PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to week 8 of the term! As we rapidly head towards the Christmas holidays we have been spending considerable time finalising our priorities for 2016. At last week’s P&C Meeting we presented our draft Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019 for discussion. Our school priorities for 2016 are centred on Reading, Writing, Numeracy and embedding Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L).

At the moment we have 110 Prep students who have enrolled for 2016 and we have already had the pleasure of meeting these very excited future students and their parents at the information session and the playgroup days. One of the major tasks at this time of year is in creating classes for the following year. To assist us, it is important that enrolments for 2016 are completed as best as possible. Our most challenging information to get accurate is the number of students who may be leaving in 2015. It only takes a couple of unexpected students not to return forcing us as a school to reorganise classes in the New Year. If you are considering a move at the end of the year please call into the office and let us know.

During this time of the year, the staff are extremely busy, with assessment, marking and reporting, and I encourage you to speak to your child’s class teacher if you have any questions regarding your child’s learning or behaviour at school. I would also like to especially thank the staff at this point. As when we head towards the holidays, the workload for staff increases greatly and so they are all working hard to meet the various timelines and goals, as well as still providing great learning opportunities for children.

THANK YOU TO LIZ JORGENSEN

Some of you may be aware that after 31 years of service to Hambledon State School, Liz Jorgensen will be retiring at the end of this year. I would like to thank Liz for all her work and dedication to improving the outcomes for many thousands of children who have attended Hambledon over the years she has been at our school. She has and will always be a valued and well respected member of the Hambledon community and I wish her all the best in the next stage of her life. Enjoy your re-wirement (a new term I learnt at Liz’s Farewell yesterday!).

SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR REWARDS

As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) implementation, some classrooms provide weekly rewards for children in the form of frozies and ice blocks. A concern was raised with me that these treats may not meet the requirements of the Healthy & Smart Choices policy.

I have checked with the Smart Choices policy and advise that for ice blocks to be regarded as “red” food they need to exceed 300kJ and contain more than 100mg of sodium. The most common rewards teachers provide children are Berri Quech frozen ice blocks or Zooper Doopers, both of which fall at least in the “amber” category.

If you do not wish your children to receive these types of rewards then I would ask that you please advise the class teacher accordingly.

2016 STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

We are currently organising class lists for 2016. In order to do this effectively we need to know if your child/children will be leaving Hambledon State School at the end of this year.

The number of children leaving the school has an impact on teacher numbers as well as class formation, including straight year level classes or multi-age classes. If you are intending to take your child to another school in 2016 please inform the school by either

- Informing our front office in person
- Emailing : admin@hambledoss.eq.edu.au
- By printing and returning the completed slip below.

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Student name:______________________________
Leaving Hambledon State School and going to___________________________________

Thank you for your assistance. This information helps us organise all school files for student’s new schools in 2016.
**How can parents support cybersafety?**

Our world has definitely changed over the years with children now accessing digital technologies at an increasing rate. The Internet, tablets, social media and mobile phones provide wonderful opportunities for children to learn, be creative and socialise online. However, unfortunately they also provide opportunities for inappropriate behaviour, bullying and harassment to occur.

Parents can use a number of simple strategies to enhance cybersafety, such as:

- placing computers in spaces which are visible and open
- monitoring or supervising children on the internet
- reviewing the age suitability of any social networking sites your children join
- reinforcing the need to keep passwords private and updated regularly
- reviewing your children’s contacts, followers and page content on social media

Further strategies can be found in the department’s online document ‘Cybersafety and cyberbullying – A guide for parents and caregivers’


Tanya Sutton - Year 1-2 Support Administrator

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**HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS**

Friendships are important for happiness and well-being. Children can be cruel, often excluding others from peer groups, often for no apparent reason. It can be lonely for children or young people who find themselves isolated from peer groups or without a best friend.

**BRIGHT IDEAS FOR HELPING CHILDREN MAKE FRIENDS**

- If possible, establish dialogue with your child about friendships so that you can offer support when there are difficulties and provide some ideas when needed.
- Identify and discuss any behaviours such as peer conflict that may prevent your child from making friends. Sometimes a child’s remarks can irritate others to the extent that he/she is ostracised.
- Teach some social skills such as how to start up a conversation and how to hold the interest of others during a conversation.
- Provide opportunities for your child to make friends at your place after school or during weekends so that friendships can develop. An invitation to bring a friend along to a family outing can provide opportunities to strengthen friendships.
- Encourage your child to participate in ‘out-of-school’ activities or groups that may provide opportunities to meet new people away from the peer groups at school. Friendships formed through shared interests are very strong.
- Encourage your child to take up a challenging or interesting activity so that he/she becomes a more interesting person for others to be around.

Michelle Bussell - Prep Support Administrator
Prep E read Rub-a-dub-dub. The students made their own boats and were able to decide what people were in the boat. We had cowboys, hairdressers, teachers and firemen, just to name a few.

