School Newsletter

30th November, 2015

‘Honesty in Work & Play’

Dates to remember

01st Dec—Free Dress day
04th Dec—School Disco
04th Dec—Citizenship Parade
08 Dec—Year 6 Farewell Ceremony (note date change)
10th Dec—Sugar world and jumping castle day
11 Dec—Last day of Term

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to the second last week of the 2015 school year – time certainly flies when you are busy and enjoying your work. At this time of year we can sometimes overlook many of the great things that are continuing to occur at school while we are focussing on other more pressing matters like report cards. On Saturday I was able to see our school choirs perform at Mount Sheridan Plaza and I must say they performed magnificently. What also impressed me was the number of parents and staff who were in attendance supporting the boys and girls. Mrs Howell and Miss Kumiia should also be commended for their work and efforts in organising this community participation. Mrs Green was also outstanding in playing the keyboard accompanying the Junior Choir. No doubt all the teachers were just as proud of the children’s performances as I was.

School Progress in 2015

It is at this time of each semester we can reflect on the progress made by our school throughout the year analysing our school achievement data. Over the weekend I examined our school’s achievement data in English and observed that the number of children achieving a C standard or higher across the school rose by 6 percentage points (translating to approximately 50 more children). This year our school improvement focus has been in English, particularly around the Australian Curriculum, moderating children’s work and assessment. This work has had a significant effect in achieving this excellent improvement and has laid the foundations necessary to continue our school improvement agenda. Congratulations and recognition to all our staff whose hard work and dedication has been essential in this improvement.

School Disco

This Friday evening the P&C will be holding a disco at the school. Events like this take a considerable amount of planning and organising, and this work is done by the volunteers who are part of the P&C as well as school staff. I would ask parents and carers to remind children that this is a school event and as such the school behaviour expectations apply when attending it. These evenings are always fun events and I would like to ensure that all children enjoy the occasion. Please note that only current children who are enrolled at Hambledon State School will be able to attend the disco.

Getting to School on Time

It is greatly appreciated when I see most of our children get to school on time and I thank those parents who are making sure that this happens. We do still have a few students who arrive way too early. The preferred time of arrival is 8.00 as there is limited supervision prior to that time. Parents are requested to play a role in keeping our kids safe by following these requests.

A – E Reporting

At the end of each semester I write about the A-E Report cards that children will receive at the end of the semester reporting on their achievement during this time. I would like to re-emphasise that the report card is a summary of the achievements of your child this semester. Teachers provide opportunities and assessment tasks to students to allow them to demonstrate their learning. Assessment tasks are collaboratively planned and designed to ensure that assessment includes not only children’s knowledge and understanding of the content, but also how effectively they are able to demonstrate that understanding. Children’s work is then moderated between fellow cohort teachers to ensure that the standard is consistent across the year level. Parents are welcome to make an appointment with classroom and specialist teachers, if they need further clarification about any details provided.

I also ask parents and carers to look at the Effort rating on the report cards and to read the comments to help you gain a true picture of your child’s performance. It is not inconsistent for a child to receive an ‘A’ for Effort and receive a different rating for their Achievement. This means that the child has done his/her level best to obtain that achievement and this has been acknowledged by their teacher.

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.
DEPUTIES NEWS

Hambledon State School won the day! They are the 2015 Bentley's Best, other local schools. The competition involved general knowledge and College. They took part in a competition with year 5 students from

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Tanya Sutton - Year 1-2 Support Administrator

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Amazing Lizards
This week I had the pleasure of a visit from some students in year one. They came to show me some of the quality work that they have been doing in guided reading this term and enthusiastically shared everything they had learnt about a range of different lizards. To make their very impressive posters, they had used texts to retrieve information and used the information as a guideline when illustrating their posters. It was wonderful to see all of the students so excited to tell me about their literacy rich guided reading sessions and how they had consolidated their learning. Well done year one!

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School Leaders
Last Friday, our four 2015 school leaders travelled to Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre. They reported on their achievements throughout the year. The leaders created a PowerPoint presentation and explained their roles, responsibilities and actions to other student leaders from around the Cairns area. The 2015 leaders represented our school excellently and HBEEC gave fantastic feedback around their conduct and behaviour. The 2016 student leaders also attended and they will be going back in the new year to show their plans.

Bentley's Best
On Friday, twelve of our year 5 students travelled to Bentley Park College. They took part in a competition with year 5 students from other local schools. The competition involved general knowledge and physical activities among other challenges. The great news is that Hambledon State School won the day! They are the 2015 Bentley's Best champions so a big congratulations to them. We look forward to defending the title next year.

