

# The Newsletter of Hampton Park Primary School

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**Dear Parents, Students and Staff,**

It is amazing how the first half of the year has flown by. This morning's assembly was a great way to acknowledge many achievements across the school and enjoy performances from the choir and Room 9 students. In the last two weeks of school we have celebrated the culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with various NAIDOC week activities including a colouring in competition organised by Mr Goddard and Ms Merrells, in which prizes were handed out at our Monday morning assembly. The Student Councillors raised over \$400 for the school, with their Pyjama Day initiative and we have received many donations for the Good Samaritan Drive. Mrs Lee cooked up a storm last week with her classes in the Cluster wet area and our students represented the school with pride at last Friday's Winter Carnival in which we won the Division A and B Netball along with the Football. We have had a beautiful day for our Cross Country competition today in which students tried their best in an event that doesn't come easily for all students.

## Important Dates

30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of Term 3
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 3 commences



Reports went home yesterday, which many students were looking forward to. It is important to remember that achievement levels should be considered as one indicator of the overall achievement of your child as a learner. It is important to consider grade allocations alongside teacher comments and attributes for attitude, behaviour and effort. It is important to communicate with your child's classroom teacher to understand the individual progress your child is making as the year goes on as their achievement level may not acknowledge the individual improvement and learning that has occurred. Students achieving a 'C' grade or 'Satisfactory' are progressing well and are demonstrating the expected level of development and understanding for their year level.

Miss Parvini and Miss Sheridan will be completing their final practicum at the end of the term and we thank them for their contribution to the school this term and wish them well in their teaching future.

Our end of term GFTs (Good Fun Time) and Values activities will round out a great term at Hampton Park PS. I hope you all enjoy the holiday break with your families. Stay warm and we will see you back here on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Regards,**  
**Phil Springett – Principal**

## Kindy Enrolments

### Friday 21 July is an important date in your child's education

Families need to apply to enrol their children in a public school for 2018 if they are:

- starting Kindergarten – 4 years old by 30 June 2018
- starting Pre-primary (first year of compulsory school) – 5 years old by 30 June 2018
- starting Year 7 (first year of secondary school)
- changing schools.

To apply to enrol your child, visit your local school by Friday 21 July 2017. For more information call us here on 92763044.

## Naidoc Week

Last week we celebrated NAIDOC Week, with a variety of activities in classrooms and specialist lessons. It is a great way of looking at Aboriginal Australia, recognising the long lasting contribution to our society and in respecting cultural practice from the oldest surviving culture in the world. Songs, language, stories and traditional dance were looked at, as well as a whole school colouring competition. Mr Merrells provided images of Australian animals for our students to colour in and there were two winners from every classroom! Their winning entries are proudly displayed outside the office. It was great to see our entire school from the Pre-Primarys, through the Clusters and to the older students on the verandah engage with Indigenous culture and produce some stunning artwork which is displayed outside the office, why not come down and have a look for yourself!

## Drumbeat

We have had another successful Term in the Drumbeat program. The Year 5/6 girls learnt new drumming skills on the Djembe Drums and were an extremely committed group during discussion times. We had the privilege to perform in front of the Year 1/2 students and their teachers and we hope they enjoyed it. A big thanks to Mrs Cunningham for providing such fun and interesting sessions.



All participants will receive their certificates at the Friday assembly and a big thank you to Natalie Turner for her beautiful calligraphy on the certificates.

## Winter Carnival

A big congratulations to our Winter Carnival teams for the sporting and competitive way they conducted themselves at last Friday's Winter Carnival.

Thanks to all the parents who came along to cheer on our teams.

## Mandarin News

We seemed to have barely started cooking when the two wonderful days ended so quickly last week. We have had fun making and eating the wontons. This intercultural experience brought out interesting comparisons with some students and staff saying that the wonton skins actually looked like cheese slices while I chimed in with "soft lasagne sheets"! What a great exchange of knowledge and increase in understanding across cultures. I would like to show some of our Languages students enjoying the cooking sessions and I have attached the recipe for the fried wontons that some staff members, parents and students have requested. Please do modify to suit your tastes.



## Fried Wontons

### Ingredients:

- a packet of wonton skins
  - \*1 kg chicken mince (you can use pork)
  - \*a tsb oyster sauce
  - \*a tsb chicken stock powder (I use vegeta, you can other brands)
  - \*2 leaves of Chinese cabbage, finely chopped and salted to remove excess water)
  - \*½ onion, chopped finely
  - \*1 tsb garlic powder (optional)
  - \*Salt and pepper to taste
  - \*3 tsb rice bran oil or any good oil
- Oil for deep frying



### Procedure:

1. Mix all ingredients well. Leave in the fridge for a couple of hours to marinade.
2. Then place about a teaspoonful in the centre of a piece of wonton wrapper then fold in half. Seal the edges with a mixture of flour and water. Repeat making the wontons until all the skins or the wonton filling has been used up,
3. Heat up sufficient amount of oil in a pot/wok and when it is hot, slide wontons gently into the hot oil and fry until golden brown. Do not overcrowd the pot/wok.
4. Drain the fried wontons in a container lined with paper towels.
5. Serve with your favourite sauces.



### Book Week Parade – Next Term

On Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> August there will be a Dress-up Parade for Book Week. The theme for Book Week is Escape to Everywhere. It might be a fun idea for the holidays for the children to start making their costumes. This year we are going to award prizes to the most creative home-made costumes. We are focusing on recycling and reusing.

### STEAM Club

Just a reminder that STEAM Club has been cancelled for this week.

### Hampton Park Netball Club

Our netballers are really showing everyone our school spirit and skills!

All three teams were winners on the weekend – and everyone knows ‘Winners are Grinners’.

Congratulations to all the players and thank you to all the parents and families who come down in the cold to support our players. Gooooooo Hampton!!



### School Development Day Term 3

The First day back for students in Term 3 is Tuesday July the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Community Notices

