Welcome!
Welcome to the start of a new school year. Year 6 marks a significant step in a student’s life and that of their family and provides many life long memories. While it is the final year of primary school it is also an important preparation for High School. For this reason we encourage students to continue to participate in every aspect of school life, make lasting memories and develop future plans.

Parent & Community Partnerships
We look forward to working with you and are very keen to know what talents, skills and creativity our families have. Please talk with your child’s teacher—they would love to meet you! At Meet the Teacher Year 6 class teachers will be talking with parents and will discuss with you how you can support learning and become involved in your child’s education.

Curriculum
This term, Year 6 will be participating in an integrated unit of work called Living Land. This unit encompasses all KLAs. The focus is on exploring the influence of the natural, built and heritage environments on lifestyle choices, leisure and artistic expression. Student will learn about how our actions impact on the environment and have implications for the future.
In English, the focus is on developing higher order thinking skills and applying these skills to a variety of contexts. Teachers have been involved in a major program called Focus on Reading and therefore there will be a noticeable emphasis on reading throughout all curriculum areas. Reading is very important and must be part of Homework every night as it builds your child’s vocabulary and strengthens their writing. We encourage every child to borrow from the class library and school library, to read often and from a wide range of materials. While improving their skills in reading, writing, talking and listening students will be studying the nature of persuasive texts, examining their purpose, construction and use.
In Mathematics the focus is on problem solving and applying this knowledge to real life situations. Students will be utilising Counting On strategies and investigating methods that will help them develop their understanding in Number. To support your child’s understanding of Mathematics in real life contexts, we ask you to discuss how you use Mathematics during your daily activities.

Our Teachers:
6KW - Miss Kris Willick
6CE - Mr Craig Eggleton
6CS - Mrs Chandra Singh
ESL - Ms Jane Richardson
STL - Mrs Anna Matsoukas
ICT - Mr Chris Hopkins
Team Leader - Mr Mark Pearce
Arriving at School
All students should be at school by 8:55 am and leave school at 3pm. It is important that students are punctual to ensure the best possible learning.

HAMPDEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL RULES:
- Act safely at all times
- Be on time for school and class
- Care for everyone and everything
- Seize every opportunity to learn

Preparation for High School
Parents will be receiving a High School Expression of Interest form on 5 March 2011. All High School Expression of Interest forms need to be returned by 16 March 2011.
It is a good idea to consider your preferences early in the year and see if your child is eligible to attend the school you prefer. Residential boundaries affect whether your child can attend a particular High School as a local enrolment and the Expression Of Interest will state that High School. Parents are encouraged to attend information sessions at local schools to assist them in choosing a school for their child.

Stage 3 assemblies
Stage 3 assemblies are held in the Hall on every second Thursday at 11.25am. Parents are very welcome to attend as we will be recognising student achievements and their demonstration of school values at these assemblies. Our first Assembly is on Thursday 16th February.

Camp
Be prepared! Our exciting Stage 3 camp this year is a trip to Canberra. We’re looking forward to an incredible experience providing high quality learning opportunities as well as developing important social skills. Please discuss camp with your child and the excellent opportunities it provides. A further notice about camp will come later in the year regarding costs, activities and specific camp details.

Values:
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Care
- Cooperation
- Honesty