Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

What a hectic week this has been. The toilet upgrade has commenced a week earlier than anticipated. Whilst we will have to endure some inconvenience until the work is completed, we should have fully refurbished toilets for the commencement of term 2.

This Friday we have an official staff function to recognise the 39 year career of Mr Brian Toop. As many of you will know, Mr Toop gave in excess of 20 years’ service to Hampton Park before retiring (officially) on the 27th January 2016.

The next few weeks are short weeks as we enjoy an Easter break, and then head into the school holidays. Please keep abreast of the days when the school is closed. Even though holidays are approaching fast, we have a number of key events still to squeeze in. These include the summer carnival and Values Day.

Congratulations to Mrs Cardy, Mrs Pitchen and the team that organised our Harmony Day celebrations. We began with a terrific assembly from the students in Room 1. Students will then move onto a rotation of 4 activities, each showcasing a different country and culture. Weather permitting we will celebrate with a picnic lunch before a wonderful incursion with African Drumming. I would like to thank all the parents that were able to attend the Harmony Day assembly this morning. I look forward to seeing some photos and a round-up of the afternoons activities in the next newsletter.

Room 1 Assembly “I’d like to teach the world to sing”

Well done to Mrs Cardy and the students for a marvellous assembly. The students sang with wonderful enthusiasm and the actions really added to the enjoyment. Congratulations to all the students that attended this morning in traditional dress. It just highlights what a culturally diverse school we have and it is a credit to you all that we get “along in harmony”.

Hampton Park Smartphone App

Have you downloaded the Hampton Park app to your smart phone? I would strongly recommend this to all parents and to regularly check our web page. This is the best way to keep up to date with all the events on our calendar.

Student Attendance

Parents are reminded to ensure that all absences from school are explained, preferably in written form. Whilst phone calls to the office or via the school app are appropriate for daily absences, more information is appreciated for long term illness. Parents will receive an SMS from the school if their child is absent, and the school has not been notified.

Parents also need to be aware that long term absences for holiday travel are not encouraged. The Department of Education (DoE) recommends at least 95% attendance to fully access the curriculum and give your child the best chance of success.

Have you ever wondered what the impact of absences is on your child’s learning? The table below may be of interest to you.
Grape Vine Pruning’s
Room 9 has commenced their T&E project planning already and have put out a request for grape vine cuttings. They would like pruning’s that are still green and supple so that they can twist them into wreathe shapes or decorate them after they have dried. Please deliver any cuttings to Mrs O’Neill in Room 9.

Summer Carnival
Thursday 31st March (9:30am - 2:30pm) - ALTONE PARK
Permission slips have gone home with all year 5 - 6 children. All year 5 and 6 students are invited to join in. Lunch order forms (Subway) were sent home yesterday. These MUST be returned to the office by Monday 21st – no late orders will be accepted.

2016 Year 6 Camp
The deposit of $125 is now due for the 2016 year 6 camp. Payment can be made via cash, cheque, EFTPOS in the office or via direct deposit. Thank you to those families who have already made payments.

Auskick AFL at Hampton Park – Little Royals Program
TERM 2 PP – Year 3
Run by the EAST PERTH FOOTBALL CLUB
6 week program, MONDAYS (3:15pm – 4:15pm) starting MONDAY 9th May.
$50 includes AUSKICK pack (Backpack, football, player cards, drink bottle, etc.)
We need 10 participants to make it viable, we have 6 already!!
Please register your interest to Mr Lee or the office staff ASAP. Thanks to those who have already voiced their interest.

Cauliflower Cheese Ice Cream
The students in Room 9 have been honing their persuasive writing skills by preparing adverts for Cauliflower Cheese flavoured ice cream. Mrs O’Neill and I have been so impressed we have selected a small number to share with you.

