**Dates to remember**

- 08 Dec—Year 6 Farewell Ceremony (note date change)
- 30 Oct—World Teachers’ Day
- 30 Oct—Day for Daniel (Wear something red)

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Dear Community Members

Welcome to the 4th week of Term 4. As the term progresses, please make sure that you keep the excitement of school and learning alive and well in your house. The value you put on your child’s education and the importance of learning is the one they then take on themselves. Being at school every day is one of the best strategies in supporting children to do their very best. Every day teachers are introducing new work, revising and consolidating previous concepts and building children’s understandings towards set goals for the term. When a child starts to display irregular attendance, every day away makes school and learning so much harder. Together we can achieve great results for our children; however they need to be at school every day for this to happen. Your support in ensuring that your children are well rested, organised and ready for school every day is invaluable.

**FULL SCHOOL REVIEW**

We have now received our Full School Review from the School Improvement Unit following their visit to our school last term. If you would like a copy of the Executive Summary you can access it on our school website, or if you receive our newsletter electronically, by following this link [https://hambledoss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/executive-summary.pdf](https://hambledoss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/executive-summary.pdf). If you are unable to access the internet and you would like a copy of the report then please contact the office.

In short the summary provides the school with recommendations it should focus on during the next 4 years. The key findings from the Review include:

- School staff are explicit about their desire to improve outcomes for children
- School curriculum and planning documents are compliant with departmental requirements and align to the Australian Curriculum
- School planning documents identify key foci for the school and reliable data about school performance is reviewed to facilitate continuous improvement of student outcomes
- The school has established a responsible behaviour plan for students implemented through the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) initiative

The key improvement strategies that our school will be focussing on over the next planning cycle include:

- Reviewing and revisiting the PB4L strategies to ensure engaging learning environments are experienced by all children
- Continue to develop effective curriculum, planning, assessment and reporting processes to embed the delivery of the Australian Curriculum
- Continue to develop effective differentiation of curriculum for children who require adjustments to be engaged in productive learning
- Develop structures that enable staff, students and parents to have input into the decision making practices of the school.

**WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY ON FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER**

World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated on Friday 30 October. I am very grateful that we have such dedicated and caring teachers here at Hambledon State School and I’m sure you feel the same way.

World Teachers’ Day provides us with an opportunity to acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of our teachers, and their role in preparing their students for our increasingly complex, multicultural and technological world. It is also a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for teachers in their local community. I would like to thank all of our teachers and recognise the significant contribution and amazing job that they make every day in our classrooms and our community. Please take this opportunity to show our teachers how much they are valued.

**DAY FOR DANIEL – FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER**

Friday is also the 11th Day for Daniel in memory of the life of Daniel Morecombe. ‘Wear Red and Educate’ is the theme of Day for Daniel to raise awareness about child safety and protection and promote a safer community for children. Children are allowed to wear something “red” on Friday in support of this Day, if they so wish. Further information for the event can be found on the Day for Daniel website.
The importance of connecting home and school for understanding learning

Children embark on their life at school with a wealth of knowledge, understanding and skills. Before starting school, children have been learners at home, developing their own learning styles and ways of making sense of the world. Parents/Carers are an integral part of this learning journey, which is why the connection between parent/caregiver and school is so important. Regularly connecting with your child’s teacher about learning enables the sharing of strategies that are successful at home as well as at school. Last week we looked at Differentiation. This week I would like to share some specific strategies that can be used at home or school to help break down barriers to learning.

- Using concrete items e.g. when counting using blocks or number lines
- Using visuals e.g. timetables, timelines, picture cues
- Planning ahead of time and pre-warning of changes
- Using a range of presentation techniques e.g. visual, written, oral
- Chunking information or tasks

Tanya Sutton—Year 1 & 2 Support Administrator

Why is Reading Important?

Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever:

- Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday purposes.
- Reading with your child at home will help your child in all learning areas of school.
- Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today’s world.
- Often parents are asked by the school to listen to their child read at home. It’s a good way of supporting your child’s reading. Books may be borrowed from your school library or your local library.
- Be confident that your child will learn to read.

What you can do at home to help?

- Be yourself. Involve children in everyday conversations.
- Read aloud to children. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
- Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and Non-fiction.
- It is important to read to your child in your home language if your first language is not English. Experience shows that using your home language will help your child to learn to read in English.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruption.
- Listen to your child every day, even for a short time.
- Give books as treats and presents.

Peter Begemann—Year 4-6 Support Administrator

Reminder:

Bikes and Scooters must be walked when on school grounds.
Library Report and Lucky Duck Draw

Across this term, I will be focusing specifically on the librarian role within my job title. This includes culling our collection, beyond the regular weeding that happens.

This is now underway starting at Dewey number 000, so we now have ten sets of encyclopaedia (030) that have been removed from our collection. If any families are interested in having a set for their home, please contact me via email or send a note to the library with students before Friday 30 October. Please note that they may not be complete sets. If we receive more than the number of sets, we will conduct a lucky duck draw for the number of sets. The family will be responsible for coming to collect the set within a week of being advised via the Week 5 newsletter – you can choose from what remains. We cannot store the materials for too long as we need the space. Enter now - best wishes!

We Will Remember Forum

Congratulations to our team who represented Hambledon proudly and well at this interschool event last week. Well done to Taylah Smith who delivered the team speech. Our team said that they found the talks given by the panel of guest veterans interesting and inspiring. Our reps also commented about being impressed by the confidence and presentation styles of the senior students. It was pleasing that our group found courage to ask a question in the ‘roving microphone’ time as well as to ask for their photographs with the honoured guests during the lunch break. There were a lot of speeches to listen to throughout the day but our team recommends that Hambledon join the event next year.

Nude Food Day Coming Up

Our Student Council is keen to host this activity to reduce waste in our school. Less waste means less potential for litter. We encourage everyone to bring nude food that day – no wrappings or packaging. Start planning now – our special Nude Food Day will be Friday 6 November. Thanks for joining in.

Olivia – Student Councillor
**Lilies are welcome as long as they are**

You are invited to....

**MORNING TEA**

*Who:* Carers of Students with a disability  
*When:* 9am on Wed 04/11/2015  
*Where:* School Library (Challenge Room)  
*Discussion Topic:* Open Discussion  
*Coffee/tea & cake*  
**Littles are welcome as long as they are supervised**

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MAKING NEW FRIENDS  
TRYING NEW AND EXCITING CHALLENGES?  
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The TUH ‘Big Thank You’ Giveaway  
Just by saying a ‘Big Thank You’ to our teachers and teacher-librarians, you can help our school win one of 5 x $1000 education resource bursaries.  
Your child can also win one of 100 x $50 gift vouchers just by entering. All they have to do is visit bigthankyou.com.au and say in 50 words or less how their teacher or teacher-librarian helps to inspire a love of reading (parents can help younger students with their entry). The ‘Big Thank You’ Giveaway is proudly sponsored by TUH, a health fund that was founded in Queensland 43 years ago to serve the education community. TUH was also the proud principal sponsor of the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Promotion commenced at 9:00am on Monday 19 October 2015 and closes at 5pm on Friday 4 December 2015. Student winners will be selected on 10 December 2015 and schools will be selected on Friday 29 January 2016. Best wishes.

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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

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P&C Information  
The next P&C Meeting will be held  
17th November  
6:30pm in Staffroom  
ALL INVITED

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**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.

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**TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL**

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

PLEASE ORDER TUESDAY FOR LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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

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**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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