Dear Parents and Community Members

It’s certainly great to return to school after a couple of weeks of long service leave. It was great to get away for a few weeks as it gave me a chance to recharge my batteries. Term 4 is always a busy one so I know for myself the next 8 weeks will be full steam ahead. I would like to acknowledge the leadership of Mrs Sutton, Mrs Bussell, Mr Begemann, Mrs Loneragan and Mrs Blakeney in my steam ahead. I would like to acknowledge the leadership of Mrs Sutton, Mrs Bussell, Mr Begemann, Mrs Loneragan and Mrs Blakeney in my absence. It is great to see that we have a great depth of leadership talent in our school that can continue our improvement agenda so effectively.

Delayed entry to Prep for children who have not previously been enrolled in Prep. Parents may delay their child's entry to Prep (and subsequently Year 1) if they feel that the child is not ready to start school. For example, the child is not ready to cope with the social and emotional demands of schooling, or has delayed development. No formal documentation, assessment or approval is required for delayed entry to Prep. Principals do not make decisions on delaying a child's entry to Prep. While some parents may choose to discuss their decision to delay entry with the Principal, it is not necessary for them to do so.

Early entry to Prep is available to children who are younger than the prescribed age for Prep and may be enrolled in Prep if:

- They turn 5 years by 31 July in the year of proposed attendance; and
- I am satisfied the child is ready for education in Prep, having regard to their attributes (including ability, aptitude, social and emotional competence, physical development, and level of knowledge and understanding).

I can also enrol a child in Prep who is younger than the prescribed age if the child:

- Has previously started education that is equivalent to Prep in another state or country; and
- Is considered ready for education in Prep, having regard to their attributes (including ability, aptitude, social and emotional competence, physical development, and level of knowledge and understanding).

A program is considered to be equivalent to Prep if it is full-time, school based, and has a defined curriculum delivered in the year prior to Year 1. Not all children who turn 5 years of age in July will be eligible for early entry to Prep. The child must also be considered by me to be ready for education. Parents seeking early entry to Prep for their child should contact the school and request an application form for consideration. In making a decision about a child’s early entry to Prep, parents and carers need to consider what is in your child’s best interests for achieving success at school.
At the end of this term we will have a celebration event for the Prep to Year 6 children. One of the criteria for participation is at least 95% attendance record for the term. This means, if your child has 2.5 days of unexplained absences they will not participate in celebration day. PLEASE make sure you phone the absence line (4040 8666) and record your child’s absence. The P-2 celebration event will be a jumping castle.

We have high learning expectations for your child/children. Being at school every day and on time (unless sick) is vitally important for the continuity of your child’s learning. Just being away one day a week means that over the term your child misses two weeks of learning.

Please remember that if your child arrives late to school (after 9am) or needs to leave early a late/early slip must be obtained from the office otherwise it is recorded as an unexplained absence.

Michelle Bussell—Prep Support Administrator

As allergies and Asthma are becoming a more prevalent problem for students at school, it is our highest priority to ensure that staff undergo the latest first aid procedures to support children in need. Yesterday, 10 Teacher Aides participated in practical training and learnt the latest procedures and management for students at risk with Anaphylaxis. This training was done with a regional nurse.

Additional teaching staff will do the course next month.
**We Will Remember Forum**

On Thursday this week some of our Year 6 students will travel to Cairns Regional Council Civic Reception Rooms to represent our school at this special event. Organised by Gordonvale State High School the event brings school teams together to commemorate, collaborate and confer. The teams are asked to prepare a four-minute speech on the topic – Does the ANZAC Spirit continue to live on in our youth? On the day of the forum one member of each school team is to deliver their team speech. This is a competition with two sections – Junior Years 6-9 and Senior Years 10-12. Congratulations and best wishes to Taylah Smith, Tamsyn Carney, Morgan Halstead, Asha Monteiro and Rebecca McAulay.

**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools Results**

Congratulations to the following students for their results in the Writing test held at the end of term 2 and English test held at the start of term 3.

- **Writing:** Year 4 Camden Bailey and Hein Ronlund – Participation; Year 5 Mykel Brown – Participation.
- **English:** Year 4 Hein Ronlund – Credit; Year 5 Mykel Brown – Participation; Year 6 Taylah Smith – Participation.
- **Mathematics:** Year 4 Hein Ronlund – Credit; Year 5 Mykel Brown – Credit; Year 6 Taylah Smith – Participation.

We expect that the students will be presented with their certificates, test papers and results on parade in Week 4.

**Year 4-6 Piccone Community Citizenship Awards**

The blue folders for this award are due to the library by the Friday of Week 4 of Term 4 ie Friday 30 October. Students have had access to their folders since the end of term 1. Hopefully they have been collating throughout the year rather than leaving a rush to the end. All items must be signed by the activity’s responsible adult or parent. Please note that there is no designated number of points as the benchmark is flexible based on the number of service opportunities our school offers from year to year. If unsure of the eligibility of an activity, include it and the judges will decide based on the advertised criteria. We look forward to reading about the activities and acknowledging and celebrating their varied community services. More news will follow to advise the date of the Awards ceremony.
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.

Hambledon Combined OSCH & 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

P&C Information

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

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Tues 20 Oct Suzette
Wed 21 Oct Help needed
Thurs 22 Oct Carly
Fri 23 Oct Rae
Mon 26 Oct Christine, Brock

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.
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