School Newsletter

1st February, 2016
‘Honesty in Work & Play’

Dates to remember

Feb 9 – Meet and Greet Afternoon
Feb 16 – P & C General Meeting 6:30pm in Staffroom
March 15 – P & C AGM Meeting 6:30pm in Staffroom
March 16 – Junior Cross Country
March 18 – Senior Cross Country

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

It has been an excellent start to the new school year by everyone at school and I am looking forward to continuing this positive momentum. In 2016, we will continue to listen and collaborate to solve problems of process and procedures at our school in order to achieve the best outcomes for all children. Our school’s vision is to value support and champion every child, and this vision complements the Department’s Every Student Succeeding State Schools Strategy 2016 – 2020 (http://education.qld.gov.au/corporate/about/pdfs/state-schools-strategy-2016-2020.pdf). I am confident that this year will be a great year for our school in continuing its improvement agenda.

SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 – 2019

Speaking of Schools Strategic Plans, our school this year commences a new 4 year strategic plan to focus on its improvement agenda. Over the last few months the Administration Team has been drafting this Plan in accordance with recommendation from last year’s Full School Review in consultation with regional office. One of the topics for discussion at the 1st P&C Meeting will be regarding this Strategic Plan and I would like to put this draft document out for consultation with the school community. If you receive this newsletter via email then an electronic copy will be linked to this page as well as there being a link on our Facebook page to view the proposed Plan. If you do not have access to the Internet and would like to view the Plan, then please contact the office to obtain a paper copy of the same. I would appreciate any feedback or questions that you may seek clarification of.

MEET n GREET

I would like to invite all parents, carers and community members to our Meet n Greet afternoon on Tuesday 9 February between 4 – 6pm. This afternoon will provide you with the opportunity to meet with school staff in an informal setting. The school will be putting on a free sausage sizzle for the afternoon and commencing at 4:30pm there will be 15 minute presentations around the school from the teachers of each year level regarding what children will be learning about during the semester. The timetable for these presentations will be as follows:

- Year 1 & 2 – 4:30pm
- Year 5 & 6 – 4:45pm
- Prep – 5:00pm
- Year 3 & 4 – 5:15pm

This event will be held in the Junior Multi-Purpose area. I hope to see as many of you as possible on this afternoon.

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.

SCHOOL STAFFING ALLOCATION

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. I would like to advise the community that there is likely to be minor changes to staffing to accommodate our expected Day 8 enrolment. Currently our indications appear to show that we will be approximately 20 students less than our Day 8 numbers from last year. This translates to a reduction of approximately 1 FTE (1 teaching position and a handful of T/Aide hours). The Administration team is currently reviewing school budget/allocations to ascertain the most appropriate model that we will need to adopt to accommodate our likely allocation.

While we will not be collapsing a class, in the interests of future planning and ensuring all class sizes be under the recommended targets (25 in Prep – Year 3 and 28 in Year 4 – 6) we are looking to alter one of the Year 3 classes to a Year 3/4 class. In Year 3 we have had less than the anticipated enrolments, and in Year 4 we have had more than what were expected. To effect the necessary changes will involve the changing of class for 6 – 8 year 3 children and 12 Year 4 children.

PARADES

I would like to remind parents and community members that Parade will commence this week and will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Below is a table detailing the weekly parade times and places:

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The change to the timetable of parades should allow for a smoother operation of them as well as give teachers the time to allow presentation and acknowledgement of Student of the Week for each class. I am expecting that with this change to parades, each class will present a Student of the Week Award to a child who has successfully demonstrated one of the school’s 4 key values. This is an essential part of our effective Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) consolidation.
**Raring to go – What a positive start**

It was wonderful to walk into classrooms last week and see such an enthusiastic start to the 2016 school year. I was so happy to see so many familiar faces, as well as lots of new ones, ready for learning from 9am on day one. As I visited the Year 1, 2 and 3 classrooms throughout our first three days back at school I got to listen to many wonderful stories from the holidays and was impressed that the students could easily remind me of our school values of Being Safe, Being Respectful, Being Resilient and Being a Learner. I was particularly impressed with the Year 3 students who were busy writing to convince me why or why not they should wear a school uniform to school. I look forward to seeing if their finished texts can convince Mr Kubler to have permanent free dress days!

**Tanya Sutton– Support Administrator Year 1,2 &3**

**MUSIC NEWS**

If your child is in year 1, 2 or 3 and would like to be part of Hambledon’s Little Voices Choir in 2016, there will be a sign on and information session in the music room on **Thursday 4th February** at 11:15am. Students will need to attend three consecutive choir rehearsals after the sign on to be a permanent member of the choir. All rehearsals will be held every Thursday morning tea at 11:00am. Students will be required to bring their lunch and drink bottles with them to their rehearsal. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of singing and performing at Hambledon State School.

**Sheree Howell**  
(Music Teacher)

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**Welcome back to school for 2016.** I hope that you enjoyed the holiday season and look forward to a productive year this year. In this first newsletter for term 1, I would like to highlight two initiatives that will be helping to both promote and enhance existing student support at Hambledon State School.

This year we will be recognising our students who continually do the right thing and set a great example, in a new way. We will be introducing a Hambledon State School Positive Recognition System. This will involve students earning a level on the system based on our behaviour criteria. Our students will be able to be recognised at Bronze, Silver or Gold level according to their achievement on our matrix of behaviour. This will be judged by our teachers each half term and also closely linked to the students’ behaviour achievement grade on their report.

Each five weeks activities for students will be run and they will be able to attend them according to their Bronze, Silver or gold rating. For example a bronze award may be a lunch time movie, while the gold award may be a sausage sizzle. The awards details will be finalised shortly and sent out to our community.

This year also sees the introduction of our Student Engagement and Welfare (SEW) team. The SEW team comprises staff whose role is solely, student support. They will be working closely with both students and teachers in class, specialised activities and liaising with families. The team is already up and running and are in the process of establishing themselves and their role within the school community.

We feel very confident that the positive effects of these initiatives will help to further enhance the well-being and learning experience for all Hambledon State School students. Further updates around student support and the SEW team will be available in regular newsletters throughout the year.

**Peter Begemann– Support Administrator Year 4 & 6**

**TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL**

**PIZZA SLICES**

(Order Tuesday for lunch Wednesday)

- **Ham & Cheese**
- **Hawaiian**
- **Meatlovers**

$1.50 per slice
Parents/Community Corner

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!

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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.
Thank you for your support.

P&C Information

The next P&C Meeting will be advised in 2016
Thank you for your support throughout 2015

TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL

There will be no further sushi orders available for this term.