School Newsletter

10th August, 2015

‘Honesty in Work & Play’

**Dates to remember**

- 11 Aug – Heave Ho! Off We Go! Performance
- 17 Aug – Book Week, Book Fair opens
- 18 Aug – P&C Meeting 6:30pm in Staffroom
- 18 Aug to 21 Aug — Tinaroo Camp for 6B & 6C
- 25 Aug to 28 Aug — Tinaroo Camp for 6A & 6D

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to week 5 and it is hard to believe that we are now at the ½ way point of the term. Last week our teachers held Parent Teacher Student discussions and I hope all of you were able to take this opportunity and discuss your child’s learning with their class teacher. It is established by the research that children’s learning and successes are greatly enhanced when home and school have a productive relationship. I would appreciate feedback from the community with regards to any changes we could consider to make these important meetings more convenient.

Messages from the Minister

At last week’s Queensland Association of State School Principals conference in Cairns, I had the pleasure of hearing from the Minister for Education, Kate Jones. It was great to hear about the continued focus and priority the government has to improving state school education. This will be done through a range of programs with regards to facilities and staffing over the next few years. It was also re-assuring to hear that the funding for Great Results Guarantee will continue (albeit under a slightly name change) and that we will be able to continue our focus on further development and enhancement of the teaching and learning at our school.

**BUILDING RESILIENCE**

Our school’s Vision and Values have recently been reviewed and consulted upon. Our school vision is that our school supports values and champions every child. To achieve the best outcomes for every child we need to ensure that we can support them in the ways that allows them to achieve their potential. Our school values have also been reviewed and they continue to focus around Respect, Safety, and Learning. From the feedback we have received we have also established that the school community believes Resilience is also an important value for children to learn. All parents, carers and teachers want children to have the skills and abilities to be able to succeed in life and to be happy. However, we as adults sometimes tend to think only of academic and practical type of ‘skills and abilities’ e.g. to do with reading, mathematics, general knowledge and, of course, computers as core skills in life. As we grow and mature, we begin to realise that life is not always plain sailing, and that no matter how much we want for our hopes and dreams to be realised, life often throws up challenges which test us. As parents/carers we cannot always be there for our children and solve their problems. Resilience is the capacity to work through problems and challenges, to remain positive, focus on what is important and right, and to move on and up. This is about being resilient and having the capacity to cope with change and challenge, and to bounce back during difficult times. Children who are emotionally resilient are more likely to bounce back when faced with a challenge, hardship or difficulty such as: having a disagreement with another child; being teased; things not turning out as hoped. Resilience is not a skill that occurs naturally in most people. Like reading, writing and numeracy, it needs to be developed from an early age to ensure success in life.

**HAMBLEDON EXPECTATIONS**

Hambledon, like all other schools, has expectations of behaviour of all its stakeholders; parents, carers, staff and children. The core business of schools is to provide children with the best educational opportunities possible. It is the right of all children to receive an education with any necessary reasonable adjustments implemented to access learning. Children and staff at our school have the following rights and responsibilities:

- All students have the right
  - To feel safe, cared for and respected at Hambledon State School,
  - To be free from threat and intimidation and for their property to be safe,
  - To an enjoyable day at school,
  - To have a pleasant, healthy and safe environment.

- All students have the responsibility
  - To respect the property, person and rights of other children and staff,
  - To not accept any unacceptable behaviour and to report it.

- All Staff have the right:
  - To feel safe, cared for and respected at Hambledon State School,
  - To feel free from threat and intimidation.

- All staff members have the responsibility
  - To provide a safe, secure learning environment for our students,
  - To provide an environment free from bullying, harassment, intimidation and abuse,
  - To be role models in words and actions at all times,
  - To make all reasonable inquiries into any incident which is reported to them.

By everyone remembering the rights and responsibilities that all stakeholders have at school, we can ensure that everyone enjoys a safe and supportive school environment.

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**Upcoming School Performance – Heave Ho, Off We Go!**

**Date:** Tuesday 11th August, 2015
**Cost:** $4.50 per student

Payment envelopes sent home: Monday 27th July, 2015
Payment due to office: no later than Tuesday 4th August, 2015

Far from being just a magic show, Heave Ho, Off We Go! is a theatrical experience! Allan Slogett challenges his audience, right before their eyes, with illusions that get their brain cells working, trying to work out what actually happened in the seemingly impossible illusions they witness.

Add to this, the humour of a wise cracking Toucan.

Heave Ho, Off We Go! is illusions, juggling, ventriloquism and loads and loads of laughs.

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Helping your child learn about shapes and objects

Your home is the perfect place for your child to practise the maths they learn in the classroom. It is important that your child develops strong images in their mind of shapes and objects and how best to describe them.

At a young age, children will learn the names of regular shapes such as ‘triangle’ and ‘square’. The next step is making and drawing shapes – this will help them develop ideas about shapes and objects.

Here are a few ideas for activities you and your child can try:

- read to your child and talk about the shapes you see in the pictures, such as the roof, which could look like a triangle
- involve your child in craft activities, such as making your own gift wrapping and using different objects like corks or sponges to stamp colours and patterns onto the paper
- make shadows on the wall with your hands and objects and discuss the shapes you can make
- create your own jigsaw puzzle by cutting up a page from a magazine into four or five pieces and joining it together again. This will get your child thinking about the shapes of objects and how they fit together
- play ‘I Spy’ games with your child and give clues such as ‘I see something that looks like a big square’.

If you would like more information about how you can help your child with shapes and objects, ask his/her classroom teacher.

