Dear Hambledon Community Members,

It’s hard to believe that we are coming to the end of Term 1 of the 2015 school year. Time has certainly flown by! I am extremely proud of the improvement we have seen in attendance this term and the quality teaching and learning that occurs at our school each and every day.

As we approach the Easter vacation I would like to wish all families and members of the community a Happy Easter and relaxing break. I look forward to seeing you next term which commences on Monday 20th April.

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will occur tomorrow, Tuesday 31 March, at 6:30pm in our staffroom. I look forward to seeing many parents, carers and community members attend this important meeting. Each year, the association looks for new members for the Executive and I would encourage all parents and carers to become active members of the association.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy—131788—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Throughout the school year, children in the upper primary years are able to participate in extracurricular sporting activities that are offered. I would ask that parents and carers please be aware of the following information from DET regarding accident insurance cover for students.

Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the DET does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students.

Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs is the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents.

Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

YEAR 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Our teachers are readying our Year 3 & 5 children for their NAPLAN tests in May. Could parents please note that NAPLAN Testing this year occurs from May 12 – 14. Friday May 15 is a catch up day for students who may have been absent on one of the testing days.
**FROM THE DEPUTIES**

School holidays start here in Queensland at the end of this week. Young children will likely be exhausted from their long ten week term. If you are spending time at home these holidays here are some ideas for indoor activities:

- Make a cubby house under the table.
- Have a theme day. This may be butterflies, pirates, princesses, fairies, dinosaurs or a particular colour.
- Make an inside obstacle course with cushions, pillows, boxes, chairs and blankets.
- Play dress ups and present a play.
- Go on a colour hunt in your house. Collect objects of a certain colour and take a picture of your finds to make a collage.
- Buy a note book and get the child/ren to write a school holiday diary (or draw pictures every day for young children).
- Reorganise the children's room (with their help).
- Write a letter to someone.
- Make fruit kebabs.
- Bake cupcakes.

Have an enjoyable Easter break.

Michelle Bussell-Support Administrator Prep Year

**PB4L**

The last week of school's PB4L focus will remain bullying as you know. Having had lots of conversations with students around this it appears that an understanding of what bullying is and how to recognise it is beginning to emerge. We continue to work to embed this at our school.

This ‘High 5’ hand is a simple way to remember strategies in dealing with bullying and is helpful for students as an easy to use guide. Each point is important and used consistently will help us to reduce and remove bullying incidents that may occur at our school. We want our fantastic school to be a safe and enjoyable experience for all students.

Peter Begemann-Support Administrator Years 4-6

**Easter Raffle**

Any unsold/sold tickets need to be returned to school by tomorrow. Thank you for your support of the Year One fundraiser. We hope you can join us at our Easter Hat parade this week. We wish the very best of luck to all that have purchased tickets in the raffle.

Year One Team

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**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**NCCD – Nationally Consistent Collection of Data**

Including every school child who is being provided with an adjustment because of disability in the NCCD will assist schools, education authorities and government’s to better target support and resources to meet students’ needs.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, parents have the option to choose for their child’s information to not be included in the national reporting process. Even if a parent opts to not have their child’s information included in the NCCD, our school will still provide the support and adjustments necessary to ensure that all students are able to participate at school on the same basis. Parents who would prefer for their child’s information not to be included in the collection of data are asked to complete the opt out paperwork available for collection at the front office. Completed forms are required to be submitted no later than May 18th, 2015.

Further information can be found at http://www.schooldisabilitydataqld.edu.au

Tanya Sutton-Support Administrator Years 1-2

**Student Council Term 1 Charity**

Our Student Council voted at their first meeting to organise a free dress day to raise funds to help people in Vanuatu and other Pacific island nations affected by Cyclone Pam.

We invite our school community to wear sunsafe tropical / island / free dress on Wednesday 1 April and donate a gold coin.

Funds raised will be donated to the Red Cross who are working to support the people of the Pacific islands as they rebuild and recover.

