Dear Hambledon Community

It is excellent to see that our whole school attendance rate is currently around 93.5% which is an improvement on last year. I would like to thank all those parents who are continually reinforcing to children the necessity of attending school each and every day. As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our P&C Association will be held at school on Tuesday 31 March 2015 at 6:30pm. I would like to see as many parents and carers as possible attend the meeting.

At the AGM all positions on the Executive are declared vacant. If you are able to nominate for one of these positions then I ask you to contact the members of the Executive to discuss the role and responsibilities. I would like to see all Executive positions filled at the AGM next Tuesday.

PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS

Next week Parent Teacher Student discussions will be held at our school. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to be actively involved in children’s education. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have already booked meeting times through the office and if you haven’t done this as yet please contact the office this week. These discussions are a great way for schools to develop and enhance partnerships with home for the benefit of children’s learning.

WHAT DO SCHOOL CHAPLAINS DO?

Our school is extremely fortunate to have the services of our school Chaplain, Mr Stephen Kersnovske. A school chaplain is a safe person for young people to connect with at school, providing a listening ear, caring presence and a message of hope. A chaplain provides pastoral care for students struggling with a range of issues, within themselves or their family networks. This may include family problems, peer pressure, friendship difficulties, low self-esteem, bullying, etc. Chaplains run positive, fun activities for young people both in and out of school, and foster a supportive, caring school community. The partnership between the school and the chaplain, supported by local churches, businesses and community organisations, provides a network of local support and assistance. These positive relationships help young people to face issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning and purpose.

Our Chaplaincy Days are Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays. If you have any questions about the Chaplaincy Service and the support we are able to provide to you or your children, or you’d just appreciate someone to chat to, please feel free to contact our Chaplain via the school office or email skers36@eq.edu.au.
Further information can be found at [http://www.schooldisabilitydata.edu.au](http://www.schooldisabilitydata.edu.au)

Information will be collected based on:
- purpose for collecting information across all Australian schools.

In the upcoming months, teachers and other school staff will be collecting the following measures:

- The NCCD website outlines that the following measures will ensure that the role Playgroups perform in the community and the importance of play for children in the vital early years.

**How can you participate?**

Come along to your local FREE family fun event at the Cairns Tanks Arts Centre!

Cairns Tanks Arts Centre, Tank 3, 46 Collins Avenue, Edge Hill, Cairns

Wednesday, March 25, 9-11am

Playgroup Queensland is excited to partner with local iconic organisations to build awareness of services and programs available to families of young children in the region. There will be plenty of fun activities for families to participate in, including gardening play, story time and baby rhyme time delivered by the Cairns Regional Libraries, craft creations in the re-use space, fruit fun making, cultural corner exploring diversity with a didgeridoo performance, Japanese origami, Bhutanese drumming and Indian dance where you can join in too. There will be an obstacle course and toys galore, along with face painting, and a visit from the emergency services team.

Michelle Bussell-Support Administrator Prep Year

**NCCD – Nationally Consistent Collection of Data**

In the upcoming months, teachers and other school staff will be collecting information for the NCCD. Over the past two weeks I have outlined the purpose for collecting information across all Australian schools.

Information will be collected based on:
- consultation with parents/carers
- observation and professional judgments
- medical diagnosis
- other relevant information

The NCCD website outlines that the following measures will ensure that the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families will be protected by the following measures:
- personal or confidential information will not be given to anyone not authorised to see it
- information sent to local or federal education authorities for combination with information from other schools will be by school only,
- student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection
- information reported from 2016 onwards will be by school only,
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Tanya Sutton-Support Administrator Years 1-2

**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.

**FROM THE DEPUTIES**

**National Playgroup Week**

Playgroup Queensland is excited to launch this year’s National Playgroup Week from March 23-29. Playgroups across the State will be encouraged to participate through interactive play, competitions and free events.

This year the theme for National Playgroup Week is *Connecting Communities through Play.* The week-long celebration aims to highlight the important role Playgroups perform in the community and the importance of play for children in the vital early years.

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**PB4L**

March 20th was National No Bullying Day.

At Hambledon State School we are working with our students constantly to ensure that incidents of bullying are kept to an absolute minimum with a goal of eliminating completely. As you know, bullying is a problem affecting many people, students and adults, across the country. Our aim is to give students the strategies to deal with this should it occur, and also to support those who are ‘bullying’ others through difficulties that they may be experiencing.

