Hambledon State School
P&C Newsletter

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3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

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FROM THE DEPUTIES

School Home Connections
You can't have a partnership without a relationship, and you can't have a relationship without a conversation. You've got to have the conversation. Everything starts here. (National Curriculum Services). Partnerships are vital to students' success at school.

However you look at it, responsibility for improving educational outcomes must be a shared one. That can happen when families become more familiar with, confident about and engaged in the work of schools — and then, in turn, schools become more knowledgeable about, engaged with and respectful of the backgrounds, lives and aspirations of their families.

In the end, it's always about people getting on and working together — and that's everyone's responsibility.

Remember, though, that all partnerships, large and small, start with a conversation, develop into a relationship and finally become a partnership.

I strongly encourage every parent/carer to take the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher during this cycle of parent teacher interviews.

Michelle Bussett - Support Administrator Prep Year

NCCD – Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
By law, schools are required to make reasonable adjustments where needed to assist students with disability to access the curriculum and participate in school on the same basis as students without disability. These responsibilities are outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. As explained over the last couple of weeks, the NCCD will gather information on students who have been identified as meeting the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and are being provided with an adjustment. An adjustment is a specific measure or action that enables a student with disability to participate in education on the same basis as students without disability.

Every Australian school will be required to collect and report information about:

- the level of adjustment provided.
- the number of students who receive each level of adjustment where known, the student's broad type of disability.

Students who meet the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 but do not require adjustments will still be eligible to be included in the data collection.

Further information can be found at

http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au

Tanya Sutton - Support Administrator Years 1-2

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SPORTS INFORMATION

House Captains
Congratulations to the following students who were elected Sports Leaders:

- Gryphons - Cheryl, Lee, Nia, Lain
- Dragons - Danielle, Kasey, Christopher
- Minotaurs - Steven, Ben, Janae
- Centaurs - Symone, Tamysn, Phoebe

Basketball Trials
When: Thursday March 19th
Where: Bentley Park College - Multi-Purpose Hall near the P-6 oval
Time: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Student Leadership Team
Congratulations to all the Year 4-6 students who were elected by their classes recently as Student Councillors, Vice Student Councillors and Library Assistants. I look forward to working with them in their roles to support and improve our school community. Library Assistants gathered last Wednesday afternoon for a meeting and training session. As well they have had on-the-job training with class borrowing. Our Student Leaders attended a Leadership Camp at Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre last week. On Wednesday this week, they will host our Student Council Training Day. This will include role expectations, meeting procedure, goal setting, public speaking and working on action plans.

Our Induction Day for presentation of badges to all elected members of the Student Leadership team (including Sports House Leaders) is scheduled for Thursday 2 April – the last day of term 1 (time to be confirmed). We look forward to this team being excellent role models in our school and making a positive difference. Thank to parents and carers for their support of our aspiring leaders.

Mount Sheridan Plaza Spelling Bee
Well done to our Year 3/4/5 teams and Year 6 teams for participating in these challenges over the past two weekends. No teams progressed to the finals, but a great experience to be involved. It was most exciting when our Team A in the Year 6/7/8 event was in a tie-breaker with Trinity Bay High School in their round. Thanks to parents, friends and staff for support of students in this academic extension activity. Congratulations to the reps for their proud and responsible attention to their training sessions and representative duties.

Liz Jorgensen Teacher-librarian

EASTER RAFFLE
Please make sure you have sold your tickets and returned money to the year one teachers. Any unsold tickets need to be accounted for and returned. If you are unable to sell the tickets please send them back to school as soon as possible. If you are able to donate Easter eggs to support the fundraiser that would be greatly appreciated. The more eggs donated, the more baskets we will have as prizes! Please send donations to the year one teachers.

Year One Team

PB4L
On Friday March 20th it is ‘Bullying no Way’ day. Therefore the school’s topics for next week’s PB4L lessons and for the rest of the term will be bullying. Below is a web address for the Bullying No Way! website which contains lots of information about bullying and is also a great resource for schools and parents/carers alike.

Bullying is a very serious issue that affects every school. You will no doubt agree that as a school it is very important that we raise our students’ awareness of this and talk about ways to deal with it. Hambledon State School does not tolerate bullying and has systems in place to tackle the problem if it occurs. It is important to be aware of the difference between bully and peer conflict. This was pointed out by our Principal in a recent newsletter article. The following is a quote from the Bullying No Way! site:

“Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. Single incidents and conflicts or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved.”

