Dear Parents and Community Members

Last week all schools were required to submit their Day 8 numbers to the Department in order to determine school resourcing for this year. Our confirmed enrolments for the commencement of 2015 were 818 students in 34 classes. I am looking forward to a very successful and rewarding year, as I hope, you are too. We have started the school year in an extremely smooth and positive manner and I expect this to continue throughout the year. I hold a firm belief that all children can learn and succeed given the right support and direction.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Research shows that student learning is maximised when classrooms are free from disruptive behaviour and interruptions. A core value of our school is Be a Learner, and our school staff are dedicated to ensuring that children receive the highest educational outcomes.

All classes and lessons follow a procedure that provides children with a number of opportunities to correct their behaviour before intervention from a member of Admin or a parent contact is made. In the event that Admin is required to intervene, then contact will be made with the parent/carer to discuss appropriate action to be taken to encourage the child to accept responsibility for their actions and participate in learning. Our focus is to ensure that all children experience a safe and supportive learning environment free from unnecessary disruption.

SCHOOL SAFETY MESSAGES

Road safety is a joint responsibility of schools and parents/carers to ensure that children observe and understand safe practices. Before and after school I have observed a few incidents that parents and carers are not acting responsibly or following traffic signs in an around the school. I would like parents to be mindful that the following can be regarded as breaches of the Traffic Laws:

- Parking on yellow lines
- Parking on footpaths and then leaving the vehicle
- Parking in designated Bus zones
- Parking in the Stop Drop and Go zone for more than the stipulated time

I hope that parents and carers can understand that complying with these traffic laws is not only a legal requirement but ensures the safety and well-being of more than 800 children who attend our school.

P & C MEETING

Next Tuesday (17 February) evening, the school’s Parents’ and Citizens Association (P&C) will hold its first meeting of the year. I encourage all parents to attend the upcoming P&C meeting. It is imperative for our school that we have a wide cross section of parents attend these meetings. The P&C is a vital body within our school. Its role is to:

- Provide advice to the principal;
- Provide feedback to the principal; and
- Raise funds for the school.

I would like to encourage all parents and carers to attend these meetings.

P&C Meeting occur on the 3rd Tuesday of the month commencing at 6:30pm.
FROM THE DEPUTIES

Smart Choices - Healthy Food and Drink

We are often asked if parents can provide a birthday cake for their child’s class to celebrate the special occasion. For many reasons we don’t allow this at Hambledon State School. Firstly, we have students in our school with food allergies and intolerances. Additionally, we want our students to have the highest levels of concentration for learning to occur and sugary foods can significantly affect some students. All Queensland Schools are allowed two ‘red days’ per term. This is part of the Smart Choices - Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools. In total we are allowed eight ‘red days’ per year and 25 birthday cakes would mean we are not meeting the guidelines.

Smart Choices is all about offering healthy food and drink choices to students in Queensland Schools. Smart Choices provides guidelines for all situations where food is supplied in the school environment. This includes tuckshops, vending machines, fundraising, classroom rewards and school camps. Why is healthy eating important for your child? Healthy foods and drinks give children and young people all the nutrients they need to:
- grow and develop
- concentrate and learn well at school
- stay healthy throughout childhood and adulthood.

Children don’t always know what food is best for them — they need to be guided.

Michelle Bussell
Support Administrator Prep Year

We would love to see you there

Every Monday afternoon our school comes together to celebrate the achievements of students, share important messages and welcome special guests. It is always wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and family members joining us on parade during this special time. The Preps are settling into their new routine at school and will join other year levels on parade beginning Monday 6th March. We look forward to seeing you there.

Where
Junior Parade (Prep to Year 2): Junior Multipurpose Area
Senior Parade (Year 3 to Year 6): Senior Multipurpose Area

When
Every Monday 2.30pm

Things to remember
Preps start parade 6th March
Recipients of ‘Student of the Week’ and ‘Happygrams’ are communicated in the school newsletter on a Monday and presented on the following week’s parade
In the case of continuous rain, parade is postponed

Tanya Sutton
Support Administrator Years 1-2

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PB4L)
Continuing from last year, our PB4L Weekly focus lessons begin this week. The topic for week 3 will be ‘Basic Classroom Expectations’. Our class teachers have spent the first two weeks of school establishing class routines and positive relationships. There has been excellent feedback from across the school and our students and staff have both been reporting a very smooth and positive start to the year. This is fantastic to see, and gives all of our students the best possible chance to begin 2015.

As you know, in every class there is a regular session devoted to teaching behaviour, routine and relationship based lessons. Time for these sessions may vary each week depending on the topic and skills of your students. The lessons are explicitly taught and the concepts are regularly revisited to ensure learning is consolidated and all our students are developing a deep and productive understanding.

