

# THE LANDING POST

A Newsletter designed to inform our growing school community of  
Anne Hamersley Primary School

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Dear Parents and Friends,

## MINISTER FOR EDUCATION OFFICIALLY OPENS SCHOOL

Many thanks to those parents and friends who attended our official opening on Friday 5 February. This was a special occasion with invited guests and visitors being given an opportunity to inspect our school guided by our excellent Tour Guides - children from the Year 5/6 class. They were also delighted by our items perfected within four days by our Year 5/6 class who led the school in song and, the stars of the show, Ms Godfrey's Year 1 / 2 class. Their level of enjoyment and perfection certainly impressed and they were featured on the Ministers publicity clip viewable on:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/spcnptm75nkpt0h/Video%2005-02-2016%2C%2012%2000%2000.mov?dl=0>

Also covering the event were journalists from The Advocate. Their article can be read in the last edition of this free paper or on:

<http://www.communitynews.com.au/>

Sincere thanks to Mrs Pegararo, who given our short time line, coached her Year 5/6 children to the impressive levels they demonstrated as MC's and guides. Thanks also to Mr Hall for ensuring that our children were in fine voice and Ms Parkes who organised the art work used as backdrops. Thank you also to Mr Guy who put together the PowerPoint presentation used as a backdrop and Mrs Bell for organising the setting and rehearsals that ensured our children were comfortable and displaying their best public manners.

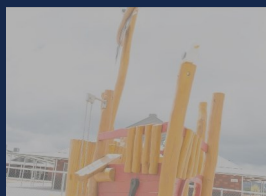
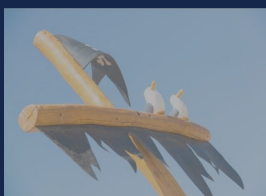
Following the official ceremony, a special morning tea was organised by the P&C Association. This was served in the staff room against a backdrop of a table sheet with the handprints of all our staff and children. Do come in and have a look at this beautiful work of art. This was put together by Tara Leader and Kym Hannaford. Kym also baked and iced a beautiful cake cut by the Minister and our Director General. Sincere thanks to these ladies who invested a great deal of time into these activities. Thanks to Shane Ziarkievicz who as interim President is heading up an active P&C.

## PARENTS INFORMATION EVENINGS

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and friends who attended our Information Evenings. An attendance count shows that 60% attended. All parents who attended were given an information booklet/sheet and parents who did not attend are asked to come in and collect a copy.

Thank you to all staff who ensured that you are now well informed about how your child's class will operate. Several parents took this opportunity to set up parent meetings. I consider these to be a vital activity as they give all stakeholders an opportunity to share information.

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### DRONE PHOTOGRAPHS BY TROY WYATT - PARENT

Thanks to Troy's skills, we have a series of aerial photographs of our school construction over the past year. The photograph below shows the school exactly a year after construction was commenced on 5 February 2015. The official opening by the Minister was on February 2016.



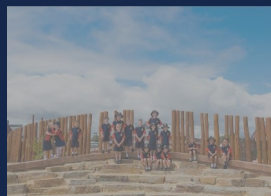
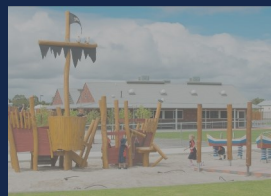
### ICY POLE FRIDAYS (Year 1-6)

The P & C have organised to sell icy poles from the canteen after the children have eaten their lunch. Please send your child with \$1.00 if they wish to buy one. Depending on the success of this Friday's sale, this may become a fixture.

### UPCOMING ELECTIONS

All parents and friends are reminded that the first meeting of the P&C Association will be held on **Thursday 10 March at 7.00 PM** in the school Library. In attendance will be a representative from the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO). An election of Office Bearers will be conducted at this meeting. These are:

- President
- V/President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Committee Members





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All parents are encouraged to attend to either stand for office or to be part of this important organisation. There are opportunities to serve on a range of committees and to raise matters that can be debated and actioned by the Principal who is an ex officio member of the Association. It is the P&C Association who works towards raising funds to value add to the programs we offer our children.

### SCHOOL BOARD

As an Independent Public School, one of the instruments of governance is the School Board. This group operate separately from the P&C and plays an important part in determining school direction. Following the establishment of our first official P&C I will be calling for nominations to the Board. Please look out for a detailed article that will be in the Landing Post after the P&C elections.

### FIRST SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

School Assemblies will be held on Thursday mornings of even weeks through the school year. The assembly is organised by a nominated class who also present an item and one of the features of the Assembly is the presentation of Honour Certificates to children who give of their best over the fortnight. You will be informed in advance if your child will be receiving one. Please keep this a "secret" so it can be a surprise!

Following the Assembly there will be a certificate winners photograph that will be published in the next Landing Post.

Our Kindergarten class will commence attending Assemblies in Term 2 when they are better adjusted to our routines.

Next week's Assembly will be conducted by Calista 4 – Year 5/6.