Hambledon State School recognises that bullying can have long term effects on all parties involved and strives to minimise occurrence of this at our fantastic school. Our school ensures quality systems are in place to deal with bullying and support our students.

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

PRESENTATIONS THIS WEEK

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep
Isabella, Kristen, Tiana, Jessie, Mishaque

Year 1
Joel, Ethan, Jesse, Scarlett, Jhordan

Year 2
Kato, Loren, Kayden, Ebony, Willis, Jorja

Year 4
Ashley, Riley, Emily

Year 5
Mason

HAPPY GRAMS

Prep
Jake

Year 2
Khenyon, Jorjy, Mitchell, Ainoama, Laura, Shayla, Tiarah, Zednelyar, Kaleisha

Year 4
Nathan, Olivia, Rylee, Kyle, Tamara, Gweneth

Year 5
Teija

Year 6
Phoebe, Terrence

GOOD PLAYGROUND

GOTCHA AWARDS

(Presented last week on parade)
Layla, Karly, Ashlee, Kelsie, Haylie, Jorja, Liberty, Precious, Harlee, Nathania, Ally, Sharr, Ava, Maddison, Trinity

HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

William, Chelsea, Marie, Shontoya, Aiden

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Playgroup Queensland is excited to launch this year’s National Playgroup Week from March 23-29. This year the theme for National Playgroup Week is Connecting Communities through Play. The celebration aims to highlight the important role Playgroups perform in the community and the importance of play for children in the vital early years.

Hambledon Playschool
Hambledon State School Playgroup is holding a National Playgroup Week celebration on Wednesday, March 25. All new families and members are invited to come along and participate in a fun two-hour play session.

Who: Children aged 3-5 years
(accompanied by a parent/carer)
Younger siblings are welcome to attend

Where: Hambledon State School Hall

When: 9:15am to 11:30am

Bring: Morning tea and hat
Tea and coffee provided

We look forward to celebrating National Playgroup Week with you!

For more information, please contact the school office on 40 408666.

X-Country

X-Country carnivals will be held on the following dates. Junior (P-3) Wednesday March 25th Senior (4-6) Friday March 27th. Children in Prep-3 will run a short obstacle course on the back oval whilst the senior students will run around the school grounds.

Children are encouraged to wear house sports shirts. Shirts can be purchased from the tuckshop.

Necessary details are as follows

What to wear: Hats, House shirts, Shoes

What to bring: Drink bottle, Asthma puffers- must be carried whilst running (if required).

If your child is unsure which house team they are in please see Mr Pudovskis or the office staff.

Timetable of events (Junior X-Country)

9.10am Prep Boys/Girls
9.40am Year 1 Boys/Girls
10.10am Year 2 Boys/Girls
10.40am Year 3 Boys/Girls

The Prep and Year 1 class groups will be split into 2 races.

Children in Years P-3 run with their year level group.

Timetable of events (Senior X-Country)

9.10am Boys/Girls born 2006 (1.6km)
9.35am Boys/Girls born 2005 (1.6km)
10.00am Boys/Girls born 2004 (2.4km)
10.25am Boys/Girls born 2003 (2.4km)

Children in years 4-6 run with children who are born in the same year.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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

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P & C NEWS

The next P&C meeting is this Tuesday 17th March at 6.30pm in the staff room. This meeting will just be a general meeting (with current committee) as, due to unforeseen circumstances our AGM is scheduled for 2 weeks time on Tuesday 31st March. Everyone is welcome, come and along and have your say and hear about the exciting plans for a major fundraiser this year and spending of these important funds.

Don’t forget also, start searching those cupboards for Mother’s Day Stall donations. Unopened toiletries (those hotel samples!), wrapped lollies and chocolates, unwanted gifts are appreciated. We have some beautiful items, but more donations are needed to package up into lovely gifts for our wonderful mums.

CHAPPY NEWS

CHILDREN SERVING OTHER PEOPLE

The Search Institute based in America have identified 40 building blocks of healthy development that help children and young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. One of the building blocks is ‘Service to Others’ – Child young person serves in the community one hour or more per week.

In my work I come across two different groups of children. After helping with a task, the first group of children ask, “Will I get a Chappy certificate or a prize for helping?” The second group of students offer to help as they have learnt that helping is part of belonging to a community. In addition, they have observed adults serving their community in a variety of ways. I encourage families to find a way that they can serve their community on a regular basis. This might be helping different organisations throughout the year or providing service to one particular community group. Your family will also have fun as you serve together.

Take care,
Chappy Steve