We look forward to your support of this humanitarian cause.

Student Leaders

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**Student Leadership Induction**

Thank you to the many family and friends who have RSVP’d for our special badge presentation event on Thursday 2nd April at 9.15am.

Here is a wordle from the feedback of participants in the Student Council Training Day recently.

The larger the word the more times it was mentioned in the feedback.

It is great to know that the students are enthusiastic about their roles to improve our school.

Liz Jorgensen Teacher-librarian / Student Council Co-ordinator

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**Library End of Term**

Student borrowing has ceased for term 1 and all loans are due back this week. This saves students remembering what their borrowed books are over the two-week vacation period. We hope that families take advantage of the City Libraries for lots of wonderful reading matter at this time, or maybe read old favourites in home libraries. Happy holiday reading!

Liz Jorgensen Teacher-librarian
Parents Corner (P&C Meet once a month – Next Meeting – 31st March at 6.30pm)

Presentations This Week

Student of the Week
Prep
Charlie, Terrin, Courtney

Year 1
Amber, Tyler, Nathan, Logan

Year 2
Kyan, Archie

Year 3
Ethen

Year 4
Corbyn, Tameka - Lily, Keyra, Elizabeth

Year 5
Paige

Year 6
Daniel

Happy Grams
Prep
Austin, Summer, Seth, Alee-Anna

Year 2
Zane, Ethan, Charlie, Archie, Ashlee, Willis, Ava, Jayden, Maverick, Archie

Year 3
Callam, Masalina

Year 4
Gweneth, Jack, Kai, Joja, Kaeleb, Summer, Priya, Amy

Year 5
Keith

Good Playground Gotcha Awards
(Presented last week on parade)
Sienna, Zedniyfar, Kaleisha, Kato, Zaynah, Bryce, Amy, Lachlan, Jayden, Trinity, Jayleana, Maya, Matilda

Honesty Acknowledgement
Wade, Maverick, Kayla, Scarlett, Amy, Dylan, Grace, Amy

Community Information

Free Trial Class
30th March to 2nd April
- Gymnastics programs for girls and boys
- Safe and fun activities that challenge participants, relative to their development stage
- Full program & bookings at www.gymsporthq.com.au

School Holiday Program
Join the crew from Hamblton House Community Centre and Cairns Libraries to create colourful sand art, fun with recycled and ganex PLUS the wickedly funny "Pipe Reddy Show"

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Roster
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!
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Term 1 Special Single Serve BBQ Meat Lovers Pizza’s $3.00

P & C News

Presentations This Week

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Presentations This Week

St Therese’s Parish Catholic Sacramental Program 2015
Reconciliation Parent Evening – 6:30pm, Thursday 17th September, 2015
Students in Year 3 and above may receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A copy of the student’s Baptismal Certificate must be handed in with Enrolment Form. Baptisms can be arranged by phoning the Parish Office.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion Parent Evening – 6:30pm Thursday 30th April, 2015
Students in Year 4 and above who have already received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation may receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Please contact the Parish Office on Phone 4055 4315 or email saintth@bigpond.net.au to receive the enrolment forms. Theresa Jankowski, State School RI Coordinator, Mobile 0418 184 800
Email: mjankowski@cns.catholic.edu.au

Donations Please
Our annual Mother’s Day Stall is on again! For those who are new to the school, some items are purchased by P & C for resale but we welcome donations to help us along! Soap, chocs, ribbon, etc Please drop at the front Office.

Volunteers Needed
In Tuckshop
We would always welcome anybody who has a little time to spare and feels like making some new friends and giving us a hand. The more help we have the more we can offer our kids. Plus your kids would love to see you there! A huge thankyou to all our current volunteers.

Mary had a little lamb,
She also had the flu.
And when she left her school,
The others had it too.
So anytime your children are sick
Please keep them home with you.
Then the children in our school
Will be happier and healthier too.