

# THE LANDING POST

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

**ROD W. SIMEONS - PRINCIPAL**

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Dear Parents and Friends,

## WELCOME TO OUR FOUNDATION YEAR AT ANNE HAMERSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

We are operational! The first day of school on Monday was special and spectacular for our children, parents and staff. I can't thank you enough for embracing what we had imagined our school would look like. Your children were beautifully dressed in full uniform with black shoes and socks and of course fully equipped with stationery and all items on the Book Lists. The school bags in our beautiful school colours with a large school crest were the final touch to a perfectly well dressed school.

Our school numbers currently stand at 215 and playtime is a treat for our children enjoying the nature play spaces and the wonderful lawned spaces, lush oval and the "yarn circles" dotted around the school. We now occupy all our teaching blocks – Amity, Parmelia, Calista & Orelia, although all classes are not occupied. I am reliably informed that with the building activity, all rooms should be occupied by the end of the year. Meanwhile we are enjoying being a small school!! Part of the advantage of this is smaller class numbers.

Of course a planning reality in a new school is that if numbers increase, and classes are overfull, there will need to be a restructure of classes.

We are currently in the process of profiling children and it is possible that some children in the early years may be moved within the first two weeks to a class that is more suited to their particular needs.



## OFFICIAL OPENING

All parents and friends are invited to attend our official opening on **Friday 5 February commencing at 9.00 AM**. You are requested to be seated by 8.45 am at the very latest.

The Minister for Education The Hon Peter Collier will officially declare the school open and the Director General of Education will also be in attendance in the company of several dignitaries and school supporters.

This promises to be a special day in the history of the school and your attendance would be appreciated. Our Year 5/6 students will act as MC's and Guides and there are presentations by our Year 5/6 students and our Year 1 /2 ( Ms Godfrey) class who have been working hard in the short time available to perfect a most enjoyable item.

## FIRST DAY MEMORIES

You may recall that we had two professional photographers at our school during the first half of the first day. They managed to take some candid shots of all our children and staff and a memorable one of all our children assembled on the lawn outside Banksia. Copies of these will be available to you shortly.

## STAFF EFFORT

I would like to record my sincere thanks to all staff for making a huge effort to ensure that we were ready for our first day. Most of their effort was made in their own time during the holiday This was a tribute to their dedication and desire to be in complete readiness for your children.

The following is a complete list of all staff currently employed at Anne Hamersley Primary School:

<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	Mr Rod Simeons
<b>DEPUTY PRINCIPALS</b>	Mr Rob Guy & Mrs Paula Bell
<b>REGISTRAR</b>	Mrs Lisa Snell
<b>ENROLMENT &amp; SCHOOL OFFICER</b>	Mrs Yvonne Barry





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### EARLY LEARNING COMMUNITY

<b>AMITY 2</b> - Kindy Yellow & Red	Ms Krystle Barr & Ms Jessica Mickan (EA)
<b>AMITY 3</b> —Pre-Primary	Mrs Andrea Griffin & Mrs Debbie O'Neill ( EA)
<b>AMITY 4</b> —Pre-Primary	Ms Danella Brown & Mrs Kath Rowlands (EA)

### CLASS TEACHERS

<b>PARMELIA 1</b> -Year 1	Mrs Claire Armstrong
<b>PARMELIA 3</b> - Year 2/3	Ms Claire Henderson
<b>PARMELIA 4</b> -Year 1 /2	Ms Brooke Godfrey
<b>CALISTA 1</b> - Year 3 / 4	Ms Emily Partington
<b>CALISTA 2</b> - Year 4/5	Mrs Narelle Salomon
<b>CALISTA 4</b> - Year 5/6	Mrs Alyson Pegoraro

### SPECIALIST STAFF

<b>Art &amp; Science</b>	Ms Lara Parkes
<b>Physical Education &amp; Music</b>	Mr Brendan Hall

### GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

<b>FACILITIES MANAGER</b>	Mr Rob Fiebig
<b>HEAD CLEANER</b>	Ms Samantha Manns
<b>CLEANERS</b>	Ms Boonma Draper
	Ms Tabitha Rauch
	Ms Teriza Ayat

### CLASS MEETINGS

Your children's teachers are anxious to meet with you and share their philosophies and class policies with you. Look out for their invitations to a meeting in the evenings [to ensure attendance by both parents] in the next fortnight.





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## WHOOPING COUGH AND HEAD LICE

There have been recently reported cases of Whooping Cough in the community. I have been in touch with the Health Department and they have given me the following advice:

Whooping cough (pertussis) is a serious, contagious, respiratory infection caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*. The disease begins like a cold and then the characteristic cough develops. This cough may last up to three months, even after antibiotic treatment is completed and the person is no longer infectious.

Head Lice is another problem all children and parents are confronted with from time to time. The school nurse advises :

Head lice infestation (also referred to as pediculosis, "cooties", or "nits" ) is the invasion of the hair and scalp by the common head louse. Lice are scavengers that feed on the excreted body fluids of their host humans, but do not burrow into skin. As common as they are, lice very rarely cause other diseases, and their presence has nothing to do with a lack of cleanliness. Infected children however, may be quickly labelled by their peers if singled out which can lead to social stigmatization. Head lice are also very contagious and difficult to kill.

### QUOTE OF THE FORTNIGHT:

*The worst thing you can possibly do is worry about what you could have done.*

*[LICHTENBERG]*

Yours sincerely

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