School Newsletter

9th November, 2015

‘Honesty in Work & Play’

Dates to remember

12 Nov—Student Leader Election
16 Nov—Swimming commences
17 Nov—P&C meeting
08 Dec—Year 6 Farewell Ceremony (note date change)

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to another week at Hambledon State School. It is hard to believe that we are now over the midway point of term 4. Regular attendance to school has been a focus for all our children this year. Regular attendance to school supports children in achieving their learning potential and maintain strong friendships. Parents are reminded if children are away from school on a particular day they can email or phone the school to report the explained absence.

ICT Upgrades

Last week we placed an order for over 50 laptop computers that will be used for the development of a proposed computer lab at school. This is one of a number of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) upgrades we are effecting to our school to provide children and staff with greater accessibility to digital technologies. The other upgrade we are currently implementing is a Wi-Fi upgrade to provide better connectivity to the Internet. The costs of these upgrades will exceed $100 000 and are part our ongoing improvement of ICTs across the school.

2016 Head of Curriculum Appointed

Last week we finalised the process for the appointment of a Head of Curriculum for our school in 2016. I am pleased to announce that following the completion of the process, Jenny Taylor has been successful in being appointed to this role. Jenny is currently the school’s curriculum coordinator and on behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate her on being successful and look forward to her continuing this important work in 2016.

Electronic Devices

I would like to remind parents carers and children about our school’s policy concerning bringing electronic devices (mobile phones, iPads, iPods etc.) to school. Children who bring these devices to school do so at their own risk. Children are required to hand these devices to the office in the morning and collect them in the afternoon, where they will be secured. Any devices left in a child’s bag are done so at their own risk. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used between the time children arrive at school and the time they leave.

School Expectations of Being Respectful

Staff, Parents and Carers are expected to model to our children at school respectful and polite ways of working together. Our children look to adults to model to them the ways respectful and responsible people work and communicate e.g. by giving happy greetings and by asking how other people’s day was going. There are times when issues of concern arise and adults need to model the appropriate behaviours by talking calmly and respectfully towards each other in order to share different point’s of view, so that a meaningful way forward can be agreed. Our children look up to each one of us to guide the way. Please consider how you show them how you respectfully get-along with others.

If students from our school are having behaviour concerns at school, school staff will talk to students about those issues if the children’s parents or carers are not there. Some children get very upset and concerned when other adults approach them. If you have any concerns about our children’s behaviour, please notify the office or speak to a staff member near-by.

New start date for the 2016 Queensland school year

A new start date for the 2016 Queensland school year will see students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 — the day after the national Australia Day public holiday. The previous Term 1 start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will now become an additional flexible staff professional development day.

Student Leader Elections Update

Thursday 12th November

* Election Day

Friday 13th November

* Applicants notified of results

Monday 16th November

* Next year’s student leaders announced on parade
Discipline is easy when children are easy. It can be downright tricky when children are difficult, have interesting personalities or are at one of the challenging developmental stages. It’s with kids in these difficult categories that we need to get our discipline techniques right. Here are 10 common mistakes many parents make when trying to get cooperation from their children, keep them safe or teach them to behave well:

1. Repeating yourself
   If you do this, you are training your kids to become ‘parent deaf’. Kids learn more from respectful actions than your repeated words.

2. Shouting to be heard
   You will get better results by going below the noise baseline to get their attention rather than raising your voice.

3. Setting limits too late
   If you set a limit a few weeks after a new object or situation is introduced (e.g. a kid gets a new mobile phone, a teen starts going out at night), you will be seen to be taking away a freedom.

4. Setting no limits
   Boundaries, rules, expectations and standards teach kids what’s expected. Boys love them. They also like to push against them, so you need a firm backbone.

5. Failing to follow through.
   Talk! Threaten! Nag! No way! See No. 1 above.

6. Making consequences too harsh
   "You’re grounded for a month, Mr 6-year-old" is a tad harsh and will usually bring resentment.

7. Applying consequences when you, or they, are angry
   When anger is in the air kids will become mad at you ... if they listen at all. Calmness makes a huge difference to effectiveness at the point of discipline.

8. Mixing discipline with counselling
   Never mix the two as it sends mixed messages. If a child misbehaves manage that situation. If you suspect something negative is going on in their life, then deal with that at a separate time.

9. Deferring discipline
   Deferring discipline to a child care centre, preschool or school. This is taking the easy way out and teaches kids that you don’t have real authority.

10. One parent is always the bad guy
    This gets wearing. Also it’s hard to have fun when you are the tough cop all the time. If you are in a two-parent situation take discipline in turns.

Peter Begemann—Year 4-6 Support Administrator

Equality is about sameness and promotes justness by providing everyone with the same thing. This is only ‘fair’ if everyone comes to the education table at the same place, with the same knowledge, skills and abilities.

Equity is about fairness by making sure everyone gets access to the same opportunities. Difference can create barriers so it is about identifying those barriers and making adjustments to ensure equal opportunities.

Equity is the result of providing reasonable adjustments, when necessary, so that students with a disability or learning difficulty are provided with opportunities or choices that are the same or very similar available to students without disability or difficulty.

Tanya Sutton—Year 1 & 2 Support Administrator

Non-school age siblings
It is wonderful to see so many families at drop off and pick up times. When you are present in the school grounds it assists open communication between families and class teachers which is a positive step towards great outcomes for children. While in our school grounds, I ask that parents of non-school age children accompany their young ones to the toilet. It is difficult for young ones to reach our taps to wash their hands so they will sometimes climb on the wet and slippery bench and this can become a potentially dangerous situation for them. We all know how young children love to climb. Please keep your loved ones safe while in our school grounds.

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SEP D have had a great year of learning! Each term we have focused on a theme. This term’s theme is Australian Animals. Having themes help students to become familiar with a topic in a variety of contexts and it aids them to transfer knowledge over into other learning areas of the curriculum.

Mary had a little lamb,
She also had the flu.
And when she left her school,
The others had it too.

So anytime your children are sick
Please keep them home with you.
Then the children in our school
Will be happier and healthier too!
Fire Evacuation

Every term the school practises a fire evacuation to ensure all staff and students are prepared in case there is ever a need for an actual evacuation. For everyone’s safety, it is extremely important that Parents/Carers also know the correct procedure for a fire evacuation.

Fire Evacuation Alarm (4 sirens followed by a message ‘Evacuate as directed’). This is continually repeated. If you hear this siren:

Before Entering School Grounds
• Wait outside school grounds until the siren has stopped and the area has been cleared (Classes moving back to class or cleared by a warden).

Already on School Grounds
• Follow staff instruction
• Proceed to the nearest Evacuation Point and await further instructions

School Evacuation Points
• Senior Oval
• Junior Oval
• Basketball Courts

*** Please do not enter the school grounds or classrooms if you hear the Fire Evacuation Alarm.

Safety is everyone’s responsibility and we thank you for your cooperation.

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CENT SALE
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at 1:30pm
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Admission
$3 adults & $1 school age children
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(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

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For appointments phone 4226 4900

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.

Medicating Students at School

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P&C Information

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

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.

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!
40408666 - school office

| Mon 16 Nov | Christine, Brock |
| Wed 11 Nov | Help needed |
| Thurs 12 Nov | Carly |
| Fri 13 Nov | Rae |
| Tues 10 Nov | Suzette, Ruth |

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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