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SCHOOL FEES 2015

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REMINDE BRIEF

- 27 April- Jump Rope for Heart begins
- 1 May—Hambledon Facebook page 'Goes Live'
- 5 May—Mother’s Day Stall
- 7 May—Library Link up session for parents
- 8 May—District Cross Country
- 12-14 May NAPLAN Testing Year 3 & 5
- 19 May P&C Meeting 6:30pm

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 2 of the 2nd term. I hope you had the opportunity to attend one of the many Anzac Parades that were held on the weekend to commemorate the centenary of the Gallipoli landing. It was fantastic to see more than 100 children attend the Edmonton parade and they did an excellent job of representing our school. I would also like to thank all the staff, parents and community members who attended the parade assisting and supervising the children. It is great to see this high level of community engagement at our school.

Thank You P&C

So far this year the P&C has made contributions of over $16 000 to the school. These funds have been combined with the school resources to purchase over $30 000 worth of guided and home readers for the children at our school. I would like to acknowledge and thank the P&C for these contributions to support the better resourcing of our school.

The P&C are currently conducting their major fundraising event of the year— the State of Origin Footy Raffle. I know raffle tickets have been forwarded home with children for selling and I would ask that all families support this event as much as possible. It is the money raised from previous fundraising events of the P&C that have allowed them to support our school so well.

Last Tuesday night (21 April) we held our 3rd P&C meeting of the year and I would like to thank all the parents, carers and community members who attended this meeting. I would like to see many more parents and carers involved in our school P&C as I believe it plays a vital role in our school’s successes and prosperity. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 May at 6:30pm.

QUALITY SCHOOLS INCLUSIVITY PROGRAM

I am pleased to advise that our school has been successful in being selected to be part of the More Support for Students with Disabilities (MSSWD), Quality School Inclusive Leaders (QSIL) Phase 2 project in 2015. We are one of 41 schools from Far North Queensland joining a total of 41 schools from across the state. QSIL is a high quality capability development program for schools which aims to improve inclusive practices for students with a disability. The program explicitly focuses on the provision of a safe, supporting, inclusive and disciplined learning environment for every student.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Social media is a powerful tool for connecting schools with their communities. Some schools already have a Facebook page so that they can provide current and up to date information with their parent and community members. This is an effective way for our school to inform you about events and things that are occurring at school.

I am pleased to announce that through the hard work and professionalism of Mrs Kristie Blakeney and Mrs Serena Pollard, our school’s Facebook page has now been created. We are excited to share with you this new communication tool with our community. Many families are currently using or familiar with ‘Facebook’. We realise how busy you can be with your day to day responsibilities and wanted to find a way that is easy to keep in touch with what is happening with your child’s school.

While we intend to ‘Go Live’ with the Hambledon Facebook page this Friday afternoon (1st May), it will be used for the remainder of the term as an information page. Legally we are required to ensure we have the necessary parental/carer permissions to publish student’s work and photos on this page. These permissions will be forwarded home with children in the near future and from the commencement of Term 3 we will be publishing photos, pictures from school events and children’s work on the page, provided we receive the requisite permissions.

We look forward to sharing your child’s exciting educational journey with you.

YEAR ONE EASTER RAFFLE

The Year One team would like to sincerely thank the Hambledon State School community for making our Year one Easter Raffle so successful. We raised a total of $2002.35, a new record! The donations received were overwhelming with a total of 22 prizes. Congratulations to all 22 Winners!


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FROM THE DEPUTIES

In the next few newsletters I will provide information and tips on health and wellbeing. This week is on resilience.

Resilience
Everyone faces tough times, and life isn’t always smooth sailing. But it’s how we cope with tough times that show us how resilient and mentally fit we are. During the beginning of a school term it is normal for students to feel slightly unsettled in friendship groups, classes and the transition from holiday to school mode. It is important that students have coping strategies to deal with changes and tough situations. If a student is facing a troubling situation it is important they have support in the form of contact with a teacher, parent or counsellor but it is equally important that we teach our students everyday coping strategies to enhance wellbeing and resilience.

Working out the right coping strategies to help you handle different situations can be tough, but it’s worth it.

Positive coping strategies can help with:
- temporary stress relief
- long term stress relief
- tackling challenges
- increasing confidence
- increasing motivation

Why positive coping strategies are useful
People who use positive strategies are not only better able to tackle challenges and bounce back from tough times, but they are also much happier.

Next week I will provide a list of coping strategies.

Michelle Bussell—Support Administrator Prep

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As we move into the second week of the new term, I would like to point out it has been very encouraging to see a really positive attitude towards school work and conduct over the last week. Students from across all year levels have conducted themselves very well both in class and out on the ovals and lunch time play areas. We have seen lots of examples of students looking out for one another, helping others and reporting those that may have done the wrong thing.

We look forward to seeing this continue through term two as we go on towards developing our school’s culture of hard work, excellent behaviour and helping others and reporting those that may have done the wrong thing.

Peter Begemann—Support Administrator Years 4-6

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

SUPPORTING READING AT HOME

Parents often wonder how they can support their child’s reading at home.

Listening to your child read is a wonderful way of supporting the development of reading skills, especially in the lower years.

But have you ever wondered what to do when your child is unsure of a word? There are several strategies teachers use with students to support decoding of unfamiliar words.

