

# 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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Friday 30 March	Good Friday Holiday
Monday 2 April	Easter Monday Holiday
Tuesday 3 April	Easter Tuesday Holiday
Friday 6 April	House Sausage Sizzle FRASER
Thursday 12 April	ANZAC Day Ceremony
Friday 13 April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Dear Parents and Friends,

The last two weeks have been really exciting ones with our children being involved in a range of activities. The articles below feature some of these events on our school calendar.

## EASTER HOLIDAY BREAK - Friday 30 March - Tuesday 3 April 2018

This term has been a busy one with children settling in, parents engaged in the education process and teachers giving their all to get the best out of our children. Enjoy a well earned rest over the Easter long weekend. Children recommence school on Wednesday 4 April 2018.

## TERM 2 STUDENT FREE DAYS - Monday 30 April 2018 and Friday 1 June 2018

With holidays just around the corner, parents are reminded that the last day for Term 1 is Friday 13 April 2018. Students will recommence school on **Tuesday 1 May 2018**. A Pupil Free Day has also been scheduled for **Friday 1 June 2018** for Staff to attend Professional Development. This runs into the WA Day long weekend.

## PARKING

As you are aware, with our current numbers, we have ample parking for all parents and friends who drive to school to pick up and drop off children. Despite parking availability, it has been brought to my attention that some drivers are park across bays and driveways, and in some cases blocking incoming and outgoing traffic. This is a thoughtless practice and all users are asked to show the courtesy fellow drivers deserve. We all look forward to the pickup and drop of period being an essentially but pleasant experience for all of us. You are also reminded that an acceptable driving speed through the car park is walking speed.

## SUMMER CARNIVAL

Last Friday, students from Anne Hamersley Primary School participated in the annual Interschool Summer Carnival. The carnival was held across two venues. Coolamon Oval hosted rugby league tag and tennis whilst Ellenbrook District Open Space hosted cricket and tee-ball.

Having run the carnival at Coolamon Oval I was proud to see our teams represent our school with pride and passion whether they won or lost. It was pleasing to see an improvement across all areas as our school continues to grow and become more competitive within the Ellenbrook community. Our next carnival will be held in Term 2 on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Selected students from Years 4-6 will be participating in modcrosse, hockey, football, soccer and netball.

Mr Hall

Physical Education Teacher



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## EVERYONE BELONGS

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Anne Hamersley Primary School celebrated Harmony Day. The day kicked off with a musical extravaganza, with students from across the school performing some amazing musical items. Orelia 3 did an outstanding rendition of "Mbira Jam", and the skill level of the students was exceptional. The school choir performed a beautiful Hebrew song of peace called, "Lo Yisa Goy" and then the whole school joined in with "Hands across Australia". Special thanks to Mrs Burling, who has worked tirelessly with the students to prepare them for their performances. The family picnic had a large turnout, and the children really enjoyed the special time spent with family and friends. After lunch, the students participated in afternoon craft activities, and these were a big hit with the students. They had a marvellous time making rain sticks, Chinese lanterns and painting. The lanterns have been strung up in the undercover area, and the paintings will be framed and mounted for all to see in the coming weeks. Many thanks to the parents that assisted the teachers in Amity and Parmelia with the activities; your efforts helped the staff to run the programmes smoothly and added to the wonderful community spirit and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Mrs Williams

Year 5/6 Teacher

## GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, the student captains and councillors attended the Grip Leadership Conference, at the Perth City Convention Centre. The conference was all about learning new skills and learning about how to be a great leader. There were loads of other schools there besides us. There were over 2000 people and over 100 schools. We learnt how to make the school and ourselves better. We did activities and bonded with other student leaders. Thank you to Mr Simeons for organising our attendance, and Mr Guy and Mrs Bell who kindly gave up their time to drive us there. It was a fun and educational day!!!

*Sofia Schiaffini and Ria Goundar*

## WHY

You may have noticed something different on our school grounds. Mysteriously large letters, spelling the word WHY? Turned up at our school last Thursday, 22 March. The school has been abuzz with chatter about why the letters are here. Here are some of the questions and statements that have been posed by our children...