Peter Begemann—Year 4-6 Support Administrator

PROMOTING INDEPENDENCE IN STUDENTS
One of the main tasks for parents is to raise responsible, independent children—this can be tough because our natural instinct is to care for and nurture them. However, parents shouldn’t wait until children are ready to leave home before they give them responsibility. Training for independence needs to start from a young age and continue into the teenage years. Encouraging independence in children is not just good training for adulthood. It is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence. When we teach children to do jobs for themselves we demonstrate our faith in them and send a powerful message that they are capable. Our actions definitely speak louder than words.

Michelle Bussell - Prep Support Administrator

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 can not be administered. This includes Paracetamol etc, eye drops, creams and puffers.

It is of upmost 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.
**Presentations**

- Student of the Week
  - Prep
  - Aidan, Blake
  - Brock, Caleb
  - Denzel, Jenny
  - Ryder
  - Year 1
    - Aiden
    - Riasabella
    - Atlanta
  - Year 2
    - Hayley, Jyson
    - Abbi, Ainoama
    - Kato, Caitlyn
  - Year 4
    - Shadrac
    - Ashley
  - Year 5
    - Cooper, Jake
    - Preston, Yves
    - Lorianna

**HAPPY GRAMS**

- Year 1
  - Harrison, Elisha
  - Laura, Kodi
  - Davarion, Zoe
  - Sarah, Lily
  - Tahliya
- Year 2
  - Brooke, Willis
  - Rachel, Shannon
- Year 4
  - Ebony, Zac
  - Ashli, Mandy
  - Jessie, Matthew
  - Chloe
- Year 5
  - Evelynn, Lachlan
  - Mykel, Mitchell

**HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- Hannah, Rachael
- Nathan, Soloman
- Dante’, Patience
- Amberlee, Marlee
- Krystal-Lee, Skye

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**Student Council News**

- **Free Dress Day**
  - Our Student Council has planned a free dress to fundraise for our chosen term 4 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

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**Library Resource Centre**

**Culled Book Sale**

- **When:** Monday 7 December
- **to**
  - Friday 11 December
  - 8:15am - 9:00am
  - 3:00pm-3:30pm

**Parents/Careers** - during school hours if prior arrangements have been made. Library staff need to ensure personnel are available.

**Please ring School Office or Library Resource Centre**

- **Where:** Connect and Collaborate Rooms in Library Resource Centre
- **Cost:** 20c a book

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**Reminder:**

Bikes and Scooters must be walked when on school grounds.

Please, help us keep everyone safe.
**Bentley Park College**

**Junior Secondary Transition**

Transition day for current year 6 students is drawing close! 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 Maha 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/](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

**Hambledon Combined OSHC & Vacation 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**

**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**

There will be no further sushi orders available for this term.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!

40408666 - school office

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**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 are 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

We Want YOU!

The P&C works closely with our school to build a stronger school community.

Join up and have a ‘voice’.

Help to make our school a better place for your children.

A great way to meet new people.

JOIN UP IN 2016
Pedestrian crossings

Pedestrian crossings are safe places on the road marked for pedestrians to cross at. Drivers must give way to pedestrians that are on the crossing.

Children’s crossings

Children’s crossings work when kids are going to school or back home. They’re marked by orange flags.

If there is no supervisor at the crossing, you must give way to pedestrians walking on the crossing, or stepping on to it, until they’re safely back on the footpath.

If the crossing has a supervisor, you must wait until the pedestrians have crossed the road and the supervisor has returned to the footpath.

You must not overtake a vehicle in front that has stopped at a children’s crossing. This is because a car in front of you makes it difficult for you to see children who may be using the crossing.

GET READY, CAIRNS!

What happens when disaster strikes?

Have a sneak peek behind the scenes of an emergency at the Cairns Local Disaster Coordination Centre open day

Where: 61-79 Windarra St, Woree
When: Sat 5 Dec, 9am to 1pm

Free BBQ, resources and information
Held in association with Woree Neighbourhood Watch, Eliminate Dengue and Cairns emergency services.

EDMONTON CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 2015

WEDNESDAY 2nd DECEMBER

RAVIZZA PARK EDMONTON

Stage Program commences 6.30pm sharp
(arrive early to visit the Nativity Scene and animals at the Uniting Church next door)

LED Candles & Light sticks
Food & Drinks available
For Sale

A joint venture of the Edmonton Lions Club and Scope Club of Cairns

Sponsorship and event support has been provided by the following:

You are invited to a ....

Christmas Morning Tea
(For Parents & Carers of Students with a disability)

featuring

Nutrimetrics by Annelies

9am on Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} December, 2015

School Library - Challenge Room

Please bring a small plate of nibbles to share

Littlies are welcome
Get Ahead! Stay Ahead! Professional Tutoring.

- Reading, Spelling, Writing and English
- Mathematics all year levels
- Study Skills
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