Tanya Sutton—Support Administrator Years 1-2

Hamlendon ANZAC services

Thanks to the many people involved in presenting our two services to commemorate ANZAC Day last week. Our three student leaders did a fine job as MCs and the Audio-Visual operators under the direction of Mr Stallman and Mrs Benzie did well also. Special thanks to our band members with Mrs Ruth Pels-Molford for their contribution with The New ANZACs. Trumpeters Veronica and Morgan played The Last Post admirably. Our Junior Voices choir with Mrs Sheree Howell also gave a great performance of the peaceful song, One Little Candle. We were pleased to honour the Centenary of the Landing at Gallipoli with these special guest presentations as well as creating our new banners and extending our ANZAC picture story book collection.

Liz Jorgensen—Teacher-librarian

‘Library Link Up’ for Parents

Parents are invited to join our library staff for morning tea and a chat on Thursday mornings 9-10am during May. The focus is to showcase our services and facilities and the many activities the library offers to students to activate and engage in learning and leisure. We hope also that parents may wish to offer specific help to the library.

We are very happy to teach covering skills as we are keen to process and cover expected new readers as soon as possible. Other parents may have different skills to offer. Please phone the school office or email ejorg6@eq.edu.au to advise your attendance on a particular Thursday or to offer your services. I look forward to welcoming you to our Library Learning Centre.

Liz Jorgensen—Teacher-librarian
Parents Corner (P&C Meet once a month – Next Meeting – 19 May at 6.30pm)

PRESENTATIONS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Prep
Izaya, Rachael
Braeden, Emily
Jayden, Isaiah
Hunter
Year 1
Dudley, Makayla
Jonty
Year 2
Benjamin, Ashlee
Willis, Ocean
Year 3
Harry
Year 4
Liam
Year 5
Dan

HAPPY GRAMS
Prep
Titus-Amon, Makayla
Year 2
Darcy, Harper, Shayla
Jayden, Talion
Brodie, Laura
Maverick, Kishin
Kaleisha
Year 3
Dylan, Isaiah
Shelby-Rose
Year 4
Shanicqua, Hein,
Cleopatra, Isabella
Tehel
Year 5
Latrell, Jessica
Year 6
Veronica, Dylan,
Kasey

GOOD PLAYGROUND
GOTCHA AWARDS
(Presented last week on parade)
Shelby-Rose, Jak,
Kayla, Dion, Emma,
Haylie, Flynn, Kaylee,
Tiana, Sakura, Trinity,
Hannah, Ocean,
Zoe, Shayla, Kaleisha,
Malinda, Emily, Zac,
Genevieve, Inara,
Lachlan, Haylie,
Blak, Tahli,
Layla, Sienna

HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Ashley, Kimberley,
Bryce, Annika, Zaynah,
Declan, Taylor, Tahanna,
Amy, Zoe, Paige,
Ezekiel, Azaliyah, Harrison,
Victoria, Sophie, Senara

SPORTS INFORMATION

X-Country
Despite the hot conditions participation at the cross country carnivals was very high.
All students should be commended for their excellent attitude and good behaviour.
Well done to the Centaurs team who won the house champion trophy.

Race winners are as follows
Prep-Cooper, Misheque, Madisun, Tasma
Year 1-Jesse, Wodie, Lataysha, Elizabeth
Year 2- Annabelle, Ezan, Riley, Zedneiyar
Year 3- Koby, Precious
9 years-Jorja, Matthew
10 years-Spencer, Kiera
11 years- Lain, Bailey
12 years-Christopher, Nia

Students who finished in the top 5 in the 10, 11 and 12 years age groups
will be invited to compete at the District X-Country on Friday May 8th at Gordonvale SS.
Daily training sessions will take place on the back oval at 8.30am.

Rugby League
During term 1 over 30 of our students were part of the school rugby team which competed in the Queensland Development Cup.
Many of our players were younger students who had never played the game. Despite this lack of experience the team perform well and were unlucky not to qualify for the regional finals. Hambledon finished 3rd in the pool with 3 wins and 2 losses.

Mother’s Day Stall
Tuesday 5th May
Gifts up to $8
Raffle Tickets 50cents
Bring a plastic bag to carry home your gift.

Parent Helpers
Helpers desperately needed at the Hall on the day. Roster is in The Office.
Donations still needed!

Jump Rope for Heart
Hey Mum and Dad
Our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program. You can help your child support valuable research into heart disease by registering them online.
www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart

TUCKSHOP NEWS

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!
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P & C News

P & C Association FOOTY MAD RAFFLE!!!!
Our major fundraiser for the year is HERE and it’s going to be BIG!!! Each family will have received their book of 5 tickets only to sell in our Footy Mad Raffle.
Fancy a trip to Melbourne for a State of Origin Game, all expenses paid? Or a collectable framed and signed Cowboys jersey? Or a trip to Townsville to watch the Cowboys, including a nights accommodation?
These are the fantastic prizes available in our raffle! So spread the word, ask your neighbours and friends, get Mum and Dad to take them to work, start to SELL SELL SELL these tickets!

Incentive Prize Draw
It doesn’t stop there either… for each completed book sold and returned to the office, your family will receive an entry into the draw for our incentive prize, an Apple Ipad Mini! The more books you sell and return, the more entry tickets you receive and chances to win. It is extremely important that ALL tickets are accounted for, so if you can’t sell your tickets, simply return the unsold books to school.

Volunteer Ticket Sellers Needed
In the coming weeks, we will also be selling tickets at local shopping centres to optimise the amount of tickets sold. Can you spare an hour or two or know of a great spot to sell tickets? If so, please call Nicole on 0401986266. Each volunteer will receive an extra entry into the incentive prize draw!
If you are selling tickets like hotcakes, simply return sold books to the office to collect more books! Ready, Set, GO!!!!!!!!!!