- Why are we all different?
- Why don't we ask more why questions
- Oooo look, that's a sight word!
- Is there a why song we can sing?
- What are we going to put inside the letters?
- Why did we put them there?

As part of our SUSTAINABILITY focus, we are raising awareness about the amount of waste we produce. In particular, the amount of plastic waste our school produces. We are collecting the plastic rubbish from our regular morning tea and lunches and placing it all inside the letters. How long will it take to fill the letters up? What happens to this plastic waste usually? How does it affect our environment? Why do we need to use all of this plastic? Are there alternatives we can use? What are the alternatives to plastic? Maybe you can do a similar experiment in your home? We'd love to hear your findings. The WHY? letters are leaving on the 10<sup>th</sup> April (Week 11).



**REMINDER: EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM**



## LITERACY MATTERS

PUT DOWN THE PHONE AND iPad!

Pick up the scissors, crayons, Lego and puzzles!

In recent times, fine motor skills (the strength of the small muscles in our hands) in our children are decreasing. Fine motor skills are vital so that children can learn how to do the everyday tasks that will assist them to become independent adults. What can we do about it?

- **Threading and lacing:** with a variety of sized laces and beads. Try threading onto different threads including pipe cleaners. Some breakfast cereals are fun to thread too.
- **Manipulation:** Build with blocks and play games such as 'Jenga', 'Nuts & Bolts', 'Pick up Sticks' and 'Connect 4'. Opening snap lock bags, wrappers and containers. Use a hole punch to create home-made confetti.
- **Play doh:** Using the fingers, not the hands as whole; working with the Play doh up in the air as well as flat on the table.
- **Construction:** that requires pushing and pulling with fingers (e.g. 'Mobilo', 'K'nex' or 'Lego').
- **Storing construction materials** in jars with screw lids that need to be opened and closed as the materials are needed and when packed away.
- **Craft:** Make things using old boxes, egg cartons, wool, paper and sticky or masking tape.
- **Tearing:** Tear up lettuce when preparing food or paper to recycle.
- **Peeling:** Peel oranges and mandarins and peel off unwanted stickers/labels.
- **Puzzles:** small and large peg puzzles. When able-smaller jigsaws.
- **Tweezers, Tongs or teabag squeezers:** to pick up objects
- **Scissors:** Don't be afraid to give your child scissors. They use them at school most days. Practice cutting up straws for threading, cutting out different shapes including circles, cutting different textured materials and strings. Try zig zag scissors for fun.
- **Independence:** Teach your children to do their own buttons, zips and laces. Brushing teeth and brushing hair uses good coordination skills too. Eating with a knife and fork not only teaches good table manners!

**Mrs Bell**  
Deputy Principal





## PLAY THE NUMBER GAME

### What You Need:

- Number line (write the numbers 20 through 40)
- 18 Number cards (showing numbers 21 through 39)
- Pencil and paper (optional)

### What You Do:

1. Shuffle the number cards and place them face down in a stack. Have your child pick up the first card.
2. After she's looked at the card, ask her to name the number that comes before it. Then have her name the number that comes *after* it. If your child hesitates, you can rephrase the question by asking which number is 1 less (or 1 more) than the card she is holding.
3. Using the number line, have your child check to see if she has named the numbers correctly. If so, she keeps the card. She can start a "winnings" pile to keep all of the cards she's won.
4. Continue in the same manner until your child has looked at all of the cards. Ask her to count the cards in her "winnings" pile.

All done? Record the number of cards your child has won so that the next time you play the Number Line game she can try to beat her score!



## MATHS MANIA

Maths family fun for everyone! Every entry will receive a passport stamp and a chance to win a prize of your choice from the price centre. The winning entry will be drawn at our Monday Muster.

# Evaluate.

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Mr Guy  
Deputy Principal

# Anne Hamersley Primary School



## SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

### P&C Annual General Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The 2018 Anne Hamersley Primary School P&C Association Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We are please to welcome the 2018 Committee:

- President – Amy Bond
- Vice President – Kym Hannaford
- Secretary – Nicole Amato
- Treasurer – Rachel Olliver
- 3 x Executive Members – Lovinia McDonnell, Kelly Kirton and Jennifer Phillips

The P&C Committee and Members are looking forward to an exciting 2018!

