

# The Newsletter of Hampton Park Primary School

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## Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Looking at the Term Planner, it is a busy term ahead for everyone involved at HPPS. Today's Super Hero dress up day supported Helping Hands and their fund raising initiative to continue to raise money for worthwhile charities as well as being a bit of fun.

### Important Dates

9 – 11 May	NAPLAN
8 May	P & C Meeting
12 May	Eagles Cup

### NAPLAN 2017

Much has been written regarding NAPLAN in the past and no doubt over the next few weeks there will be media attention focussed on the nationwide standardised testing procedure. It is one test on one day that tests a small percentage of the great skills that our students possess and are continuing to develop.

On **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**, **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** and **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known. Skills that will be tested include reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.



Please support your children by sending them ready and raring to go in a positive frame of mind. These tests are done at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. Schools use the data gained in such testing to inform school improvement plans and to help guide classroom teaching.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The focus for us here at Hampton Park is for our students sitting the tests to do the best they can do on the day and move on to their next learning challenge. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

Later in the year, we will send parents an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing. The school does not keep copies of this report, so please keep this in a safe place.

More information is available on the [NAP website](#).

### Working Group – John Holland

There will be a working group meeting next Wednesday in the staff room for interested community members. The meeting will include an update on progress of the North Link project and underpass, and allow input from the school and its community.

Attached to this newsletter is also a construction update from John Holland.

Regards,

**Phil Springett**  
Principal

### Clowning Around

Last week Circus Flipstars were lucky enough to have Ms Ensa Parvini, R9's prac student, come in and teach us how to make balloon flowers and animals. We all had a wonderful time, lots of laughs and learnt new skills at the same time. We would like to thank Ms Parvini for organising the activity and teaching us with so much enthusiasm and patience! We are back to the grind this week though as we sharpen our circus skills in readiness for our upcoming show, stay tuned!

Mrs Fiona Cunningham



### Eagles Cup Interschool Sports Competition

Our senior students will be taking part in this Inter school Competition on Friday afternoons this term. We will be playing games of Football, Netball and Soccer against Hillcrest, Inglewood and Mt Lawley Primary schools. Our first game is at Hampton against Mt Lawley on May 12th (1:30-2:30pm) Letters will come home with information and Bus costs for away games.

### Sporting School After School Sports Program

For this term will be Basketball for the year 3/4 group running on Mondays from week 3-6

*Priority will go to those who returned forms for last terms activity but didn't get in.*

Notes will come home this week informing those who have been successful - please return these forms ASAP so we can invite others if there are places available.

### Faction Cross Country

Will be run in week 10 on the Wednesday. Format at this early stage will be year 1 and 2 before lunch (at school) and Year 3-6 after lunch at Emberson Reserve.

### Lapathon

Will be run on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. More information to follow.

Michael Lee  
Phys Ed Specialist

### Canteen Menu

Please refer to our school website for the new winter menu.

## Community Notices



## Hampton Park Helping Hands



Week 2 is in full swing at Helping Hands, we have been looking at healthy food and suggesting some inter for afternoon tea, this week some of the yummy food we will be having is pizza, frozen yoghurt drops and sushi. Spaces are filling fast for before and after school if you require care for a specific session please book early to avoid missing out on your space.

Thank you to everyone who dressed up and donated to the Children's Hospital. The money raised will go to support the services provided for sick children in PMH. You can still donate for a few more days via our fundraising page at the link below.

<https://dare.everydayhero.com/au/helping-hands-and-hampton-park-primary> and click give now!

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**Tuesday 13 June 2017**  
1:30pm-3:00pm

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School Tours: 9:15am Tuesday 16 May and Friday 16 June  
Information Evening: 6pm Wednesday 31 May