PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community members

It is hard to believe that we are more than ½ way through term 3 and there are just over 14 school weeks left in the year. When we take out the October Pupil Free Day, there are just 69 learning days left in the 2015 school year. Every day at school is precious learning time and for continuity in learning children need to be attending school every day, unless genuine reasons exist for them to remain at home.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 6 CAMPERS

Last week approximately 40 of our Year 6 children attended the Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre for their camp. By all reports the children had a thoroughly enjoyable experience and displayed wonderful behaviour. I had the opportunity to visit the camp last Thursday evening and observed the children enjoying themselves, acting responsibly and enjoying the opportunity to get to know their peers and teachers. I would like to also acknowledge and thank Chappy Steve, Cheryle Benzie and Belinda Jackman for their time and effort into ensuring the camp was so successful. Well done! This week another group of approximately 40 Year 6 children will be attending camp, and I am looking forward to hear more positive reports.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CURRENT?

From time to time we need to contact parents and on occasions this can sometimes be urgent. The school needs accurate and up-to-date contact details for each and every child. If you have changed your contact details please advise the office or request a form to be sent home with your child to update the details. If you are a regular user of email then please advise us of your email address so that we can forward the weekly school newsletter home electronically.

SCHOOL VALUE #1 – BE RESPECTFUL

All schools, I believe, focus on reinforcing the core value of Respect. Each week our school emphasises this at parade, and our teachers and other staff remind children of this value each day. One of the goals I would like to see achieved is for children to develop a deep understanding of what it means to be respectful. Everyone says it; however the meaning of respect can vary from person to person.

At times, some children can be disrespectful to each other, to parents, to teachers, and to elders. The question that needs to be asked is “Why?” Not all children are disrespectful, but today it is generally believed that children can exhibit more disrespectful behaviour than in generations past. Our goal is to develop home / school partnerships to encourage children to be respectful. According to many child behavioural experts, there are things parents and significant adults can do to develop respect in children:

1. First, and foremost, realize children learn by example and they always look to parents and significant adults as role models.
2. From an early age children need to understand the importance of manners. This starts with “please” and “thank you” and continues with asking and not demanding.
3. Provide regular praise to children when they remember to do the right thing. Respect is an essential value in life, and by developing it in children from a young age means they will have that skill throughout their development.

ADMIN STAFFING

In the last 2 weeks of this term Mrs Sutton will be taking some well-deserved Long Service Leave. During her absence Kristie Blakeney will backfilling her position as Deputy Principal.

Father’s Day Stall

Tuesday 1st September

Gifts from $2 — $9

Multi draw raffle 50cents

Students will visit the stall during class time.

Please bring a plastic bag to carry home your gift.

Parent helpers needed on the day.

Charmaine Ph 0407 362721
Estimating and measuring area

In the early years of school, your child will need to have an understanding of the concept of area.

Here are a few tips to develop your child’s knowledge of this concept:

• talk to your child about what measuring the area of something means. In simplest terms it means coverage of a surface
• encourage your child to estimate before they measure as this will help them to think logically
• many household items can be used to cover and measure surfaces – your child could experiment with items such as leaves, tiles, lids, envelopes, shoes, books. You can even try using your feet and hands
• talk about ‘covering surfaces’ when your child is involved in activities such as painting and colouring, playing with pattern blocks or jigsaw puzzles, matching lids to containers, making patterns or even covering a table with a table cloth or placemat
• ensure your child sorts everyday objects according to their area in everyday situations such as separating the larger plates from the smaller plates, making piles of similar-sized jigsaw pieces, or finding cloths that would cover a coffee table or kitchen table
• ask your child to lay out enough newspaper on the floor or table to protect the surface from spills before they use paint.

For more information, or ask your child’s teacher for advice.

Michelle Bussell—Support Administrator Prep

You’re invited to a Read-In!

“When I say to a parent, “read to a child”, I don’t want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate.” — Mem Fox

Year One and Two students are celebrating Book Week with a ‘Read-In’. This wonderful activity is an opportunity to collaboratively foster the love and enjoyment of reading and to connect families to their children’s learning at school.

The Year One and Two students would like to invite all parents, grandparents, and carers to take part in the ‘Read-In’.

Bring in a rug, cushions and favourite children’s storybook and spend some time reading with your child.

We look forward to seeing you there!

When: Friday, 28th August
Where: Meet at your child’s classroom
Time: 9.15 am to approximately 10am

Tanya Sutton
Year 1 & 2 Support Administrator

PB4L

Our work continues on the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) team and the development of behaviour orientated lessons is moving along. As you know, our team is examining the different zones around the school and looking at the types of expected behaviours that students should be showing and using at each one. This is a large campus and there are many areas to cover. The lessons have all been collaboratively planned by the team, then trialled and used by our teachers. The value of this work has been proven in other schools and we look forward to the continued implementation at Hambledon State School.