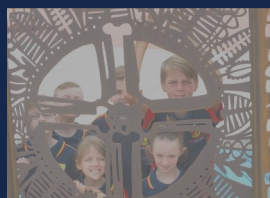
All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

### TERM CALENDAR

Accompanying this Landing Post is the Term Calendar. Please keep this on hand and add and delete items as they come to hand.

### EARLY FINISH WEDNESDAYS

Just a reminder that school finishes at 2.30pm each Wednesday afternoon.





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### SMS COMMUNICATION

Our mobile phone messaging system to communicate student unexplained absences to parents and guardians is up and running. This system will send text messages to parents/guardians mobile phones when your child is absent from school in the instance that an explanation has not already been provided. Each morning of a school day, our computer system will automatically send parents a message similar to:

*"AHPS records show Frank Smart is absent on Mon 23/3/16. Pls reply SMS or call 9297 7000, student name/ reason/ absence date"*

SMS is designed to advise parents that according to school records, the student is absent and no reason has been provided to the school. It is a legal requirement that parents contact the school regarding any student absences or reasons for lateness. If an explanation for the absence has been provided prior to 9.30AM each morning, then parents will not receive an SMS. Once absence notification messages have been implemented, the use of SMS communications may be extended to wider uses such as unexpected school closures or a reminder about a school event. It is expected that the use of SMS communication to parents will assist in reducing the number of unexplained student absences and help inform the school and parents as to the whereabouts of every student. The SMS strategy is already being used across many WA schools as a successful initiative to improve communication to parents and to encourage students to take responsibility for their attendance at school.

Absences can be reported to the office by phoning **9297 7000** or texting our automated text only service on **0438 914 065**.

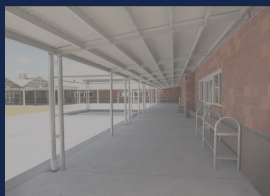
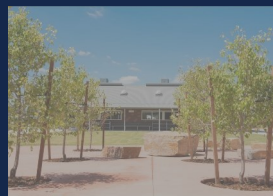
***With best wishes***

Yours sincerely

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## 2016 TERM 1

| Week                               | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat            | Sun            |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|----------------|----------------|
|                                    | 25 January<br>School Development Day –<br>Student Free Day | 26 January<br>AUSTRALIA DAY                 | 27 January<br>School Development Day –<br>Student Free Day | 28 January<br>School Development Day –<br>Student Free Day | 29 January<br>School Development Day –<br>Student Free Day | 30<br>January  | 31<br>January  |
| 1                                  | 1 February   | 2 February                                  | 3 February<br>Early Close 2.30pm                           | 4 February<br>Landing Post                                 | 5 February   | 6<br>February  | 7<br>February  |
| 2                                  | 8 February   | 9 February                                  | 10 February<br>Early Close 2.30pm                          | 11 February<br>Assembly                                    | 12 February<br>Landing Post                                | 13<br>February | 14<br>February |
| 3                                  | 15 February  | 16 February                                 | 17 February  | 18 February  | 19 February  | 20<br>February | 21<br>February |
| <b>PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS</b> |  |   |  |  |  |                |                |
|                                    |  |   | Early Close 2.30pm   | Landing Post   | Ice – Pole Day   |                |                |
| 4                                  | 22 February  | 23 February                                 | 24 February<br>Early Close 2.30pm                          | 25 February<br>Assembly – Calista<br>4                     | 26 February  | 27<br>February | 28<br>February |
| 5                                  | 29 February  | 1 March                                     | 2 March<br>Early Close 2.30pm                              | 3 March<br>Landing Post                                    | 4 March  | 5<br>March     | 6<br>March     |
| 6                                  | 7 March<br>Labour Day                                      | 8 March<br>Easter Raffle tickets<br>on Sale | 9 March<br>Early Close 2.30pm                              | 10 March<br>P & C AGM<br>Assembly – Student<br>Leaders     | 11 March   | 12<br>March    | 13<br>March    |
| 7                                  | 14 March   | 15 March                                    | 16 March<br>Early Close 2.30pm                             | 17 March<br>Landing Post                                   | 18 March   | 19<br>March    | 20<br>March    |
| 8                                  | 21 March   | 22 March                                    | 23 March<br>Early Close 2.30pm                             | 24 March<br>Harmony Day<br>Assembly                        | 25 March<br>Holiday  | 26<br>March    | 27<br>March    |
| 9                                  | 28 March<br>Holiday  | 29 March<br>Holiday                         | 30 March<br>Early Close 2.30pm                             | 31 March<br>Landing Post                                   | 1 April  | 2<br>April     | 3<br>April     |
| 10                                 | 4 April  | 5 April                                     | 6 April<br>Early Close 2.30pm                              | 7 April  | 8 April<br>ANZAC Service<br>9.30am                         | 9<br>April     | 10<br>April    |

**ADDITIONAL EVENTS CANCELLATIONS OR POSTPONEMENTS ANNOUNCED VIA THE LANDING POST.**



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