PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear Parents and Community Members,

This is our final newsletter of the 2015 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hambledon State School community for its support during the year. Great results are always achieved when there is a positive proactive partnership between school and home. I express my thanks and appreciation to all parents and carers who have been active participants in this partnership.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the members of the school’s Parents and Citizens’ Association for their input during the year. The members of the Executive (Kay Oliver, Nicole Bailey, Gabriel Pasche, Amanda Cranston and Helen Wall) are also acknowledged and thanked for all their work this year in leading the P & C. Members of the P&C volunteer a considerable amount of their personal time to provide better opportunities for all the children at our school. This was clearly evident in the group of parents who worked so hard in organising last Friday night’s school disco and then acting as DJ, canteen helpers and selling the novelty items children could buy on the night.

Finally, I would like to thank all the school staff for their commitment to improving the educational outcomes for your children. Their commitment to teaching and improving children’s educational outcomes is truly commendable and demonstrates a strong dedication to the teaching vocation.

To those families leaving our school community at the end of 2015, I would like to extend our best wishes in your future endeavours. We have just over 100 children moving on to secondary school to continue their educational journey, and I wish them every success in the next stage of their learning. My first year at Hambledon State School has been a satisfying and rewarding time, and I am looking forward to continuing our school’s improvement agenda into 2016 and beyond. I wish all members of the Hambledon community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous 2016. A reminder that school resumes in 2016 on Wednesday 27 January.

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Piccone Citizenship Award Ceremony
I would like to congratulate all the children who were recipients of our annual Piccone Citizenship Awards. This prestigious award is one that children receive through active and positive community participation. I would also like to thank the Piccone family for their continued support of these awards which promote active community involvement in children from a young age. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this year’s awards due to a prior commitment to an Australian Childhood Foundation conference; however I am looking forward to being part of this ceremony next year.

Remind Children of Personal Safety
Recently there have been a number of incidents at nearby schools where children have been approached by strangers. I have asked teachers to please remind children about the personal safety messages e.g. don’t hop into cars with people you don’t know, if you’re feeling unsafe find the nearest safe adult, and walk to and from school with friends and family. I would appreciate it if parents and carers could reiterate a similar message of personal safety to children as well.

Behaviour Rewards Day
This Thursday the majority of children at our school will be participating in a Behaviour Rewards Day at school (P-2) and Sugarworld (3-6). These rewards have been focused around implementing appropriate Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) strategies that focus on celebrating and acknowledging the acceptable behaviour displayed by the vast majority of children. Congratulations to all the children who are participating in these celebrations. Unfortunately, there will be a small number of children who are unable to participate and they will be supervised at school on the day. I believe that in the future the number of children who aren’t able to participate in the Rewards Day will reduce as they strive to improve their choices. Thanks also to the PB4L Team under the leadership of Mr Begemann who have implemented this process.

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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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.
Successful Learners in 2015

On behalf of the Year 1 and Year 2 team, I would like to say congratulations to the students for a positive, focused and very successful year of learning. It has been highly rewarding visiting classrooms throughout the year and seeing the academic, social and emotional development of the students.

Today I had the opportunity to visit Year 1 and join the students sharing their written persuasive texts. The students had used specific persuasive language choices to convince their parents to let them have a pet. I wonder if their written texts will convince our parents to add a furry member to the family over the summer break. After reading the texts, some families might even be getting a blue tongue lizard!

Tanya Sutton - Year 1 & 2 Support Administrator

As we head into the last few days of the year, it is time to congratulate our students on their hard work through 2015. We have seen lots of success from all year levels academically and it has also been encouraging to watch the development of resilience skills as the year has progressed.

Further congratulations to our leaving Year 6 students, who have worked so hard to get ready for the next exciting stage of their schooling.

Our Year 6 student leaders have set a fantastic example of hard work, role modelling and leadership through 2015. As mentioned last week, they have had lots of positive feedback from the leadership camps and presentation days and they have shown lots of potential for future leaders in the community.

The year 6 camp was also a roaring success and we look forward to this continuing in 2016. Across all years of the school we have seen lots of examples of commitment and resilience and it is encouraging to see and to know that we can build on this great start next year.

Thank you for all the support from our Parents and Carers this year and we look forward to a great 2016 at Hambledon State School.

Peter Begemann - Year 4-6 Support Administrator.

Uniform Shop

Opening times for uniforms over the holidays
Thursday 21st January 2016: 8am-4pm
Friday 22nd January 2016: 8am-4pm

Uniform prices for 2016
Shirts...........$30  Shorts..... $25  
Sports shirts...$30  Skorts ......$30 
Hats ............ $13
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 – 19th Dec – 3rd Jan 16
Open – 4th – 22nd Jan 16

P&C Information

The next P&C Meeting will be advised in 2016
Thank you 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. Thank you 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!

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