

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,

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Earlier this term I sent out a letter in paper copy format calling for volunteers [4] to be elected to the School Board. I have received a limited number of expressions of interest and urge you to come forward and fill in the Nomination Form attached to this Landing Post. To refresh your knowledge of expectations and duties, I have provided you with the main features of the commitment below.

Purpose of Board -The Board is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students and will enhance the education provided by the school.

Functions of the Board -The Board has the following functions:

To take part in:

- a. establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions
- b. the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions
- c. evaluating the school's performance in achieving them and
- d. formulating codes of conduct for students at the school .

With the approval of the Director General to:

- a. take part in the selection of, but not the appointment of, the school principal or any other member of the teaching staff

To approve:

- a. of a charge or contribution determined by the principal for the provision of certain materials, services and facilities
- b. of the costs determined by the principal to be paid for participation in an extra cost optional component of the school's educational program
- c. of the items determined by the principal to be supplied by a student for the student's personal use in the school's educational program ; and
- d. of an agreement or arrangement for advertising or sponsorship in relation to a government school
- e. To determine in consultation with students, their parents and staff a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school.



To provide advice to the principal of the school on:

- a. a general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material based on religious, spiritual or moral values being used in a school activity as part of religious education and
- b. allowing time for the special religious education of students in the school, but the total number of hours so allowed in a school year is not to exceed 40

To promote the school in the community

All elected members will function within these boundaries.

TIME COMMITMENT

It is envisaged that the Board will meet at least once per term directly after school on an agreed day.

HEALTH SCREENING BY OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Next week our Kindergarten children will be having vision, hearing and ear health screening. A targeted screening of any child for whom there is an identified concern regarding development will also be conducted. The tests will be carried out by the school nurse and her small team. Kindergarten Red will be screened on Monday 16 May and Kindergarten Yellow on Friday 20 May 2016. Please see your child's teacher if, for any reason your child will be absent. A catch-up test can be organised.

THE SCHOOL ENTRY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (SEHA)

Numerous research findings indicate that early detection and intervention of health and development problems in young children is crucial for optimising lifelong learning, behaviour and health outcomes. It involves the identification of individuals who are at increased risk of developing, or are experiencing the first stages of a condition or disorder.

Many thanks to all parents who have completed and sent in their forms. Screening cannot be conducted without this form.

VIST BY RICK THE ROCK

On Wednesday afternoon our children attended a special presentation by Rick the Rock of the West Coast Eagles. He brought to our children a special message on health and wellbeing accompanied by a great deal of audience participation and laughter. Many thanks to the club for visiting our school. The photographs below show some scenes of this event.





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LAST WEEKS ASSEMBLY AND AWARD WINNERS

Thank you to the parents and friends who attended our Assembly last Thursday. Please remember that Assemblies are held on Thursdays of Even Weeks commencing at 8.55. Following some whole school singing, the following children were awarded Honour Certificates:



HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Eva Jorre De St Jorre	Pippa Patu	Karl Gutierrez	Malachi Johnston
Ashton MacPherson	Giulia Gaddari Mam- mone	Isla Surin	Kaylee Ross
Destiny Croucher	Jacob Campo	Emma Gale	Aaron Misso
Jai Datson	Shalom Mensah	Ella Simpson	Rhyley MacPherson
Julian Kahui	Liana Luarez	Kaitlyn Datson	Vince Ligasan

STUDENT PASSPORT PROGRAM

Congratulations to all of this weeks Passport achievers.

CHANGE OF STUDENT DETAILS

Student Update Forms will be coming home with your child today. Can you please check the information and make any corrections that are necessary, then return to the classroom teacher or front office. It is important that student records are kept up to date throughout the year. Should there be any change to address, contact, medical or access restriction details please advise the school as soon as possible.

REMINDER: EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM



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NAPLAN ANNUAL TESTING – Year 3 & 5

Congratulations to all our Year 3 & 5 children for successfully completing their NAPLAN testing. The test were completed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Our children were a model of focus and a desire to give of their best. Well done.

The tests focus specifically on the children's proficiency in Literacy and Numeracy. However, both you, our teachers and myself look at our children through a "whole child" lens that looks at their achievements in so many areas and their skills in so many other learning areas. Our belief is that all children are "stars" in their own right and that they all have so much to celebrate.

LITERACY MATTERS

Welcome back to Literacy Matters. Every fortnight will contain some information to help you assist your child with their literacy learning journey. The focus of this piece is HOME READING.

