Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week 5 of term 2! Last week you may have noticed the memorial stone and plaque in memory of Mr Luke Westaway has been completed and placed in the peace garden near the tuckshop. It was lovely today to see that students have placed flowers around the plaque and remembering Luke with such fondness. On behalf of the school community I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Vella family and our P&C for kindly donating the memorial.

CHILDREN’S BEHAVIOUR

Sometimes at school conflicts between children can occur. Occasionally the children involved in these issues will tell their parents/carers their recollection of events. Often in these instances, this is one child’s version of the incident and can therefore be very subjective. Parents and carers who deal with conflicts between siblings will no doubt understand how 2 or more children can have vastly different versions of the same event.

In many instances peer conflicts erupt as a result of a continual escalation of responses between children e.g. it starts as a simple name calling, then builds up to swearing, and then to abusive language or pushing and shoving another. At school we encourage children to follow the High Five Strategy of choosing to do one of the following:

- Talk Friendly
- Talk Firmly
- Ignore
- Walk Away or
- Report

We encourage children to talk to parents/carers about their day at school, and if your child advises they had an incident at school can you please inform their teacher so that the issue can be fully investigated.

Whole School Review

To help Queensland state schools continue to lift their performance and improve outcomes for students, tailored school reviews have been introduced in 2015. The reviews replace the teaching and learning audits and will ensure every school gets the support it needs.

Every state school, including independent public schools, will be reviewed at least every four years. This is the same frequency as the teaching and learning audits but it’s no longer a one-size-fits-all approach. The new reviews are tailored to the individual needs and context of schools.

The reviews are administered by the School Improvement Unit (SIU), which has been established as an independent monitor of state school performance.

NAPLAN

Last week the National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was administered to Year 3 5 7 & 9 children across Australia. I am pleased to report to you that the administration of the tests at our school took place in a smooth manner. The official date for the release of the results is in September. Even though the tests are a ‘point in time’ assessment, the results provide data to direct future teaching focusses across the school.

Premiers Reading Challenge 2015

Our School Loves To Read! Hambledon has entered this activity to promote and celebrate reading again. The reading period for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge commences on Tuesday 19 May and closes Friday 28 August. This year, the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Prep to Year 2 students can experience books through shared reading, listening to stories or reading picture books. The aim for the 2015 challenge is to reach a total of two million books read. We invite all our families to join in and support our students by completing the record sheet. Happy reading!!
FROM THE DEPUTIES

How to build self-confidence
Building self-confidence tips is a continuation from last week. Confidence can be a tough thing to build up but we have some handy tips that just might help you out.

Here are the next three tips for building confidence (these can all be used/adapted to help your child/ren):

Set some goals
Set some goals and aim to achieve them. By proving to yourself that you can get stuff done, you will prove to yourself what you’re capable of achieving. They don’t have to be big goals; they can even be things like baking a cake or planning a night out with friends. Just little things that can be ticked off a list and help you gain self-confidence in your ability to get stuff done.

Talk yourself up
You’re never going to feel confident if you have a negative commentary running through your mind telling you you’re no good. Think about your self-talk and how that might be affecting your self-confidence.

Get a hobby
Try to find something that you’re really passionate about. Do you like playing footy? Like building model trains? Think of some of the stuff you’re really interested in and commit yourself to giving them a go. Finding stuff that you’re passionate about will help you find stuff that you’re good at. Chances are, if you’re interested or passionate about a certain activity you’re likely to be good at it as well.

Michelle Bussell-Support Administrator Prep

Dressing for Success
A school uniform gives a child a sense of belonging and a sense of pride in the achievements of their fellow students. It is wonderful walking around the school seeing the majority of our students proudly wearing their uniforms and looking and feeling like part of a united group. Recently we have noticed some students coming to school in board shorts, denim shorts or tights. As outlined in our school prospectus, Hambleton has a dress code of:

* School polo shirt or sports shirt
* Black knee length shorts, skirt or skort
* Broad brimmed hat or bucket hat
* Shoes that can be attached to the feet using velcro, laces or buckles
* Makeup should not be worn
* Jewellery limited to one watch and plain stud or small sleeper earrings

Tanya Sutton Year 1 & 2 Support Administrator

SCHOOL INFORMATION

PB4L
This week the PB4L lessons will be centred again around positive coping skills and ‘self talks’. The self talks simply refer to the use of your inner voice and thoughts to remain positive around problem situations that may occur at school, home or our and about. The students will spend time discussing and thinking about their responses to given scenarios. These scenarios will be differentiated according to the year level being taught to ensure that they are relevant to the students.

Feedback from students who engaged with these lessons was positive last week and as we have pointed out in previous communications, resilience is a life skill that all students need to be able to draw upon.

The class discussions around self talks will aim to evaluate the effects of negative thoughts against positive thoughts and solutions.

Students will examine how these different ways of thinking have impact on their day to day attitudes and actions.

Peter Begemann-Support Administrator Years 4-6

CHAPPY NEWS
This week we are celebrating CHAPPY WEEK. Chappy Week is held annually in around 800 schools state-wide to celebrate and raise awareness for the work school chaplains undertake within their communities. It’s a very special year because 2015 marks 25 years of Queensland school chaplaincy, run by not-for-profit Scripture Union Queensland (SU QLD).

Chaplains provide social, emotional, practical and spiritual support in Australian schools. They work in prevention and support; helping students find a positive way to deal with issues ranging from relationship and social problems, family breakdown and loneliness. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and for those who just need someone to believe in them. They are also on-hand to provide support for staff and parents in school communities.

Chappy Week is a time to acknowledge that chaplaincy is a team effort and to say thank you to the many volunteers who give their time each week to support our students. In addition, a big thank you to our students who help run a variety of programs each week. It is an absolute privilege to serve our school community as your chaplain – thank you.

Chappy Steve

Walk Safely to School Day 2015
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 22 May 2015.

You are invited to…

MORNING TEA
Who: Carers of Students with a disability
When: 9am on Tues 19/05/15
Where: School Library (Challenge Room)
Discussion Topic: National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
Come over for a coffee/tea & cake

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Mon June 15 9:00am – 800m races (Yrs 4-6) & 200m semi finals
Thurs June 18 9:1-30– P-3 Junior Carnival - 2:10pm 200m finals (Yrs 4-6)
Friday June 19-All Day 4-6 Senior Carnival

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