PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week 9 of the Term and after today there are just 9 school days left until the end of term. It is essential for children to continue to maximise their learning by ensuring that they are attending school for each and every one of those days.

Last week there were a number of events that continued to show the great work that happens at our school as we enhance our school community connection. On Tuesday the Preps held a ‘read in’ with a number of staff reading stories to the Prep classes. It was great to see parents come along to enjoy these activities with the children. The same day the P&C held their annual Father’s Day stall and it was fantastic to see the children support this. A number of parents and community members volunteered to help at the stall and I would like to thank those people for their support and assistance. I hope that all the dads and grandads in our community had a wonderful Father’s Day.

School Review Week

Our school is scheduled for a school review this week from Tuesday 8 September to Thursday 10 September. The Department of Education and Training has introduced reviews for all Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report is made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. The review team will like to hear from our school community and anyone who is interested to have their say. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the office.

Long Service Leave

I will be commencing Long Service Leave on Wednesday 16 September and returning to school on Monday 19 October. This leave was arranged some 12 months ago to coincide with some planned family overseas travel.

In my absence Mrs Bussell and Mr Begemann will be Officers in Charge for the last 3 days of this term. Mrs Sutton will be the Acting Principal for the first 2 weeks of term 4.

R U OK? Day

Thursday 10 September is the national day of action dedicated to encouraging all Australians to ask family, friends and colleagues ‘Are you OK?’ R U OK? Day is designed to target everyone and focuses on helping all people understand the role they can play in supporting those grappling with a problem, big or small.

Most people don’t openly share their feelings, particularly if they are struggling. As well as assisting people to see they are not alone, encouraging people to check on family, friends and colleagues has many benefits. Some useful contacts that support R U OK? Day are:

1800 RUOKDAY (7865 329)
Lifeline 13 11 14
Kids Helpline 1800 551800
Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
www.headspace.org.au, or Local GPs

Gala Sports Day

On Friday September 11th students in years 4-6 will participate in an Interschool sports day.

This event will give the students an opportunity to play team sport in a friendly non-competitive competition.

All students are expected to attend and wear Hambledon uniform, hats and shoes.

Students also need to bring protective equipment, asthma puffers and medication.

Permission slips and Gala day fee need to be returned to the office by Tuesday September 8th.

If your child has not received an information letter please contact Mr Pudovskis.

Please be aware of the following venue changes:

Year 4 Netball has been moved from Gordonvale SS to Johnson Park
Year 5/6 Netball has been moved from Johnson Park to Gordonvale SS.
Books, books and more books!

A big thank you to all of our wonderful family members who joined the Year 1 and 2 ‘Read In’ last week. It was fantastic to see the children highly engaged in hearing their favourite stories being read. Being read aloud to plays such an important role in children’s reading development. Regularly reading to your child promotes new vocabulary and conceptual understanding of the world, deepens the understanding of differences between written and spoken language, builds familiarity of different text genres and most importantly develops a love of reading.

Tanya Sutton
Year 1 & 2 Support Administrator

Bin It

We all like to walk around in a clean and tidy environment. Please help us to embed the ‘Bin It’ message at our school by encouraging our students to be responsible with litter, pick it up, keep our school a safe and neat place and BIN IT!!

Health and Well-Being

You may remember seeing this item a few months ago in our newsletter. It is so important to feel good about yourself and to be confident, happy and healthy both physically and mentally. You will no doubt be aware that the profile of mental health and well-being is being raised not just in Education Queensland, but across the general employment sector and through the media. Happy, healthy and confident young people are vital in securing a strong future for Queensland. Students themselves identify schooling as a key influence on their wellbeing. Whether it is the positive impact of a great teacher, an inspirational and engaging classroom lesson or that bit of extra support provided at just the right time – there is no doubt that a student’s experience at school has a significant impact on their wellbeing. n turn, schools are only too aware that students with high levels of wellbeing make better learners — they demonstrate more effective academic, personal and social functioning and generally engage in more appropriate behaviour at school.

Peter Begemann - Year 4-6 Support Administrator

Learning about volume and capacity

In the classroom, your child will hear terms such as ‘volume’ and ‘capacity’. Volume is the amount of space taken up by a container, a solid object or the contents of a container. The amount a container is capable of holding is its capacity. While your child does not need to know the difference between these terms in the early years of schooling, here are a few ways you can help improve your child’s understanding of volume and capacity:

- gather some empty containers, plastic if possible, of different shapes and sizes and give your child opportunities to pour water and sand into the containers
- ask questions to get your child talking about what they are doing and discovering. You can encourage this by asking questions such as “which container will hold more?” and asking them to predict the outcome
- encourage your child to compare the volume of containers, using a variety of objects e.g. spoons, lids and cups. You can ask your child to estimate “how many cups it will take to fill this container” and “will it take more cups or more spoons to fill this container?”