### Family Movie Night

We have had a great start to the year with our first ever Movie Night, which was well received by both students and parents.

### Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Raffle was fantastic with a total of 29 prizes up for grabs. Thankyou to all the families that supported this event by donating prizes and purchasing raffle tickets, all proceeds go directly back into the

### Ice-block Fridays

A reminder that children can purchase icy poles on Friday lunchtimes for \$1.00 full icy pole, 50c half and juice boxes are \$1.00. We are often in need of additional volunteers on Fridays for 30-45 minutes during lunchtime in the school canteen. If you are able to assist, can you please let us know via the details below.

### Our details

If you have any suggestions or ideas you would like to share with us, please keep your eyes peeled for our new Suggestions Box that will appear in the front office soon. To stay up to date with events and requests for volunteers or to contact us at any time, please visit and like our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Anne-Hamersley-Primary-School-PC-Association-Inc-1558093001148025/> or send us an email at [AHPS\\_pandc@hotmail.com](mailto:AHPS_pandc@hotmail.com)



### Quote of the Fortnight:

*The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

Read more at: [https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/h\\_jackson\\_brown\\_jr\\_](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/h_jackson_brown_jr_)

With best wishes

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**ANNE HAMERSLEY**  
Primary School

## COMMUNITY NEWS



The school holidays are just around the corner and we're looking forward to all the fun! With arts, crafts, sports, games, excursions and more, there is something for every child.

Some of the most anticipated days are...

### Home Tweet Home

Build and decorate your very own bird mobiles, feeders or houses.

### Gearing up For The Games

Design your own sports jersey and get ready to wear it for any sporting occasion.

### Games On!

Are you ready for a day full of exciting games that put your skills to the test? We are!

### Plate Creations

Open your mind and get creative by painting your own magnificent mindfulness plate.

### At The Movies

We'll be heading on a school holiday adventure to see the hilarious Sherlock Gnomes!



To find a Holiday Club program near you, see all the activities on offer and to secure your spot, visit:  
[www.campaustalia.com.au/holidayclub](http://www.campaustalia.com.au/holidayclub)

We look forward to seeing you and your family these school holidays!

The Camp Australia Team



To find locations near you and to book, visit  
[www.campaustalia.com.au/holidayfun](http://www.campaustalia.com.au/holidayfun)



**Drums, Keyboard & Guitar Lessons**  
On School Campus!



### Instrumental Music Programs – On School Campus!

- 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 – with lessons outside of school hours

#### Drum Ensembles

- \$8.95 per child per ensemble (15-25 students for 30-45 minutes during recess / lunch)
- 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

#### Keyboard & Guitar Lessons

- \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 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)

- 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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### WILLETTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALISED BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Western Australia's highest ranked basketball school is currently accepting applications for their 2019 student intake.

The Specialist Basketball Program inspires talented young West Australians to develop their skills, leadership, character and passion for excellence, both on and off the court. Our students learn the fundamentals of basketball in a high performance environment, as well as life-skills and values such as respect, leadership, time management, teamwork, discipline, mental toughness and sportsmanship.

The Willetton Senior High School Specialist Basketball Studies Program has been instrumental in developing many talented young athletes who have gone on to elite careers.

For further information please visit the website:

<https://www.willettonshs.wa.edu.au/our-curriculum/specialist-programs/specialist-basketball/>

Application for Year 7, 2019 close Friday May 11

Application for Years 8 - 11, 2019 close Friday June 8



## Creative Kids Art Club

**We are coming to Ellenbrook!**

Holiday Art Workshop 5-12yrs  
After School Art Class 5-10yrs, Wed 3.45pm

**Come and join us for exciting art and craft!**  
Visit the website for more details and to book

**[www.creativekidsartclub.com.au](http://www.creativekidsartclub.com.au)**





# HARMONY DAY 2018