

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,

WELCOME BACK

From all reports passed along to us by your children, they had a wonderful holiday. They were certainly ready for school on their first day back and as usual looked really special in their uniforms. Our school numbers continue to grow with current numbers standing at 215 students.

A special welcome to our new children Blake, Melissa, Tay and Alexis. We wish them well as they commence their academic careers at Anne Hamersley .



STAFFING

We welcome Special Needs Education Assistants Kalliope Pattes and Lorraine Salt, and Facilities Manager Kym Egan.

We also welcome back our Kindergarten teacher Ms Barr who was married during her absence. She will now have the surname - Jackson so welcome back and congratulations to Mrs Jackson.

NAPLAN (NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY) CHILDREN BEING TESTED

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an every-day part of the school calendar since 2008.



NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. Our tests will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 3 – 10, 11 and 12 May - with Friday being set aside for children who could not attend on these days to be tested.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

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NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy and are developed over time through the school curriculum.

Teachers and children have been working hard in preparation for these tests and I am confident that all our children will both give of their best and score well on the tests.

JIGGLE JAM AND JUMP JAM

Next week we will be starting a brand new fitness initiative that will be rolled out school wide. We are planning to have these fitness sessions on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 8.50 – 9.00am. Parents are invited to join in the fun and get the heart rate elevated and the blood pumping during these sessions as well.

Here is a little more about the Jump Jam and Jiggle Jam programs;

- JUMP JAM is a 'Kidz Aerobix' resource kit created by Brett Fairweather specifically for Yr 1 – Y7 students and teachers to challenge fundamental movement skills, increase fitness, develop student leadership and motivate students to move & enjoy exercise.
- Jiggle Jam, our other resource specifically for Kindy – Y1 & ESC, teaches and introduces our students to, timing, rhythm, counting, cross crawling patterning, coordination, imagery, directionality, fine and gross motor skills, indigenous cultural movements, moderate to vigorous cardiovascular fitness, a mat routine for posture and upper body exercises and our final routine offers slow and gentle movements for hand eye coordination, balance and calmness.



JUMP JAM & Jiggle Jam are a fusion of dance & fitness disciplines along with cultural interpretations that capture the look, attitude, posture and elements of Aerobics and Fitness.

I hope you can come along and join in the fun with our students. Jump Jam and Jiggle Jam on Wednesdays and Fridays starting Week 2 Term 2 from 8.50 – 9.00am.

Brendan Hall
Physical Education Specialist



LITERACY MATTERS

Welcome to the first edition of Literacy Matters. At our school, we use many literacy programs that have been highly researched and will provide your child with every opportunity to reach and exceed their potential. For that to happen, literacy must be promoted in your home as well. To support you with this, we have developed the '200 Nights of Reading' program.

You may have already noticed that your child's reading folder has the numbers 1 to 50 where you sign. These numbers are the number of nights which they have read. Every 50 nights they read, they earn a stamp in their passport. 100 nights of reading awards are given at the Monday Muster.

REMINDER: EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM

When they reach 200 nights, your child will receive a special certificate and a book prize. We are expecting EVERY student to receive a book prize, so please ensure that your child reads EVERY night. Weekends and holidays count, so if they are a bit behind, it's OK, they can still make it! Kindergarten students will be starting their home reading program soon.

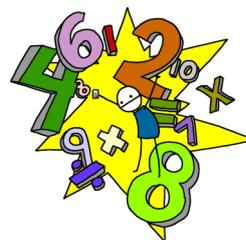
Students bring home reading books and library books so they will have something to read every night. We are also starting the digital literacy program "Bug Club" where students have access to allocated eBooks from their teacher. Remember there is also a fantastic Public library in Ellenbrook that enables you to take out up to 20 items for four weeks.

Paula Bell
Deputy Principal

FAMILY MATHS MANIA

Welcome to our first Family Maths Mania segment. In this segment parents are encouraged to problem solve with their children. After solving the problem please follow the three easy steps below.

- Post the answer written on paper in the "Maths Mania Box" located on the bench outside of the Deputy Principals' office on the Monday after the Landing Post has been published.
- Answers need to be posted before the siren sounds on the Monday.
- Ensure names and class numbers are clearly written on the answer sheets.



All the correct answers will be put aside for a special prize draw at the Monday Muster.

PROBLEM

During the holidays my cousin came over to stay at my home. We made the most of her stay at my place... and I even earned a few chocolates.