Hambledon State School strives to promote positive behaviour and relationship building across areas of our school. We aim to further enhance the fantastic work carried out in 2014.

Peter Begemann
Support Administrator Years 4-6

SEP
Welcome to the New School Year. We are very pleased to report that all students have settled in well to their new classroom settings. The teachers are currently planning the ‘Parent Information Evening’ and once the details are finalised it will be disseminated to parents.

Individual Curriculum Plans are also being developed and request for parent meetings will occur over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child’s needs and associated adjustments.

Can I please remind parents that parking in the front of the administration building is only allocated to parents of students with a disability for reasons of safety. If you are a parent of a student with a disability and require parking in this area, then please obtain a 2015 ‘smiley face’ from the SEP to display on the dashboard of your vehicle.

Parent morning tea will be held in the hall on Tuesday 17th February at 9.00am.

Tania Loneragan
Head Of Special Education

SCHOOL INFORMATION

WE NEED A NEW SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR FOR 2015

If you are interested in helping out and becoming the school banking co-ordinator for 2015, please contact the front office on 40408666.

You are invited to…. MORNING TEA

Who: Carers of Students with a disability
When: 9am on Tues 17/02/2015
Where: Hambledon SS Hall (Music Room)

Topic: “Meet the new School Principal”
Mr Ross Kubler

** Please sign in at the school office before you make your way to the hall.

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
Please register at the school office
Parents Corner (P&C Meet once a month – Next Meeting– 17th February at 6.30pm)

**PRESENTATIONS THIS WEEK**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**
- Year 1: Emily
- Year 2: Tyler
- Year 3: Matika
- Year 4: Ava

**HAPPY GRAMS SEP**
- Olivia, Siama, Trey, Reeves
- Prep Year 1: Aidan, Layla
- Year 2: Mitchell, Kaylee, Sakura, Stephanie, Matilda, Laura, Skyla, Darcy, Tyler
- Year 3: Breezy, Dylan
- Year 4: Amy, Maximus, Matthew, Sarah, Nelly, Ella

**GOOD PLAYGROUND GOTCHA AWARDS**
(Presented last week on parade)
- Abigail
- Zen
- Tanner
- Leela

**HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- Ryley
- Angus
- Laith
- Kade

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**Election Day Thanks**
Many thanks to staff and parents who gave up part of last Saturday to assist with the P & C Sausage Sizzle. An extra special thanks to Countrybake Edmonton for donating the lovely fresh bread!

**P & C Meeting**
**Tuesday 17th February 6.30pm in the Staffroom.**
We urge all parents to take the time to attend these meetings and become an active member. This is a wonderful way to help contribute to your child’s school.

**Many hands make light work!**

**Scientists in Schools**
**Mathematicians in Schools**
Are you a scientist, IT professional or an engineer? Would you enjoy inspiring teachers and students in science, maths or information technology? Would you like to become a volunteer scientist, mathematician or IT professional?
We’re looking for scientists, mathematicians, engineers or IT professionals who are interested in working with staff and students – it would be great to have someone from our local community.
Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools use a broad definition of ‘scientist’ which includes professionals working in a science, maths, IT or engineering-related area, encompassing research and applied scientists, technologists and engineers, medical and allied health professionals and mathematicians.
There are no fixed hours – it’s up to you and the teacher to decide how you can contribute.
Register or find out more information online at www.scienceteachersindelauda.edu.au
Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools is an Australian Government initiative, managed by CSIRO Education and Outreach.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it! 40408666 - school office

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**FREE!! Active Family Games**
Term 1, 2015 (from 29 Jan to 2 April)

**Edmonton**
Tuesdays @ Ravizza Park, Ravizza Drive
3.15pm – 5.15pm
Parents & Toddlers 3.30pm – 4.30 pm
Games are for the whole family - children of all ages are welcome.
Parents can join in, walk around the park or socialise on the sidelines.
Children are the responsibility of their parents/carers, not the facilitators who run the activity.
This program is funded by the Australian Government
For more information contact:
Roz Metcalfe - 0459 982 132
Amanda Nicholas - 0403 555 395

**Community for Grandparents & Children**

**MyTime for Grandparents and Kinship Carers**
MyTime for Grandparents and Kinship Carers is a support group for full-time Carers of children to the age of 18. We meet five times a year and can host morning or afternoon meetings.
Free Meets are held in Westcourt and central Cairns.
Although delivered through Playgroup Qld, this is a locally based group to assist, accompanying children will be catered for.
Contact Brigitte on: 07 40415574 or astrewens@playgroupqld.com.au for more information.
For more information on this national initiative see the link below:
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