Dubbo Conference
I will be in Dubbo for the first half of this week. This is our annual Western Region Conference. If you have any concerns please see Miss Manton and Mr Meyers. If you wish to contact me on mobile I will return your call as soon as I can.

Gala Day
All children will be heading across to Learmonth Park in Bathurst this Friday to join in the Bathurst Small Schools Gala Day. Infants will be involved in tabloid activities as well as a Cross Country Run. 8yrs and up will be running the Cross Country and then have soccer and hockey activities. The day starts at 9am and would ask if parents could arrive with your child/ren at approximately 8.45am for a rollcall. Miss Manton and I will be organising the Infants carnival and would appreciate any happy helpers.

Grandparents Day
Thursday 22 March 9:30—11:30
Senior Citizens Week 18-23 March
To celebrate Senior Citizens Week Hampton Public School will be hosting a Grandparents Morning Tea. We will be showcasing Education Now and Then to show how education in the 21st century has changed as well as the fundamental features that have remained the same. It is also Harmony Day so some activities will be held in relation to Harmony. Grandparents will be given the opportunity to explore some of the emerging technologies, watch our teachers at work, and enjoy a fundamental movement skills game with the students. Work will be on display and children will be able to play host to these very special people in their lives. All parents and friends are welcome on this day. Could parents please provide a plate for morning tea.

When : Thursday 22 March
Time : Open Classrooms from 9:30. Morning Tea 11:00
Beautiful Bus Behaviour—Always.
Your first port of call for ant issues on the bus is always Sam our bus driver. If your child has any concerns about something that has occurred on the bus please remember to report these to Sam. All children have a right to travel safely to school and if inappropriate or inoffensive behaviour or language is occurring Sam needs to know. We appreciate your vigilance and support in this area.

Congratulations Hampton

Well done parents we have had an exceptional level of attendance at school over the first half of Term One. School attendance is of vital importance to your child’s education. It is very, very pleasing.

CYBERSAFETY

With the emergence of new technologies and their capabilities it is important that we remain vigilant at all times when our children are accessing the cyberworld. Please make your child aware that iPod photos cannot be taken at school and discuss with them the responsible use of websites, email and text messaging. It’s never too early. Next Term our whole school will be following our new cybersafety program which will investigate the positives and negatives of this new world. We have a responsibility to ensure our children are safe and respectful digital citizens.

GUITAR LESSONS

Please make a note that guitar lessons will be held this THURSDAY due to Gala Day. Also in week 9 due to the Good Friday holiday, lessons will be held on THURSDAY and again the following THURSDAY due to the Triangle Sports Carnival.

LIBRARY DAY CHANGE

Due to the upcoming events as mentioned above (Guitar Lessons), library day will be changed to the Thursdays also. Please make a note on your Calendars.

P& C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday 19th March at 3.15pm. Looking forward to seeing you all.
Response to Expositional Letters

Dear Children in Stage Two and Stage Three,

It was with great interest and much pride that I read your expositional letters concerning the possibility of an extra weeks holiday. Unfortunately I am unable to grant such a request due to a variety of reasons.

Firstly the school term is determined by the Board of Studies. The Board takes into consideration the amount of syllabus work each student needs to be exposed to when setting the term dates. Over a school year each student is explicitly taught from six syllabus which include English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and it’s Environment, Creative and Practical Arts and Physical and Health Education. As you can see not only can we not have an additional weeks holiday we should be at school longer!

The school holidays are a wonderful time to spend with family and friends. I agree wholeheartedly. However what about those poor parents who have to go to work. They need to place their children elsewhere during the holidays. At times holidays also become a strain on the entertainment capabilities of some caregivers. The words “What are we doing today?” may cause shivers to go down the spines of the entertainment coordinator in your house. Some children are very good at finding their own fun, however an additional week on top of six weeks holiday may even push their ingenuity. School is a great way to remain engaged and entertained all through the day and thus avoid any bouts of boredom.

Finally, I love coming to school. We are the luckiest people in Australia to have such a lovely place to come to every day. Miss Manton and Mr Meyers think of great things to do. Our classrooms are warm and welcoming places. We all know what behaviours to expect at school and all try our best to uphold these. We get heat up lunch and pub lunch. We can use all the sports gear we want. We are given pens, pencils, books, art resources and anything we need to help us learn without having to bring it in from home. Our parents help pay for half of our excursions through a wonderful P and C as well as paying for our Music teacher, gymnastics teachers and dance teacher! We have the most beautiful grounds and play equipment. We are very privileged to come to Hampton Public School. Therefore I think that the more time we spend in this wonderful place of learning the better. We can move towards being exceptional people by being at this exceptional school.

Unfortunately, as you can see, your request for an additional weeks holiday cannot be considered. Taking into account our Board of Studies requirements, the pressure of holiday entertainment and the incredible facilities and people at our school we would be much better off being at school for the mandated time. School life is short enough just ask your parents!!

Kind regards,
Mrs McNair.
Principal of Hampton Public School
The best small school on the range.

P.S. Final argument Mr Harvey said no!!!!