ACTING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term Four. It is hard to believe that we are already in the last ten weeks of the school year. We have a very busy term ahead with report cards, Rewards Day, Piccones Award Ceremony, 2016 School Leadership elections, Year 6 to 7 transitions and the Year 6 farewell. Additionally, I would like to highlight that Monday 19th October is a State wide Pupil Free Day that is held on the third Monday of Term Four each year.

CHANGES TO CURRENT EATING AND PLAY BREAKS

In Term 3, after feedback from school stakeholders, we trialled changes to existing break times. Throughout the trial further feedback has been sought and I am advising that the following changes will be trialled in Term 4.

Our first and second breaks will continue to occur at the same time as they currently occur (1st break: 11.00-11.40 and 2nd break: 1.40-2.10). The first break will now be divided into a 15 minute eating time and a 25 minute play time. The second break will now be divided into a 10 minute eating time and a 20 minute play time. These changes are focused on providing children with ample time to eat and play, as well as maximise the learning opportunities throughout the day.

Tanya Sutton—Acting Principal

How Can we Support Our Teachers to Help Our Kids?

Below is a ‘Top 5’ based on suggestions from the School Family website. These are simply some ideas that may help develop quality relationships with your child’s teacher, demonstrate life skills, or may simply be used as food for thought. Some of them, you may already be doing, some of them may be a new ideas that could be tried out:

Top 5 Ways Parents Can Help Their Children Succeed in School

1. Make sure your child is at school every day possible.
2. Designate a time and place for your child to do homework. If they do not have homework, have them use the time to read.
4. Demonstrate social and emotional skills to your child such as resilience, persistence and use routines.
5. Make time every day to talk with your child about the day’s activities.

Peter Begemann—Year 4-6 Support Administrator

CLASS PREFERENCE REQUESTS FOR 2016

Parents are invited to submit requests for their child’s preferred class placement for the 2016 school year. Submitting a preferred request is particularly important for parents of twins or children in the same year level so that the preference for separating or keeping children together can be taken into consideration. All other parents are welcome to submit a preference based on their child’s specific learning needs. Please remember preferences are requests only and school administration decide the final placement of children based on the learning needs of all students. Additionally, please keep in mind changes to teachers and the year levels they currently teach will take place next year.

All requests are required to be submitted on the 2016 Class Preference Request Form available from the front office on Wednesday 7th October. To enable your request to be considered, completed request forms should be returned to the front office no later than Friday 23rd October.

Peter Begemann—Year 4-6 Support Administrator

2016 School Leader Applications Now Open

Next year, Hambledon State School Year 6 students will be the new seniors and leaders. All current Year 5 students have the opportunity to apply for School Leader positions for 2016. We encourage all students who wish to have the opportunity to lead and represent Hambledon State School to apply. Parental/Carer encouragement and support will be highly valued by your child during their decision making and application process.

Elections will be held during November this year.

Application Process for a School Leader Position 2016

Step 1: Obtain an application form from front office
Step 2: Application forms are completed and a written application to a criteria must be handed into your child’s teacher by 23rd October 2015.
Step 3: Each candidate is interviewed by the selection panel and the final 8 candidates are chosen. The panel will be represented by the Principal, Deputy Principal, P&C President/Representative and a current leader.
Step 4: Campaigning for the final 8 Candidates
Step 5: Election

Further information regarding each step and a list of confirmed dates will be given in the next few weeks.

Information and applications can be obtained from the front office. Closing date for all written applications: 23rd October 2015.
HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENTS

Personal organization refers to children’s ability to manage their time, their environment and their work tasks. For some children, personal organization comes naturally, however, many children, particularly boys, need assistance in this area. A structured, orderly, uncluttered environment at home and at school makes it easier for children to be organised and in control.

BRIGHT IDEAS FOR HELPING CHILDREN GET ORGANISED

- **Routines take the worry out of remembering.** Homework routines, morning routines, even after school routine unpacking routines help children to be organised. For instance, an after school routine may include unpacking a schoolbag, handing school notices to a parent and eating a snack.

- **Have regular homework time.** Establish a regular homework time and help your child to stick to it. If no formal work has been set, then use this time for reading.

- **Have morning ‘round up’.** Remind children of the day’s events each morning so they can plan accordingly.

- **There are times when so much is going on in young people’s lives that they require structure and routine to help them get organised.** Gentle reminders to pack lunches, take notices to school and even to dress appropriately can assist children.

