Welcome to Kindergarten!

What a great start to the school year. We are very impressed by our students. They have started their schooling with ease.

We have a very busy term ahead of us and all of the Kindergarten students and teachers are looking forward to this term of learning.

We hold high expectations for Kindergarten at Hampden Park. This year, your children will develop skills in reading, writing, numeracy and mathematical concepts. They will also develop their gross and fine motor skills, their creativity and their curiosity about themselves, social systems and the environment. Your children will learn to work in small groups, to be part of a large group and to work with increasing independence.

They will be very busy and probably very tired!

You can support your child’s learning by:
- ensuring they are getting a good night’s sleep each day.
- ensuring they are at school on time every day. This means being at their classroom, ready for learning by our second morning bell (9.00am). On Mondays and Thursdays we line up in the COLA for a whole school assembly.

We look forward to seeing you at Meet the Teacher on Tuesday 14th February.

Fiona Wingrave
R/Assistant Principal and ESI Team Leader

Kindergarten Learning in Term One

In English students will be getting into the world of the story as they listen and respond to a variety of rich story books. They will be learning the mechanics of writing in small groups. They will be developing their vocabulary through a wide variety of talking and listening activities.

In Maths we are learning about 2D shapes and how they can look different at times especially when we find them in the school environment. We will also focus on numeral identification and counting forwards and backwards.

Our COGS unit for this term is called Me. Students are developing an understanding of who they are by exploring what they have in common with others, and what is unique.

Community Languages/Language Links
Kindergarten students who are entitled to the Community Languages program of Arabic, Urdu and Bangali attend on Tuesday and Thursday. Students who do not attend Community Languages programs learn within our Language Links program.

RFF
We have an extensive RFF program at our school and your child may receive lessons from these teachers:
- Mrs Carter — Visual Arts
- Mrs Grumley — PDHPE
- Mrs Manu — Drama
- Mrs Matthews — Library
- Mrs Boughtwood — Music.

Homework
The best form of homework for Kindergarten is to read. Your child will bring home books from the classroom and have the opportunity to borrow from the library. The time you spend reading and sharing books with them is the most valuable way you can support
2012 Kindergarten Teaching Team

KJK – Jasmina Kovaceska
KRK – Rowaida Kadri
KNW – Naomi Warlond
KHB – Kei Ho and Jenny Bollinger
KZA – Zehreen Ali
KWS – Fiona Wingrave and Katerina Stratis

Specialist teachers working with Kindergarten are
Olivia Mackay, Jenny Bollinger and Roksana Yasmin.

Fiona Wingrave is the Kindergarten stage team leader.

If you have any questions at any time, the best person to speak to is your child’s class teacher. Contact your child’s teacher through the school office on 9750 4111.

School Uniform

It is great to see all our students in full school uniform. Remember your child needs a hat for play and sport activities.

Please ensure your child’s school uniform, hat, drink bottle and lunch box are labelled with your child’s full name and class. We have a lost property box outside the library.

The weather can change. Please pack a jumper for your child each day and ensure they have a t shirt on under their jumper, if they wear one to school.

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag in case of accidents.

Attendance

All full and partial absences from school must be explained to the class teacher.

You can:
- call the school office on 9750 4111. They will give your message to the classroom teacher;
- send a note with your child on their return to school. The note must include your child’s name, the date of their absence and the reason for their absence; or,
- tell your child’s teacher before or after school.

Healthy Lunch

Support your child’s learning by providing a healthy recess and lunch for them each day.

Healthy lunches include sandwiches, rolls, fruit, salad, rice or pasta. Chips and lollies are not recommended. The best drink to bring to school is water.

It is important that your child can eat the food easily.

Tissues etc

It would be appreciated if you could provide a box of tissues and a bottle of hand soap to your child’s classroom for use throughout the year.

Library

All students must borrow from the library each week. They need to have a bag for the book to travel home. A plastic bag is fine.

What’s Happening this Term

Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 14th February, 3.10-4.15pm

Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews
Week commencing Monday 12th March

Kindergarten End of Term Picnic
Thursday 5th April

Weekly assemblies
Please join us for our weekly Kindergarten Assembly on Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the hall.

Harmony Day
Tuesday 20th March

Parent Partnerships

Please see your child’s teacher with available times to help in the classroom. We value parent involvement in our school and welcome your support.