Cauliflower and cheese ice cream
Are you hot, sweaty, or tired?
Then you need the all new cauliflower and cheese flavoured ice cream it’s delish.
If you’re smart you would come straight away I know I would.
We even deliver right at your door! Yep home delivery Call us now: 0403151478.
It cost $10 that’s right you heard me correctly $10
Buy it now before it all runs out.
www.icecream.com.au

Why you should try the new flavour Cauliflower Cheese
Are you bored with normal ice-cream flavours?
Then come try the NEW Cauliflower Cheese Flavour.
Made with cauliflower and cheese. How Amazing!
Firstly I honestly feel that you should try the new flavour because it’s strange and sweet and also has NEVER been tasted by anyone before.
Secondly I believe that you should try the new ice-cream flavour because cheese is more healthy than chocolate. Also it won’t make you feel as sick.
Lastly I strongly truly believe that you should try the new Cauliflower Cheese flavour because it’s much nicer tasting than other flavours.
Cauliflower Cheese Ice Cream
I think kids must try Cauliflower cheese because it’s cheesy and has a very good flavour. Also, cauliflower cheese is healthier than other ice-creams like chocolate, vanilla etc.
Cauliflower cheese ice cream. Buy it now! Only $5.99!
Get them while they’re fresh call: 9112 960 217.
When you buy cauliflower cheese ice-cream we will make a 21% donation to Hampton Park Primary School
For a Free trial to try this Ice-cream call: 6062 216 895.
Warning: Trial only lasts for a week.
If wanted buy it now before they’re all sold out!
If you buy 1 and don’t like it you have a week to return it and get your money back. We don’t sell the ones that you return so Buy it now! www.icecream.com.au

Cauliflower cheese
Come on down to Coles to try our new ice-cream flavour cauliflower cheese. As today is its first day we are going to make a deal that you won’t get every day!
If you buy 1 tub you get another one half price! When you buy 2 tubs you get your third one free.
You can get the tubs in small and large. A small tub is $3 and a large tub is $5.
This ice-cream flavour is one of Coles original brand ice-cream. If your kids refuse to eat vegetables I think this might be a way to get them to start eating them a lot more.
If you do not want cauliflower cheese, the ice cream also comes in other vegetables such as chilli carrots, potato bake and Caesar salad.
I hope you come down to Coles and buy some delicious cauliflower cheese ice cream.
Call 04566763937 if you have any inquires.
Or email to coles.customerservice@gmail.com
Or you could just come in to store and talk to our manager.

P&C News

Easter Raffle
Please send donations for the Easter Raffle to your classroom by next Tuesday. We need your help to make our raffle prizes amazing! Make sure you buy your tickets so you can be one of the lucky winners!

Winter Uniform Pre-Order
Don’t forget your winter jacket pre-order. This will be the only order we do for winter jackets this year, so we need an indication of how many to purchase. Unfortunately, if you don’t place an order in the pre-order, we cannot guarantee that we will have stock later in the year. Thanks for your understanding.

Hampton Park Netball Club
We need a few more netballers aged 8 or 9. If you are interested in playing, please see Mrs Viska. Netball training is on Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30pm.

We would like to run an after school Netball skills program for students turning 6 or 7 in 2016. If you are interested, please complete the notes that have been sent home with students.

Mr Glen Purdy – Principal
This week at Helping Hands
- We had a fantastic pupil free day on Tuesday, where we did all things POPCORN related. From games to designing our own popcorn treats to take home.
- We are discussing what types of food can go into a compost bin to feed the garden and what items can be recycled.
- We have some new pen pals that we are going to be writing to. We will display their letters in our room. Please come and have a look.

What is coming up at Helping Hands?
Extra-Curricular activities
- Breakfast club Wednesdays… Mini Muffins, come in for a warm Muffin breakfast between 7 and 7.30am
- Foto Booth Fridays. Taking and editing photos, the children enjoyed learning how to edit their photos on the computer

Quality area 6 collaborative partnerships with families and communities
What does this look like?
We are linking up with other out of school services to see how they live and learn about their lives and interests.

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