Free Dress Day

Our Student Council has planned a free dress to raise funds for our final term’s charity - Mayor’s Christmas Appeal. Students are invited to come in free dress on Tuesday 1 December and make a gold coin donation. They may wear Christmas clothes if they wish. All dress must be sun safe and appropriate. Remember to bring along a gold coin to help support families in need.

2015 Student leaders

Student Leaders Showcase Day

Congratulations to Taylah Smith, Veronica McAulay, Taylah Feldman and Raymond Clark for their good work as our Student Leaders this year. This Friday they will visit Holloways Beach Environmental Centre to present a slideshow and their reflections about their action plans. The leaders from other schools will be in attendance. As well our 2016 Student Leaders will be there to gather ideas from all the schools for consideration for their action plans to be implemented next year.

Liz Jorgensen - 2015 Student Council Co-ordinator

Medicating Students at School

All medications that come into the school MUST be labelled with a pharmacy label stating child’s full name and dosage. A form then has to be filled out by parent/carer giving first aide personnel authority to administer medication. If this procedure is not followed medication cannot be administered. This includes Paracetamol etc, eye drops, creams and puffers.
Bentley Park College
Junior Secondary Transition

Transition day for current Year 6 students is drawing closer! Have you enrolled your child for 2016? If you are intending to send your child to Bentley Park College for Year 7 in 2016, please ring Miss Mahal on 40408130 to make an appointment for an enrolment interview as soon as possible.

Did you know that Bentley Park College now has an Enrolment Management Plan (EMP)? Our catchment area can be found at http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/. Simply type in Bentley Park College or your address into the search box on the left side and the website will locate the area for you. What does this mean? Parents or legal guardians who wish to enrol their child at the college will need to demonstrate that the student’s principal place of residence is within the catchment area.

Letters have been sent to those students who have completed their enrolment interviews confirming their attendance for Transition day on **Wednesday 2 December 2015**. It is recommended that students arrive at school by 8.45am and assemble at the Stadium where the day’s activities will be introduced. Parents are welcome to stay for this assembly. Students will be dismissed at 3.00pm.

The P & C Uniform Shop – located across the carpark from the Senior Stadium, will be open from 8.30 – 3:30pm for parents who wish to purchase uniforms in preparation for next year. The Uniform Shop will also be open the week prior to school commencing from Monday 18 to Friday 22 January 2016, from 8.30 – 3.30pm. In 2016 all year levels from P-12 will commence on **Wednesday 27 January 2016**.

In 2017 Bentley Park College will be phasing in a new uniform, including a Junior secondary formal uniform. Designs are still being finalised, with final student votes being tallied this week!

Tanya Findlay
Deputy Principal Student Services 7-12

Kindy counts!

**Do you have a child starting Prep in 2017?**

Now is the time to enrol your three or four-year-old child in a Queensland Government-approved kindergarten for 2016. Kindy is a part-time educational program for children in the year before school. At kindy, children learn through play. Enrolling your child in a Queensland Government-approved kindergarten program will help your child make friends, develop a love of learning and be better prepared to start school. When looking for the most appropriate kindergarten for your child, look for the 'kindy tick'. Your child may be eligible for financial support that offers **low or no cost kindy** for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and Health Care Card holders.

Find out more: www.qld.gov.au/kindy or call Kindy Hotline on 1800 454 639
Local Kindergartens still have vacancies for 2016.

P&C Information

The next P&C Meeting will be advised in 2016

Thankyou for your support throughout 2015

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

Sushi $4.00 a pack

Teriyaki Chicken and avocado

Tuna and cucumber or mixed

P&CVacation Care

Hambledon Combined OSHC & Vacation care will be opening for an extra week over the xmas break for Vacation Care starting this year

Open – 14th to 18th December

Closed – 13th Dec – 3rd Jan 16

Open – 4th – 22nd Jan 16

Well Women’s Clinics at Edmonton Community Health

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Monday 7th December 2015

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

For appointments phone 4226 4900

Staff Car Park closed between 8:30am – 3:30pm

Our primary responsibility is to ensure your child’s safety at all times whilst at school. Therefore, the staff car park (located in front of prep/beside hall) is to be used only by staff between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm. During peak hours in the morning and afternoon, there is a high number of students and pedestrians in this area and it is essential that car congestion is minimised.

Alternate parking can be found at Jubilee Street, Marr Street and the front of the school.

Staff, are under instruction to relock the carpark during these times.

Safety is everyone’s responsibility and your support and understanding is greatly appreciated.
Tropical Disco

Friday 4th December

Juniors (Prep-Year 2) 5.30 to 7pm
Seniors (Years 3 - 6) 7.30 to 9pm

Hot Dogs, Party Pies, Lollies, Milkshakes, Softdrinks, Spiders

Prize for Best Dressed 'Tropical' costume!

Parent Helpers needed on Disco night.
Charmaine  Ph 0407 362721

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