You can make a huge difference!

- Children learning to read need to practice reading every day, at school and at home.

Goals of home reading

- To give opportunities to practice reading books and words.
- To create independent, problem-solving readers.
- To improve the fluency of reading.
- To understand what the story or the text is about.
- To read at a good talking speed.

Rules of home reading

- Reading with your child should be a happy time, not a stressful time. Smile!
- Let your child hold the book.
- Let your child point to the words.
- Let your child turn the pages.
- Sit back and let them be active readers.
- Watch your child read and prompt them when they need help.
- Point to a word only to re-direct them when they seem lost.
- Talk about the story-ask questions at the end.



Use this time as precious 1:1 time with your child.



Paula Bell
Deputy Principal

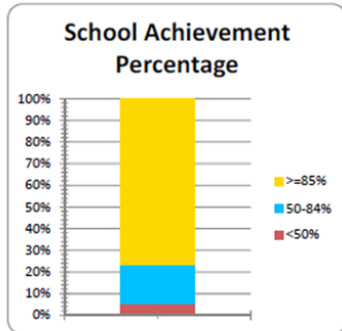
MATHLETICS – A GROWING CRAZE AT ANNE HAMERSLEY.

Thanks to the P&C Association, all students, PP - Year 6 are subscribed to Mathletics and have an online Mathletics student profile. Mathletics is used by teachers to supplement the Numeracy Curriculum and in the process expose students to key areas of the Numeracy Scope and Sequence in great quantity and repetition. Anne Hamersley Mathletics data as extracted from the analysis provided by the programme, can be viewed on page 5.

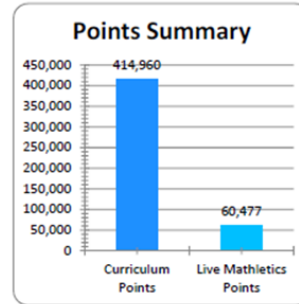


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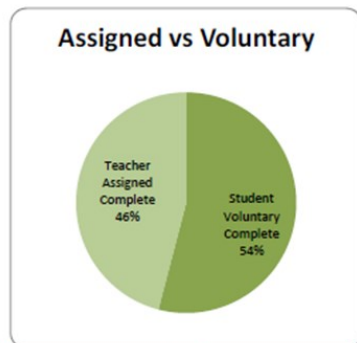
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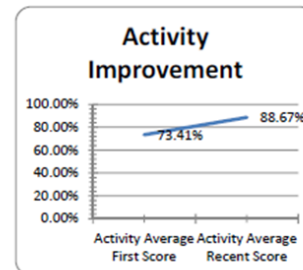
Available Activities	Total Attempted	≥ 85%	50 - 84%	< 50%
16,043	2,210	1,689	399	122



Participation & Points Summary	
Curriculum Points	414,960
Live Mathletics Points	60,477



Activity Completion	
Student Voluntary Complete	2,118
Teacher Assigned Complete	1,800



Activity Improvement	
Activity Average First Score	73.41%
Activity Average Recent Score	88.67%
Activity Average Improvement	15.26%

The take up and dedication by the children to the program is clear. Parents and children who are still a bit reluctant to engage in the program are encouraged to try and be rewarded by the programme. All children are given certificates for progressive achievement levels. Gold Certificate winners will be presented specially printed certificates at "Monday Muster." Please try the Family Maths Mania Puzzle below;

FAMILY MATHS MANIA

After solving the problem below, please follow the three easy steps to be in contention for a prize. 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

Each child in a family has at least 4 brothers and 2 sisters. What is the smallest number of children the family might have?

Rob Guy
Deputy Principal



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

From our recent fundraising efforts, we have been able to purchase i-Pad covers for the schools i-Pad stock. They look fantastic and will ensure the protection of these fantastic learning devices for our children for a long time to come.

P&C ASSOCIATION Our next General Meeting will be held tonight 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. There is a \$1 membership fee to join which gives you to opportunity to vote at meetings, forms are available on the night. This is a legal requirement of our constitution and our affiliation with WACSSO.

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

When the world says, "Give Up", Hope whispers "Try it one more time".

[Unknown]

With best wishes

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NOMINATION FORM – PARENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

**Nomination of a candidate for
Parent Representative on the School Board**

I wish to nominate myself as a candidate for election to the School Board.

Full name:

Candidate Profile

Declaration of candidate

I nominate myself as a candidate and if elected will accept the responsibility of being a parent representative.

Signature of candidate: Date: / /