Below is an extract from the Bullying No Way website [http://bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://bullyingnoway.gov.au):

- Approximately one in four Year 4 to Year 9 Australian students (27%) report being bullied every few weeks or more often (considered to be frequent) during the last term at school.
- Frequent school bullying was highest among Year 5 (32%) and Year 8 (29%) students.
- 83% of students who bully others online, also bully others offline.
- 84% of students who were bullied online were also bullied offline.
- Peers are present as onlookers in 87% of bullying interactions, and play a central role in the bullying process.
- Hurtful teasing was the most prevalent of all bullying behaviours experienced by students, followed by having hurtful lies told about them.
- Cyber bullying appears to be related to age (or access to technology), with older students more likely to engage in cyber bullying than younger students.

(Source: Cross, D., Shaw, T., Hearn, L., Epstein, M., Monks, H., Lester, L., & Thomas, L. 2009. Australian Covert Bullying Prevalence Study (ACBPS). Child Health Promotion Research Centre, Edith Cowan University, Perth.)

**SCHOOL  INFORMATION**

**Piccone Community Citizenship Awards**

These awards are open for Year 4-6 students. They acknowledge the contributions that students make to our school and the wider community by being active citizens - participating in groups and offering service to others. Students are required to complete a list of their activities across the year and submit their folder to the Co-ordinator by the end of Week 4 in Term 4. Please note that there is no advertised amount of points to be achieved for Bronze, Silver or Gold levels. The number has varied based around the number of activities and opportunities our school is able to offer in a particular year. Also, commitment and participation are part of being part of a group or club, so students do not receive a point for every individual associated activity. Students are encouraged to include them though as a record of their activities in the year. Other guidelines applied to the Awards are on the cover of the ‘blue folder’. Folders will be distributed to classes before the end of term 1.

We wish students well in their activities and thank parents for their facilitation of student involvement in various community activities.

**Student Leadership Team Induction**

This special ceremony for Year 4-6 students is set for Thursday 2 April – the last day of this term at 9.15am. We invite parents, family and friends to come along and celebrate the achievement of these leaders as they receive their badges of office and say their pledge. We further encourage your support and guidance of the students in their role throughout the year ahead. The recent Student Council Training Day was a great success. Councillors understand more about how they can help achieve the set action plans. Thanks to Student Leaders – Raymond, Taylah S and Veronica – for leading the day.

Liz Jorgensen Teacher-librarian / Student Council Co-ordinator

**Children See Children Do**

Make your influence positive through providing children with a great role model.
## PRESENTATIONS THIS WEEK

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## SPORTS INFORMATION

### Mulgrave Rugby League
Well done to the following students who were selected in the Mulgrave Rugby League team. Zac, Christopher, Lain, Hayden, Tyrrell and Liam.

### Netball– Junior Southern Corridor Cup
Congratulations to both of our netball teams who have played extremely well over the past term. We have seen vast improvements all round. Our final game will be held today at Hambledon School, with both teams playing each other. Well done to our team who will be playing in the semi-finals on Thursday at Bentley Park College.

### 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 can be purchased from the tuckshop. Necessary details are as follows:

- Year 2: Children in Years P-3 will run with their year level group.
- Year 4: Children in Years P-3 run with their year level group.

### UPDATING INFORMATION

Just a reminder that it is very important to update all information as it changes e.g. new mobile phone, work contacts and new postal residential addresses. It is vital that we have everything up to date in case of emergencies and we need to contact you.

### 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.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

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

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## P & C NEWS

### Exciting Fundraising News - The Footy Mad Raffle!!
After lots of discussion and planning, it has been decided that our major fundraiser for this year is going to be the “Footy Mad Raffle”, with 1st prize being an all expenses trip for 2 to Melbourne for the second State of Origin game. Included will be flights, accommodation, corporate package tickets to game and spending money, valued at up to $4500!!

Tickets will be distributed early in 2nd term. Start thinking who you could sell tickets to. As an exciting incentive prize for ticket sellers, an Apple iPad Mini will be up for grabs! As this is our major fundraiser, we are aiming big and need our school community to pitch in as much as possible. Opportunities will also be available to sell tickets at shopping centres etc. with volunteers getting extra entries for the incentive prize. Stay tuned, more details to come.

### P & C AGM Tuesday 31st March.
Unfortunately at our general meeting last week, our numbers were very low. Please be aware that an active P&C is essential for many factors within the school. At the AGM ALL Executive Positions will be declared open and a new committee elected. As many of our members have been hard at it for years, new, committed and energetic members are required. You don’t need to take a position, but if everyone helps out, it takes the pressure off existing members. If a new committee is unable to be formed, NO VOLUNTEERS are able to enter the school, including reading groups, breaky program and the tuckshop. Essential fundraising and events will also not take place such as Mother’s Day Stall, the above raffle and disco’s. Not to mention, an important avenue for the voice of parents within the school will be lost.

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