Every day, we would play a game of chess. Whoever lost the game owed a chocolate to the other. After the last game we played (that was the day she was to leave), we counted the number of games each of us had won and lost. Wow! I had won more than her. So, she handed me 12 chocolates... though she herself was the winner in 12 games.

How many days did my cousin spend at my place?

Numeracy News

Numeracy - *to be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life. To be a maths problem solver is to confidently and effectively meet the challenges of the future.*

At AHPS we know that Maths is an integral part of our world and our future. Students engage in maths with a positive mindset. We are mathematical problem solvers that enquire about ideas we don't understand and we don't expect to be handed the answers. When solving a problem students are taught to start from what they already know, and they utilise that knowledge to move forward. Risk taking is always encouraged! Students plan their strategies and discuss ideas with peers and teachers. AHPS mathematicians learn from each other and celebrate their efforts; all efforts, because it is only by making mistakes that we will move forward.

Rob Guy
Deputy Principal



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P&C ASSOCIATION

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wow! The start of Term Two at Anne Hamersley Primary School has commenced! We trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday and all children are refreshed and ready for another great Term.

Last term we supported a Free Dress Day which raised a total of \$200. Thank you all for your continued support with our fundraising efforts for your children and the school.

Our Bunnings sausage Sizzle on Sunday 24 April was a wonderful success and saw us raise a further \$800 for the school. There was a steady flow of sausages being purchased throughout the day and the feedback and support from the community was fantastic. A very big thank you to everyone that was able to assist on the day and in the lead up to the Sausage Sizzle. These events cannot take place without assistance from our school community, so we thank you.



A reminder that we are still hosting Ice-Block Fridays for the foreseeable future. We are sure even in the cooler weather, the children will continue to enjoy this special treat once a week.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 12 May at 7pm in the school library. We welcome new faces to join our team to bring with them new ideas and talents to our P&C Committee. You can keep up to date with events, activities and requests for volunteers by liking our Facebook page Anne Hamersley Primary School P&C Association or by emailing us at AHPS_pandc@hotmail.com.

Wise words for the fortnight

"Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother."

Happy Mother's Day to all our ever supportive Mothers.

With best wishes

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Keyboard + Guitar + Drums Lessons
Starting at Anne Hamersley Primary School



Getting ready now for lessons in 2016

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day

Keyboard + Guitar

- \$14.50 per child per small group lesson (3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)

Drums Ensemble

- \$8.95 per child per ensemble (15-25 students for 30-45 minutes)
- Exciting drums program starting with "bucket drums" – a loud ensemble that builds rhythm, requires teamwork and sounds incredible!
- PMI teachers supply percussion instruments for ensembles
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

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There will be a demonstration by PMI at our next
Assembly on Thursday May 5th.

2016 TERM 2

1	25 April Anzac Day	26 April School Development Day – Student Free Day	27 April	28 April Landing Post	29 April	30 April	1 May
2	2 May	3 May	4 May Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	5 May Rugby Clinic 9.580am-12.40pm Assembly – Student Leaders	6 May Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	7 May	8 May
3	9 May	10 May	11 May Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am Eagles Visit 11-12pm	12 May P & C Meeting 7pm Landing Post	13 May Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	14 May	15 May
4	16 May Vision & hearing Screening for Kindy Red	17 May	18 May Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	19 May Assembly – Parmelia 4	20 May Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am Vision & hearing Screening for Kindy Yellow	21 May	22 May
5	23 May	24 May	25 May Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am National simultaneous story time – 9.00am Eagles Visit 11-12pm	26 May Landing Post	27 May Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	28 May	29 May
6	30 May	31 May	1 June Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	2 June Assembly – Calista 2	3 June Jump & Jiggle Jam 11.45am	4 June	5 June
7	6 June WA Day	7 June	8 June Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	9 June Landing Post	10 June Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	11 June	12 June
8	13 June School Development Day – Student Free Day	14 June East Perth FC AFL clinic 11am-3pm	15 June Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	16 June Assembly – Parmelia 1	17 June Jump & Jiggle Jam 11.45am	18 June	19 June
9	20 June	21 June	22 June Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	23 June Landing Post	24 June Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am Winter sports Carnival 	25 June	26 June
10	27 June	28 June	29 June Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am Reports sent home	30 June Assembly - Music	1 July Jump & Jiggle Jam 8.50am-9.00am	2 July	3 July

ADDITIONAL EVENTS CANCELLATIONS OR POSTPONEMENTS ANNOUNCED VIA THE LANDING POST.