Dear Parents and Community Members

I am extremely pleased to have been permanently appointed to the position of Principal of Hambledon State School. My family and I arrived in Cairns approximately 3 weeks ago and have appreciated the hospitality and friendliness that have been forthcoming from the school community. I would also like to welcome all families, both new and existing, to the 2015 school year and to the Hambledon School Community.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

In order to maximise the learning outcomes for children it is vitally important that they:

- Arrive at school on time
- Come to school every day they are able
- Stay at school the whole day.

There are times when children may need to leave school early to attend medical or dental appointments. However, it is in the best interests of children to keep such disruptions to a minimum. When children arrive late or depart early, they may not only have their own learning disrupted, but they also can disrupt the learning of other children in the class. Parents and carers have a legal obligation to ensure that your child attends school, on every school day, for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless there is a valid excuse.

LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT! THERE ARE CHILDREN ABOUT!

At the commencement of every school year members of the Queensland Police Service patrol and monitor school zones reminding commuters of the Traffic laws. As Principal I am pleased that the Police enforce these laws for the protection and safety of our children. I ask all parents to remind their children of the need to ensure that they cross designated crossings. While it may be a little inconvenient to walk to the crossings, it is best that children cross busy roads at a safe place.

Can I also remind all parents and carers to follow all traffic rules and signs around the school grounds? These road rules are to ensure the safety of all Hambledon State School children. This also extends to car parking areas and Stop Drop & Go zones. Our school is attended by children as young as 5, and children are not always aware of the road dangers around them.

ASSISTING YOUR CHILD

As a school Principal I have often been asked, by parents,” How can I assist with my child’s education?” There are two ways in which every parent can assist with the education of their child. Firstly I encourage you to take an active and positive role in children's education. It is through your genuine interest, that productive and proactive relationships are developed between school and home. Your children also notice that you value education.

Secondly, I encourage you to read to/with your child every night. While aspects of primary school education are certainly changing the need for good literacy skills will never disappear. Through reading to your children you are demonstrating your love of reading and learning.

DAY 8 NUMBERS

Each year Principals are required to submit school enrolment numbers on the 4th and 8th day of each year. The Day 8 numbers are used to determine school resourcing for that year. At Day 4 we had 815 children enrolled at our school. While I envisage there may be a small number of enrolments this week, I believe our final Day 8 figure will be somewhere between 815 – 820. I don't foresee any changes to the current structure of classes, however this cannot be guaranteed until Thursday (Day 8).

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**School Fees 2015**

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**FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM**

- Be Safe
- Be A Learner
- Be Respectful

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Settling into Prep

It is common for young children to behave a little differently when they start Prep. For many it is the first time they have been away from their parents and they are often unfamiliar with their environment and the people around them. Far North Queensland Region Senior Guidance Officer Pam Clayton said changes in children’s behaviour often occur but isn’t necessarily a cause for concern; ‘It is quite usual for children to find the first few weeks of Prep challenging and some will solve this problem by saying they don’t want to go,’ Ms Clayton said. ‘They can develop tummy aches and some previously quite confident little ones can become very unsure of themselves. Luckily, with understanding from their parents and their teachers, this rarely lasts more than a few days or so.’

Ms Clayton says that if children are finding it difficult, parents should listen to their concerns and be understanding. ‘Let your child know that you believe they will be able to go to school, and ask them what they think will help,’ she said. ‘It is wonderful what “solutions” children can come up with. ‘One little boy I know thought that a goldfish in his room would help, another just needed his Mum’s secret kiss in his pocket every day. There is a lot of power in these childgrown solutions. It’s also important to be as involved as you can manage. Parents play a vital role in their child’s education and by helping out, your child sees that this is something you really value. This really can help your child make a smooth and happy start.’

Prep Year is an important part of a young person’s education and it is an exciting first step for students in the early phase of learning.

Michelle Bussell
Support Administrator Prep Year

Continuing to improve spelling outcomes

In late 2013, we reviewed our whole school approach to the teaching and learning of spelling. As a result, in 2014 we trialed a new spelling program called Spelling Mastery. This direct instruction program blends three different approaches to mastering spelling; the phonemic approach, the whole word approach and the morphemic approach. Last year’s students engaged with the Spelling Mastery program along with explicitly taught lessons aligned to key concepts and spelling rules. Initial student outcomes have been pleasing with last year’s NAPLAN results showing a significant improvement in the percentage of students achieving in the top 2 bands as well as achieving the National Minimum Standard. In consultation with the P & C, students in Years 2-6 will continue with this program.

One of the benefits to this program is the ability for teaching and learning to be based on individual student needs rather than a blanket rule for all students in a year level. Instead of students working from a year level designated text, students complete a placement test and are placed on a level aligned to their individual needs. Due to this reason, a Spelling Mastery text is not listed on our 2015 Booklist. To enable differentiation of levels, families are asked to pay a Spelling Mastery book levy at the front office.

Letters regarding payment will be sent home no later than Friday 13/02/15. Once payment of levels, families are asked to pay a Spelling Mastery book levy at the front office.

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Tanya Sutton
Support Administrator Years 1-2

Welcome to Hambledon State School to our new students and families and welcome back to all our returning students.

As we begin the new school year, we are thinking about settling in to new classes and new routines. All of our students are getting to know their new teachers and making new friends. At this time, our school focus is establishing these new routines and basic expectations around student conduct in our fantastic school.

Our teachers will be spending the first days of the year working with their classes to set out exactly how they will run. Basics such as lining up, moving around the class, school protocols for learning will all be covered.

As lots of you will know doubt remember from last year, there will be a regular update in this newsletter from the Positive Behaviour for Learning team. These updates will inform us as to the current weekly focus around student support and conduct. They will also include information that may be helpful for our parents and carers on this topic.

