will engage students in an activity before the siren at 8:50am.

Homework

Students in Year 5 are encouraged to spend a minimum of twenty minutes a day working on activities that support the skills and concepts learnt at school. Homework is not compulsory. However, for parents who wish to support further curriculum learning at home, teachers recommend students participate in one or more of the following activities (Mon-Fri):

- Reading, such as Lexile, library books (daily reading)
- Maths games linked on Connect
- Times tables practice

Library

Every class will have a set library day each week for returning and borrowing books. Please see the timetable on your child's Connect page to know their Library day. Students can only borrow new books if they have a library bag at school. This is to ensure all library books are kept safe from drink bottles or leaking food containers in school bags.

Absences

Attendance at school every day is critical to the academic and social/emotional development of all children. We encourage all students to attend school regularly so they don't miss out on important lessons within our learning programs. Staying home is encouraged when your child is sick.

Crunch & Sip

Crunch & Sip is a whole school program that we encourage every day to promote healthy eating. Students can eat a small snack of fruit or vegetables only, as a break throughout the day. Each class will have a set time of day they have their Crunch & Sip.

Allergies

Our school is allergy aware. We have several students with specific allergies and medical requirements, including anaphylaxis. As a precaution, please be aware of this and avoid sending nuts to school as part of your child's lunch. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday, please use the canteen service as Mrs Tibbits has a list of specific allergy requirements.

Medication

If your child requires medication at school, please take all medication and information to the office. Medication is kept and dispensed to students at the office, not in classrooms. Your child's classroom teacher will be notified by the office through a medical bag or plan.

Uniform

It is an expectation that all students wear the Hammond Park Primary School uniform. It is essential for all students to be wearing a hat when playing at recess, lunch times and during physical education lessons.

Excursions

There will be an opportunity for Year 5 classes to attend an organised excursion to support their learning. More information about this will be sent out closer to the date.

Kind regards,

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