Michelle Bussell - Support Administrator Prep

Celebrating Birthdays

We are often asked if parents can provide a birthday cake or lolly bag for their child’s class to celebrate the special occasion. There are a number of issues that such practices can cause which can adversely impact on children. Firstly, a growing number of students in schools suffer with food allergies, anaphylaxis and intolerances to food additives and preservatives. To be exposed to these treats may have serious health consequences for these children. Furthermore, some parents opt for their children to only eat specific foods and not consume foods that are high in sugar or preservatives.

We want our students to have the highest levels of concentration for learning to occur and sugary foods can significantly affect some students. All Queensland Schools are allowed two ‘red days’ per term. This is part of the Smart Choices - Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools. In total we are allowed eight ‘red days’ per year and 25 birthday cakes would mean we are not meeting the guidelines. Smart Choices is all about offering healthy food and drink choices to students in Queensland Schools and provides guidelines for all situations where food is supplied in the school environment. This includes tuckshops, vending machines, fundraising, classroom rewards and school camps.

Rather than a cake, foods aligned to the Smart Choices policy that can be easily distributed, such as fruit kebabs, fruit based preservative and additive free icy poles or air popped popcorn, may be shared with classmates to celebrate a birthday. Any birthday celebration food should be brought into school at 3pm for caregivers to distribute. If you would prefer your child to not consume food brought in for birthday celebrations please notify your child’s classroom teacher.

Tanya Sutton - Year 1 & 2 Support Administrator

Building Resilience

From resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.

2. Look for teachable moments. Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

3. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

4. Build kids coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself and your child’s ability to cope.


Peter Begemann – Support Administrator Years 4-6

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life.

Thank you to those students and their families who are supporting this event. The 2015 reading period ends on Friday 28 August, with completed record forms due to library staff by Wednesday 8 September.

Thank you for the completed forms we have received so far.

Happy reading!!

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Hambledon State School Library Learning Centre.

When: Monday, 17 August 2015 to Friday, 21 August 2015.

Time: 8:15am-3:15pm each day

This is a wonderful opportunity to be able to build home libraries as well as helping the school obtain additional learning and literacy resources through the Scholastic Rewards system.

Each student will receive a brochure to take home this week.

We hope to see you at the Book Fair!

Happy reading!!
### Student of the Week

**Prep**
- Jamie, Joshua, Jack

**Year 1**
- Samuel, Kimberleigh, Campbell

**Year 2**
- Sunny, Cody

**Year 4**
- Shanicqua, Gemma
- Storm

**Year 5**
- Kayla, Claire, Lachlan

### Happy Grams

**Prep**
- Titus, Jayden
- Amelia, Liam

**Year 2**
- Xzavia, Tajhanna, Joshua, Stephanie

**Year 4**
- Ella, Elizabeth
- Genevieve, Matthew
- Jack

**Year 5**
- Mathias, Jessica
- Mark

**Year 6**
- Amy, Zachary

### Good Playground

**GOTCHA AWARDS**
(Submitted last week on parade)
- Matika, Tobias
- Brodie, Aaron
- Jorja, Kaillah-ia
- Kiara, Jayleana

### Honesty

**Acknowledgement**
- Harry, Sarah
- Mitchell, Layla
- Laura, Karmyn
- Jariah Brand (Bakoulas)
- Maddison, Tahliya

### 2D Happenings

**On Wednesday,**

2D learnt about *Capacity*. We were seeing how much sand it took to fill containers.

By Shannon and Sunny

![Image of children playing with sand]

### Mulgrave Athletics

Well done to all of our students who performed exceptionally well at the Mulgrave District Carnival. At the end of the day Hambledon won the 800m long distance trophy and the overall champion school trophy. Lain, Yves and Holly won age champion medals. Kai, Kade, Lilita, Jana, Stephanie, Nia, Symone, Tiana, Ryan, Bailey, Liam, Lain, Holly and Yves were selected in the Mulgrave team to compete at the Peninsula carnival.

### Kid’s Corner

**Updang Medical Information**

It is of utmost importance that our records are up to date and correct procedures are in place to care for your child whilst at school. If your child has any specific medical condition or allergies, please ensure you update your child’s records at the front office.

If you have previously supplied information regarding allergies or a specific medical condition, please update details annually or as conditions/medication changes.

Caring for your child at school is our highest priority and we appreciate your help in this matter.

**NAIDOC Celebration Planning Meeting**

Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander parent at Hambledon State School? Do you want to see a more dynamic and interactive cultural NAIDOC celebration at Hambledon State School?

Then you’re just the person we are looking for!

There will be a meeting held in our Library this Friday 14th August 9:00-10:00am

Please come along and meet us. Thank you on behalf of NAIDOC committee.
Parents/Community Corner

Father’s Day Stall
4 Weeks to go!
Donations needed!!
Soaps, deodorants, hankies, lollies or chips.
Please drop donations to the Office ASAP so we can wrap and prepare them for sale.
Many thanks!

P&C Information
Next P&C Meeting
18th August
6:30pm in Staffroom

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
We are hoping to offer second hand uniforms for sale.
We are appealing for donations of any good quality uniforms you may no longer require.
Thankyou for your support.

TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL
Tortilla Boat
(taco mince, salsa, lettuce, tomato and cheese)
$4.50

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!
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School Hoops Times
Start – starting Term 4
Cost- $10 per session (8 week program)

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 and residential addresses.
Get Ahead! Stay Ahead! Professional Tutoring.
- Reading, Spelling, Writing and English
- Mathematics all year levels
- Study Skills
- Chemistry, Physics

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