- **Make use of a checklist when it all seems too much.** Place a list of routine morning activities by a child’s bed (or on the refrigerator) and insist that it is checked before he/she goes to school.

- **Clear away the clutter.** A regular clean up of desks and work areas can help children gain control of their environment.

- **Less is better.** Encourage young children to bring home only the books that he/she needs to work on each night. Some children become overwhelmed when they have a bagful of books and they have difficulty knowing where to start.

- **Use a diary to plan ahead.** Encourage your child to place homework, social and school events in a diary.

Michelle Bussell—Prep Support Administrator

Children’s Thinking and learning

**Thinking about thinking**

Children’s cognitive development is boosted when they develop skills for keeping track of their own thinking processes. These skills help children to think through what to do, and know whether they are succeeding or when to ask for help. Thinking about their own thinking helps children become more independent learners. For example, if children can monitor their understanding of a story as they are reading it, they will know themselves if they need to re-read a particular section or look for clues in the surrounding text and pictures to help them understand. Below are some key points for supporting your child’s thinking and learning:

**Encourage children and build confidence** - Praise and acknowledge your child’s attempts and not just their successes. Showing children you value their effort helps to give them the confidence to keep trying.

**Remove distractions** - Children need focused time to learn and think. Help children develop attention and concentration by making sure that quiet time is set aside for homework and other learning tasks without TV or other distractions. Encouraging and rewarding children for concentrating and persisting with learning tasks will support good study habits and effective learning.

**Provide ‘scaffolding’ for children’s learning**

Extend children’s learning by asking questions, giving children hints and prompts and guide them step-by-step to build their skills so they can reach the point of completing the whole task on their own.


Kristie Blakeney – Acting Support Administrator/Prep

**Does your child use an Asthma Puffer at School?**

Parent/Carer of any child who uses Asthma medication must provide the school with:

* Request to Administer Medication form (completed by a GP)
* Current Asthma Plan form (completed by a GP)
* Asthma Puffers must contain the original pharmacy label – including name, dosage, expiry date
* Asthma Puffers must not be out of date

Your child’s safety is our highest priority.
Kid’s Corner

Presentations

**Student of the Week**
Year 1
Layla, Amelia
Year 5
Jaydan

**HAPPY GRAMS**
Year 4
Nathan, Gemma
Year 5
Dan, Nadia

**GOOD PLAYGROUND GOTCHA AWARDS**
( Presented last week on parade)
Kyan, Calais
Skyla, Zed
Annette, Caleb
Kimberleigh, Krystal

**HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
Kaylem, Layla
Sakura, Eden
Ezekiel, Maggie
Paige, Toby
Jorja, Shayla
Shayla, Sarah
Shannon, Zack
Scarlette, Zanny
Kymora, Brandon

**As part of our Science Unit this Term 5D have been studying Structural and Behavioural Adaptations. Here are some of the crazy critters we came up with in response to two specific stimuli environments.**

Environment 1 - Desert

By Cooper

Environment 1 - Desert

By Jahtavia

Environment 1 - Desert

By Mark

Environment 2 - Rainforest

By Holden

Environment 2 - Rainforest

By Lorianna

Environment 2 - Rainforest

By Heidi

5D News

**Japanese Film Festival**

Konnichiwa,

Japanese Film Festival

A FREE Japanese Film Show will be playing at Cairns Central on Sunday October the 25th. The films that are showing are: Woodjob, Patema Inverted, and Lady Maiko. For information about the films and screening times visit

http://japanesefilmfestival.net/festival-dates/cairns/

Tickets can be collected from the Japanese Consulate, 15 Lake St. 9am-12pm & 1.30pm-4pm on weekdays.

Sayounara

Ms. Tandy

School News

**Zoo Whiz Community**

**Subscription Plan**

In the past we have participated with Ed Alive for families to purchase educational CDs for learning. The offer this time relates to an online learning system – Zoo Whiz - to support students’ progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading. Zoo Whiz Home Learning Access Discount cards will be distributed to the eldest child in the family at the beginning of term 4. Families have until Monday 19 October to activate a subscription at the discounted price of $29.95. After that date the cost will be $89.95. Our school also has access to Zoo Whiz during school hours, but as yet we have not activated usernames and passwords for students. We hope to activate this for some students as a trial during term 4. See more at www.zoowhiz.com

Liz Jorgensen Teacher-librarian

**TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL**

Sushi $4.00 a pack
Teriyaki Chicken and avocado
Tuna and cucumber or mixed

PLEASE ORDER TUESDAY FOR LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!
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