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Research and school data indicates that:
• there is a strong link between attendance in any particular year of schooling and children’s achievement – the more regularly they attend school the more likely they will achieve year level standards.
• Every extra day attended increases a student’s likelihood of achieving at a higher level and reaching higher post-schooling outcomes.
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Year Level | Interviews | Take Up – Parent / Teacher Discussions | Student Attendance Rates – Term 1
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Prep | 58 out of 117 children | 50% | 93.1%
1 | 58 out 146 children | 39% | 93.3%
2 | 56 out of 121 children | 46% | 93.4%
3 | 37 out of 111 children | 33% | 90.4%
4 | 39 out of 103 children | 38% | 93.2%
5 | 31 out of 100 children | 31% | 93.7%
6 | 34 out of 107 children | 32% | 91.4%
Whole School | 313 out of 806 children | 37.5% | 92.7%

REMINDERS IN BRIEF

• 21 April P&C Meeting 6:30pm
• 24 April – ANZAC Day Assemblies:
  SHAC 1:10pm
  SHAC 2:20pm (check with your child’s class teacher for scheduled times)
• 25 April ANZAC Day Edmonton Parade 8:00am

If you want your newsletter emailed please send to EditParentNews@hambledoss.eq.edu.au
P&C EXECUTIVE TEAM
On Tuesday 31 March the P&C held its AGM in the school’s staffroom. Thank you to all those parents, carers, staff and community members who were able to attend the meeting. Congratulations to the following people on their election to executive positions:
President – Mrs Kay Oliver
Vice President – Mrs Nicole Bailey
Vice President – Mr Gabriel Pasche
Secretary – Mrs Amanda Cranston
Treasurer – Mrs Helen Wall
I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the members of the previous Executive, Mrs Jo Beckman, Mrs Rosi Gritl-Hutton, Ms Marina Waddell and Mrs Tina Bishop for all the time and effort they contributed to the operations of the P&C.

The next P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom at 6:30pm Tuesday 21 April 2014.

FROM THE DEPUTIES
ANZAC DAY PARADE
Hambledon State School students and families are invited to join the Edmonton ANZAC day march on April 25th. The parade will assemble at 7.45am and fall in at the front of the Bendigo Bank on the Bruce Highway service road at 8.00am. The march will be led off by Woree High School at 8.15am and finish at the Wolff Street Cenotaph. Students participating as part of Hambledon State School are expected to wear full school uniform including the blue and black school polo, black hat and shorts and closed in shoes. It is also recommended that students wear sunscreen and have a bottle of water with them. A free sausage sizzle and drink (for students who participated in the march) along with free rides will be in Fuller Park after the service.

Our school will also be holding our own commemorative service in the school SHAC on Friday 24th April. We welcome all parents and family members to join students and staff at the service.

Due to the size of our school, two services will be held at 1.10pm and 2.20pm. Our Junior Voices Choir will be performing at the 2.20pm service and the School Band will perform at both services. Please check with your child’s classroom teacher for their scheduled time.

PB4L
In the last newsletter we highlighted the use of the ‘High 5’ system as a simple way to use the strategies of ignoring, walking away, talking in a friendly then firm way and reporting. Some students feel as if they are ‘dobbing’ others in and may not want to report incidents of bullying or teasing to teachers. As you know, conversation and discussion with your child at home is always a highly effective way to ‘check in’ with how they are travelling at school and if they have any concerns. If students keep things to themselves it is possible that they will worry and feel that no help is available. If any concerns do arise that you are concerned about, make contact with your child’s class teacher.

Peter Begemann Support Administrator Years 4-6

Bravehearts Personal Safety Show
This entertaining and informative personal safety show with the character, Ditto, will be presented for our Prep and Year 1 classes in the School Hall Activity Centre on Friday 24 April at 9:30am.

Our staff will be in attendance. A note will be sent home early this week with more information. If you do not wish your child to attend the show you are required to advise the school so alternative arrangements can be made for them during the show. Parents are welcome to attend the show.

Liz Jorgensen Teacher-Librarian

BUS ZONES
Please be aware of the bus zones around the school area, in particular the bus zone in front of the hall. These are designated for buses only. To avoid a serious accident please obey the rules and do not park in bus zones. The safety of the children should be a priority!

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.
Parents Corner  (P&C Meet once a month –Next Meeting – 21 April at 6.30pm)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDING AT GALIPOLLI
ANZAC Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand, originally commemorated by both countries on 25 April every year to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who fought at Gallipoli in the Ottoman Empire during World War I. It now more broadly commemorates all those who served and died in military operations for their countries. 2015 will mark the 100th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli. But ANZAC Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day we remember all Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. The following events will be held across the Cairns region on ANZAC Day 2015: Cairns

DAWN PARADE
The Centenary of ANZAC Dawn Service will commence at the Cenotaph on the Cairns Esplanade 0530 hours (5.30 am).

Ex-service and serving personnel and spectators are requested to be at the Cenotaph by 0500 hours (5.00 am).

ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE
The Centenary of ANZAC Cairns Ecumenical Service will be held in St Monica’s Cathedral commencing at 0815 hours (8.15am).

COMMEMORATION PARADE
The Centenary of ANZAC March will assemble at Munro Martin Park at 0930 (9.30 am) and step off at 1000 hours (10.00 am). The March route will take them along Minnie Street and then south along the Cairns Esplanade, arriving at Fogarty Park for the commemoration service.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE
In recognition of the significance of this Anzac Day, Cairns Regional Council will host a community breakfast at Fogarty Park, linking the traditional Dawn Service with the mid-morning March and traditional commemoration service. A community breakfast will be served for a gold coin donation from 7.30am. The event will include performances and displays, including historic vehicles and memorabilia by the Indigenous Service Personnel. At 9.00am the Fogarty Park stage will host a special presentation of ‘The Soldier's Wife’ – a moving musical performance telling stories of women affected by war and conflict far from home. The traditional Commemoration Service will begin after the arrival of the March (approx. 10.20 am) and will conclude at approx. 11.00am.

EDMONTON
• 5:15am Dawn parade at Fuller Park (cenotaph) followed by service/wreath laying
• 7:45am Commemorative march (assemble outside Hambledon House) with service/wreath laying to follow at Fuller Park (cenotaph).

GORDONVALE
• 5:30am Dawn parade at Norman Park (cenotaph), followed by service/wreath laying
• 6:30am Breakfast at RSL Hall

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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

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Term 2 Special
Cheeseburger
(Hamburger patty, cheese, tomato/BBQ sauce on a fresh roll)
$4.00

P & C NEWS

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.

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 santhv@bigpond.net.au to receive the enrolment forms. Theresa Jankowski, State School RI Coordinator, Mobile 0418 184 800
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