ACTING PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4. I would like to congratulate students on last week’s positive start to the term. It was wonderful to visit classrooms throughout the week and see children actively engaged in learning and ready for the term ahead.

2015 YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Our Year 6 Farewell is always an exciting event where the achievements of our cohort of school leaders are recognised and the children’s experiences during their time at Hambledon are celebrated. The celebration is not only a special moment for the children but also an event that is important for family members. This year the farewell will be held in the last week of school on Wednesday 9th December at 9am. We look forward to sharing this special time with parents and family members. Although further information will be shared closer to the time, I understand that many parents and caregivers are busy with varied commitments and may need considerable notice to be able to attend.

QUALITY SCHOOLS INCLUSIVITY PROGRAM

This Thursday, Tania Loneragan, Kristie Blakeney, Marina Waddell and I will be attending a presentation day to share the outcomes from of our school’s participation in the QSIL Phase 2 Project this year. It has been a highly beneficial experience to be one of only three schools in the Far North Queensland region to be engaged in the six month project. Throughout the project we have focused on improving our school’s inclusive practices for all children through the provision of a safe, supporting, inclusive and disciplined learning environment. This focus aligns to our school’s vision to value, support and champion every child.

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Although next Monday is a statewide Pupil Free Day and children will not be in attendance, school staff will be engaged in professional development focusing on the quality teaching and learning of writing. We also have our 2016 Prep Orientation Day from 9am to 11am and a Prep parent information session from 6pm to 7pm. Please contact the front office for further information.

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.

Closing date for all written applications: 23rd October 2015.
Positive Discipline - AVOID POWER STRUGGLES

Power struggles create distance and hostility instead of closeness and trust. IT TAKES TWO TO CREATE A POWER STRUGGLE. Adults need to remove themselves from the power struggle without winning or giving in. Create a win/win environment.

Below are some suggestions written by Jane Nelsen:

• Get children involved in the creation of routines (morning, chores, bedtime etc.). Then the routine chart becomes the boss.
• Put the problem on the family meeting agenda and let the kids brainstorm for a solution.
• Use reflective listening. Stop talking and listen. Try to understand not only what your child is saying, but what she means.
• Limited choices: Do you want to do your homework before dinner or after dinner. Do you want to set the table or clean up after dinner?
• BONUS: HUGS! HUGS! HUGS! A hug is often enough to change the behaviour—theirs and yours.

See more at: http://www.positivediscipline.com/articles/power.html#sthash.syRwp3S9.dpuf

Prep Orientation Day

Monday 19th October
9:00 – 11:00am

9:00  Children and parents meet in the school hall. Children and Prep Teachers visit the Prep classrooms

9:30  Parents attend a Prep Information Session

Introduction to Hambledon State School
- Ideas to help your child get ready for Prep
- What your child needs to be ready and organised for the start of the school year (lunches, uniforms, etc)
- What the first day of Prep will look like
- Ideas to help your child’s first day be a successful one
- Brief outline of Hambledon School expectations
- Brief outline of the Prep Curriculum

10:30  Children and Prep Teachers have morning tea – please bring a small packed morning tea for your child

Morning tea provided for parents after the Prep Information Session
11:00  Parents meet children at Prep classroom

Michelle Bussell—Prep Support Administrator

PB4L

As you know, this week’s PB4L topic remains as Coping and Calming Strategies. The skills being taught are tools for our students in a variety of situations. These can be as simple as what to do if feeling a little overwhelmed when starting a new work task or how to take time out from a game at lunch time. The strategies are not just designed for crisis situations. We all need to take a break or some time out every now and again and these lessons are aimed at giving our students ideas around this.

You may also be aware that we have begun the countdown to the Sugar World and Jumping Castle days at the end of term 4. The letter previously sent out, set out the expectations around this. It has been good to see our students talking and referring to this during the first week back at school and we look forward to a great day out and the end of a successful term. Please contact your child’s teacher or call the office if you have any questions around this.

Peter Begemann—4-6 Support Administrator

Has your child used 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
Prep
Indiana
Year 1
Christian
Year 2
Jayden, Michelle
Jorja, Rhylee
Year 3
Shelby-Rose
Year 4
Judith
A.J., Jesse

Happy Grams
Prep
Austin, Kimberley J
Year 1
Zoe, Jackson
Trinity, Sarah
Lily, Harrison
Laura
Year 2
Willis, Tyler

Good Playground
Gotcha Awards
(Presented last week on parade)

There were no Gotcha’s handed out on parade last week.

Honesty
Acknowledgement
Maggie, Chloe
Willis, Hannah
Tupac

Art Attack from 1E

In term 4 year ones complete a collage. The unit requires students to investigate Australian animals and then apply their knowledge to collaging a picture of an Australian animal. Students have investigated animal colours, appearance features and textures to be able to translate the features into collaging techniques to make their animal’s appearance similar to that of real life.

Good & Evil

Tuckshop Roster
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!
40408666 - school office

Tues 13 Oct
Suzette

Wed 14 Oct
Help needed

Thurs 15 Oct
Carly

Fri 16 Oct
Rae

Mon 19 Oct
Christine, Brock

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.

P&C Information
The next P&C Meeting will be held 20th October
6:30pm in Staffroom
ALL INVITED

Well Women’s Clinics at Edmonton
Community Health
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Monday 26th October 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

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Hambledon Combined OSHC & Vacation Care

Hambledon Combined OSCH & 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

Nepal Earthquake Tennis Fundraiser

Family Fun Day

Saturday 24th October 2015

The Cairns International Tennis Centre is hosting a fundraising event to assist the Nepalese community of Bahun, recently devastated by a tragic earthquake. This event is a fun day for all families in the greater region of Cairns.

How to be part of this fun afternoon?

Where: Cairns International Tennis Centre
356 Sheridan Street, Cairns North
Time: 3:00pm to 6:00pm
Cost:
- Family groups (4 people) $25.00
- Singles (1 person) $15.00
All participants will receive a free dinner, kindly supplied by the Jack Plus Chinese Restaurant, on completion of play.
Bris, your entry ticket will put you in the draw to win house door prizes. Lots of amazing prizes to be raffled. Tickets can be purchased on the day.
Emerg on-court activities and fun for all!

Please contact Melly Neyer at the tennis centre to confirm your attendance for catering purposes on 4040 2038 or rickbytennisc.com

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

PLEASE ORDER TUESDAY FOR LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY
Get Ahead! Stay Ahead! Professional Tutoring.
- Reading, Spelling, Writing and English
- Mathematics all year levels
- Study Skills
- Chemistry, Physics

FREE ASSESSMENT, PROFESSIONAL TUTORS, ESTABLISHED 16 YEARS.