In a school as complex as ours, there are many issues to be dealt with by our teachers on a daily basis. This is why we have introduced a PB4L lesson time slot for all classes to take place each Tuesday afternoon. We believe that consistency across our school in all areas of curriculum, behaviour and positive recognition is key to student success. At the core of all of our work is the goal of every student achieving to their full potential.

Our teachers have utilised the Tuesday afternoon time slot to deliver quality lessons around Safety, Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

Peter Begemann 4, 5 & 6 Support Administrator

NAIDOC

Island Dreaming Performance
Phil Geia (Aboriginal Dancer)

“Island Dreaming” is a storytelling program that incorporates traditional stories through song, dance and musical instruments—didgeridoo, clap sticks, kulaps.

DATE: Friday 28th August
VENUE: Hambledon State School Hall
TIMES: P-2 9:10-10:00am

3-6 10:10-11:00am

This is a school funded initiative to begin the commencement of our NAIDOC 2015 Celebration

Staff Car Park closed between 8:30am – 3:30pm

Our primary responsibility is to ensure your child’s safety at all times whilst at school. Therefore, the staff car park (located in front of prep/ beside hall) is to be used only by staff between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm. During peak hours in the morning and afternoon, there are a high number of students and pedestrians in this area and it is essential that car congestion is minimised.

Alternate parking can be found at Jubilee Street, Marr Street and the front of the school.
Students from classes 6B & 6C combined to attend the first Year 6 camp that Hambledon State School has had for over 5 years, even more! Students were welcomed to the Tinaroo Educational Environment Centre last Tuesday by a small group of amazing staff members, all who have various roles, responsibilities and positions. Students were encouraged to follow the “5 keys to success,” these included, confidence, getting along, organization, persistence and resilience. The first day students put up their tents and began discovering the local environment.

Other activities students participated in were scoop netting looking at the biodiversity of the area, a bat talk from a local person who runs a hospital for injured bats and other animals. Students had fun playing spot-light, bushwalking, swimming and let’s not forget the year 6s got talent night!

In summary everyone worked together to create a busy, fun, exhilarating and enjoyable camp. Thank you to Chappy Steve for his time and support.

We would also like to thank all those students who showed overall good behaviour, well done!

Mrs Benzie 6B  Miss Jackman 6C

In 4D we have been practising drawing annotated diagrams for our science unit on erosion.

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They had to practise in groups how to canoe, this was for some, extremely challenging and very cold. Evening was busy with dinner, cleaning up and some game time, run by Chappy Steve! That’s right Chappy Steve was kind enough to give up some of his time to join Mrs Benzie and Miss Jackman.

Speaking of Chappy Steve, he is very good at tipping a canoe...

It was a very early start on the first day with one group participating in the Giant Swing and the second group canoeing across the lake to do their abseiling adventure.
Parents/Community Corner

**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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**Music News**

On Tuesday 8th September, both of our school choirs will be performing at Ravizza Park to mark the beginning of Queensland’s Child Protection Week. This event is sponsored by the Cairns City Council and will showcase the talent of local schools and community groups in South Cairns. Our performance will be at 3:30pm and we encourage all members of our school community to come along for a great afternoon of entertainment, food and fun. If your child is in the choir, they will be receiving a permission note this week with further details regarding this excursion.

Hambledon’s Little Voices Choir will also be performing at the junior school assembly on Monday 31st at 2:30pm. We will be singing one of the pieces we have prepared for our excursion entitled ‘Life is a Song’. It features a solo performance by Amy, one of our year 3 students. All choir students have been diligently practicing their choral pieces at their weekly rehearsals and are very excited about these upcoming performances.

Sheree Howell

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Thank you to those students and their families who are supporting this event.

The 2015 reading period ends on Friday 28 August, with completed record forms due to library staff by Wednesday 8 September.

Thank you for the completed forms we have received so far.

Happy reading!!

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**Father’s Day Stall**

1 Week to go!

Donations needed!!

Soaps, deodorants, Hankies, Lollies or chips.

Please drop donations to the Office ASAP so we can wrap and prepare them for sale.

Many thanks!

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**P&C Information**

Next P&C Meeting

15th September

6:30pm in Staffroom

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

We are hoping to offer second hand uniforms for sale.

We are appealing for donations of any good quality uniforms you may no longer require.

Thankyou for your support.

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**TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL**

Tortilla Boat
(taco mince, salsa, lettuce, tomato and cheese)

$4.50

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!

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**UPDATING INFORMATION**

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