As you know, strong relationships are the key to creating a positive environment for all of our students and this remains a focus as we look forward to the new year and building on our past success.

Once again, welcome back and we all look forward to a productive 2015.

Peter Begemann
Support Administrator Years 4-6

Racing Cars at Regional Art Gallery

At the end of last year quite a number of our students submitted their drawing of a racing car. These were mounted and sent to the Regional Art Gallery. They are being used in conjunction with an exhibition called ‘Big Boys’ Toys’ by artist Eamon O’Toule on display from 5 December 2014 to 8 March 2015. All participants are invited to visit the art gallery with their family for free during the exhibition – just mention you were a participant! Also, the gallery has an open/ free day for families on Saturdays.

The Gallery is transformed into part Formula 1 showroom and part motoring enthusiasts tool shed delighting motor enthusiasts with a deep or passing interest alike. Eamon Ostool’s fabulous hot moulded plastic sculptures depicting iconic motorsports engines, cars and assorted paraphernalia are much loved and coveted by collectors who end up living with them. His works have enormous humour and a sense of the surreal in their sheer attention to detail and paradoxical toy-like finish. Life-sized and exciting, the exhibition is open to all ages.

Liz Jorgensen | Teacher-librarian

Rugby League

Hambledon SS has been invited to participate in the Primary School Development Cup competition.

If your child would like to be considered for selection in this team, they will need to attend training sessions at Hambledon SS on Monday afternoon’s between 3.00pm-4.30pm.

The first training session will take place on February 9th.

Netball

Hambledon SS has been invited to participate in the Mulgrave Netball Competition.

If your child would like to be considered for selection in this team, they will need to attend training sessions at Hambledon SS on Monday afternoon’s between 3.15pm and 4.15pm.

The first training session will take place on February 9th.

Thank you to year 3 teacher Mrs Duff, for taking on the position as Netball coach.

A big welcome back to parents, students and staff for another year of learning. In addition, a warm welcome to our new families. I enjoyed having a chat with families while helping them find their child’s new classroom last Tuesday.

My role as the Chaplain is to provide students with social and emotional support; spiritual support; mentoring individual students; providing educational support and assisting on excursions and other activities. One of my major roles includes providing pastoral care to students, families and staff members. If you would like to have a chat, please let the ladies in the office know, call, or you can email me at stevek@chappy.org.au. If you would like your child to have a chat with me, please email or call me, or speak to your child’s teacher. I am at Hambledon State School Monday to Wednesday each week.

Have a great year,

Chappy Steve
Parents Corner (P&C Meet once a month – Next Meeting – 17th February at 6.30pm)

PRESENTATIONS THIS WEEK

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Year 2
Ezlan
Taraleah
Zedneyiar
Year 6
Aasa
Tamsyn

HAPPY GRAMS
Year 2
Ava
Willis
Maverick
Ashlee
Archie
Rachel
Bryce
Malea
Joshua
Year 6
Ethan
Aiden
Chloe
Morgan

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Hambledon Playschool
Come along to a fun, free and friendly Playgroup located at Hambledon State School.
Who: Children aged 3-5 years (accompanied by a parent/carer)
Younger siblings are welcome to attend
Where: Hambledon State School Hall
When: Wednesday mornings - 9:15am to 11:30am
Start date – February 11, 2015
Bring: Healthy morning tea and hat
Tea and coffee provided
Facilitated by a qualified Early Childhood teacher
A great way to support a positive transition to school

PCYC Youth Group
for teens with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
Fridays 6pm – 8pm fortnightly in term time
Where: PCYC Age: 12 - 16yrs
When function room (plus excursions)
Costs: PCYC annual membership + $100/term for sessions (snacks included)
Minimum of 2 adult facilitators and maximum of 10 participants
Activities are arranged around the participants’ interests and have included: gaming, movies, board games, minigolf, pizza nights. Most excursions are paid by the group budget, some may incur an extra cost or pocket money.
PCYC Youth Group (ASD) has been running successfully for 6 years and creates an inclusive, supported and fun environment for teenagers with a diagnosis of ASD. Participants build their social skills and develop friendships with a safe and friendly group.
Contact Brigitte at: cairnsasdvyouthgroup@gmail.com for information or to place an EOI.

Tennis Australia coach, Guy Thomas will conduct an eight week “hot shot” tennis program after school on Thursdays.
The program will run in the school hall from 3pm until 3.40pm for eight (8) consecutive weeks commencing 12th February.
Each new pupil will receive a free junior tennis racquet.
Cost for the eight weeks is $100.
Guy also runs a full junior tennis program, 6 days a week at Edmonton Tennis Club,
Thomson Road, Edmonton.
To enrol contact Guy on 0417 648 597 or guy@blitztennis.com.au

Cairns Regional Gallery
Great educational fun for younger brothers and sisters at the Cairns Regional Gallery.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!
40480666 - school office

Tues 3 Feb
Linda Linneman
Robyn Hayward

Wed 4 Feb
HELP NEEDED

Thurs 5 Feb
HELP NEEDED
Rae Peever

Fri 6 Feb
HELP NEEDED

Mon 9 Feb
Christian Thurston
Linda Linneman

Term 1 Special Single Serve
BBQ Meat Lovers
Pizza’s $3.00

Tuckshop
Our P&C are responsible for providing a service to our school including the overall running of our tuckshop. Without volunteers, our tuckshop will not be able to provide healthy lunches to our students and staff.

We need your help!
Please contact the P&C to volunteer your time so our tuckshop will remain open everyday for both lunches.

LUNCH ORDER REMINDER
All tuckshop orders are to be in by 9am
Classroom tuckshop baskets are to be in by 9.15am
This is to ensure that the tuckshop staff have enough time to process the orders and no one misses out on what they order.

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