Experimenting and talking about volume and capacity will help your child’s literacy and numeracy skills.

Michelle Bussell - Prep Support Administrator

Mary had a little lamb,
She also had the flu.
And when she left her school,
The others had it too.
So anytime your children are sick
Please keep them home with you.
Then the children in our school
Will be happier and healthier too!

Athletics

Well done to Lain Oliver and Holly Miller on their performances at the recent Peninsula Athletics carnival.

Both students have been selected in the Peninsula team to compete at the State Championships in Townsville.

Lain will compete in the 200m and Long Jump whilst Holly will run the 100m and 200m.

Best of luck!
**Student of the Week**

Prep  
Abigail, Jairae, Kares  
Zac, Ryan  
Year 1  
Ethan, Cooper  
Year 2  
Edward, Layla  
Year 3  
Shelby-Rose  
Year 4  
Ebony  
Year 5  
Joshua  
Year 6  
Ally

**HAPPY GRAMS**

Prep  
Abigail, Isabella  
Japhyre  
Year 2  
Megan, Ava, Bodie  
Kato, Jayde, Angus  
Michelle, Sakura  
Year 3  
Levi  
Year 4  
Jorja, Cory  
Isabelle, Oscar  
Year 5  
5A, 5B, 5C, 5D  
Beau  
Year 6  
Nia, Dylan

**GOOD PLAYGROUND GOTCHA AWARDS**

(Presented last week on parade)

Skyle, Madison, Trinity  
Kalila-Lea, Harper  
Stephanie, Ashleigh  
Lyndsa, Kyan, Keith  
Harrison, Jesse, Layla  
Zach

**HONESTY ACHIEVEMENT**

Zaynah, Adam  
Jaeda, Elia  
Kirra, William

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**Lately in 1D we have been learning about cause and effect in our health unit. Here are some ‘Hand washing’ examples.**

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Great job on completing the challenge to all those who have already returned their record sheets. All sheets are due this Wednesday 9th September so we can complete the online input. We may not be able to accept late entries. Our Lucky Duck Draw winners from the completed entries for this week are: Emma 2A, Kianu 6A, Willis 2C, Jesse 1A, Shyla 2F, Liam Prep D, and Emily 4A. These students may collect their poster prize from Ms. Jorgensen at the library before school or at break times by presenting their Congratulations slip.

Liz Jorgensen Teacher-librarian

**Student Council Charity**

**Free Dress Day**

Our Student Council have decided that the charity for this term will relate to Animal Welfare. They will be raising money for YAPS – Young Animal Protection Society.

A free dress day is set for this Thursday 10 September. Everyone is encouraged to dress in an animal theme and donate a gold coin. Thanks to Councillors Jorja and Jake for their posters that you will see around the school as a reminder of this event. We thank you for your support of the Student Council's actions as well as this worthy cause to help animals.

Liz Jorgensen Student Council Co-ordinator

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**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools**

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement in these events held earlier in the year.

Students will be presented with their certificate, test paper and results on parade.

**DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES:** Year 4 Hein – Merit; Year 5 Mykel – Distinction; Year 6 Taylah S – Participation.

**SCIENCE:** Year 5 Mykel – Merit; Year 6 Taylah S – Participation.

**SPELLING:** Year 6 Taylah S – Participation; Year 5 – Mykel – Participation; and Year 4 Hein – Credit.

Liz Jorgensen Teacher-librarian
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Contact: Melanie Portelli on 0416041510
Or email melpor26@gmail.com

The P & C would like to send a HUGE
THANK YOU

to the parents who gave up their valuable time to wrap, stick, arrange, curl ribbon and sell raffle tickets and gifts on the day.
We couldn’t do it without you!

Extra thanks also goes to Coles Mt Sheridan and Woolworths Mt Sheridan for donating shopping vouchers towards the stall.
In addition, thanks to those parents who donated items to sell.

From the P & C

P&C Information
Next P&C Meeting
15th September
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.

TUCCSHOP TERM SPECIAL
Tortilla Boat
(taco mince, salsa, lettuce, tomato and cheese)

HAMPBLEDON VACATION CARE Sept/Oct 2015

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TUCCSHOP ROSTER
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!
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