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School Newsletter

15th February, 2016
‘Honesty in Work & Play’

Dates to remember

Feb 16– P & C General Meeting 6:30pm in Staffroom
March 15– P & C AGM Meeting 6:30pm in Staffroom
March 16– Junior Cross Country
March 18– Senior Cross Country
March 24– Last day of Term 1

Dear Parents and Community members

Welcome to the 4th week of the term and it is pleasing to see the overwhelming majority of our children actively engaging and participating in learning at our school each day. Unfortunately last week was once again marred by a series of bomb threats against randomly selected schools across Australia. Once again I can say that no threats were made to our school during this time. I would like to assure the community that if we did receive a threat we would follow the recommended Departmental procedures of treating all threats seriously.

We have an exciting and busy year ahead of us as the school embarks on a new chapter putting in place the recommended actions from the school review that was completed last year. These recommendations have formed the basis of our school 2016 – 2019 Strategic Plan that I have spoken about in the last 2 newsletters. Education is an area that is under the spotlight both politically and socially like never before, with many winds of change having an impact. The school Senior Leadership team is determined that our school operations produce clarity of expectations and a focus on the pursuit of excellence. Please reinforce with your children, the school values that underpin our approach to student behaviour management. I expect a high standard of behaviour of all students and want to state that inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated in our school community. Our school rules are “Be Respectful”, “Be a Learner”, “Be Safe” and “Be Resilient”. Discuss at home with your children the importance of schooling, the need to strive for excellence and the importance of manners, respect and good behaviour. Give the teacher your full support in order to ensure we have a really productive and positive relationship with home that is of benefit to your children in the long term.

Set Down, Parking and Pickup

The beginning of the school year always heightens everyone’s concern as parents and schools set up routines. When driving your children to and from school, we need your full support and cooperation. Our local streets are busy before and after school. While we can’t change the local streets we can review and modify our driving habits in the interest of road safety and the security of the students. Please drive slowly when using local streets, avoid double parking in the set down area at the front and be mindful of safety at all times. Do not encourage or allow children to run across the road to you in a double parking situation. If possible review your set down and pick-up times. If you have no pressing engagements, please consider arriving a few minutes earlier in the morning or a few minutes later in the afternoon. Remember that in the first ten minutes after school significant congestion occurs in the street. You may wish to consider collecting your children five minutes later and that will help the overall traffic flow considerably. The waiting children are supervised until approximately 3.20pm at which time they are escorted to the office if parents and caregivers are delayed. Parents are strongly advised to comply with the parking and road regulations that apply to local streets and Stop Drop & Go zones. I ask that you exercise patience and cooperation. Council parking inspectors and officers from the Queensland Police Service can monitor this area regularly, without notice and will enforce regulations if need be. Please take care in order to make drop off and pick up a happy and safe time for all.

Parent Meet n Greet Afternoon

Last Tuesday we held our first Meet n Greet afternoon. I thank all the families that were able to come along to this afternoon where there was an opportunity to meet all staff members in an informal setting. One of our school foci is to connect with our community to enhance home and school partnerships and this event was one of the ways we are attempting to achieve this.

School Admin Leadership team

There have been some changes to our school leadership team this year to mirror our proposed structure in our Strategic Plan. While Deputy Principals will have specific year level responsibilities, they will also be responsible for an area of focussed improvement across our school. Parents should direct all enquiries to the classroom teacher first, and following this, or for more serious matters, the Deputy Principal responsible for the relevant sector should be contacted. Below are details of our Admin Leadership team for this year:

Principal - Ross Kubler – Year 5, Data analysis and Strategic Review
Deputy Principal – Michelle Bussell – Prep, Early Years, Teaching & Learning
Deputy Principal – Tanya Sutton - Years 1-3, Teaching & Learning
Deputy Principal – Pete Begemann - Years 4 & 6, Student Engagement & Welfare
Head of Special Education Services – Tania Loneragan – Differentiation & Inclusive Practices
Head of Curriculum – Jenny Taylor – Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting
Master Teacher – Sallyanne Powell – Writing & teaching Practices
Business Services Manager – Teresa Callaghan – Business & Finance.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
This term in Mathematics Prep children will learn:
- Recognition of numerals 0-10
- Rote counting forwards from 0-10 and backwards from 10-0
- Counting forwards or backwards from any given number to 10
- Matching numerals to quantities up to 10
- Subitising formal and random arrangements to 3 (recognising numbers without counting)
- Identifying the next number in a sequence e.g. what comes after 5? What comes before 7?
- Comparing quantities to demonstrate: more, less or the same

Our hardworking Prep children are learning to recognise numerals.

Programs of Differentiation (P.O.D)

What a fantastic start to the year. All students have settled into new classes, with new teachers and of course some new learning. We would like to welcome to our team our new staff members, Gabrielle Kistner, Megan Coles and Helena Bilic. Our lovely Miss Danni from last year is home with a beautiful baby girl, Miss Melinda is not far from her special delivery day and Miss Jade will be leaving us next week to begin her Maternity Leave. Whatever was the problem with the water here has now been fixed! We wish them all the best with their new families.

Historically my team have been known as ‘Special education staff and our program as the Special Education Program. We have decided it is time to really describe what we do as not ‘Special’ but ‘Differentiated” learning. Our new name will be “Programs of Differentiation” or P.O.D for short. This is the new language we will be using with staff, parents and students. We believe that this title is more inclusive and more relevant to education today.

We support many differentiated programs across the school from P-6 as well as our individual intensive programs with our smaller groups of students. Our goal will always be to have students working with and alongside their peers and accessing the curriculum at their level of development. Differentiation allows this to occur.

Enjoy your week
Tania Loneragan
Head of Special Education
**Student of the Week**

**Year 1**  
Philomena, Amelia, Sarah, Kristin, Caleb, Amelia,  

**Year 2**  
Trinity, Chloe, Ben, Filiara, Les, Ella-May  

**Year 3**  
Shayla, Brooke, Hanna, Ezlan  

**Year 4**  
Bronson, Shelby-Rose, Czenzi, Rachel  

**Year 5**  
Almira, Kaleb, Olivia, Jariah  

**Year 6**  
Tamika, Lenny, Beau, Holden, Thomas  

**HAPPY GRAMS**  

**Year 1**  
Jaylen, Xavier, Amber, Amelia  

**Year 2**  
Cody, Nathan, Shamira  

**Year 3**  
Skyla  

**Year 4**  
Joanne, Nelly, Kylan  

**Year 5**  
Kobi, Gweneth, Regan, Hussien  

**HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
William, Zanny, Aaron  

**SPORT NEWS**

**Mulgrave AFL trials**  
When: Friday March 4th  
Where: Hambledon SS (Back oval)  
Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm

**Mulgrave Netball trials**  
When: Thursday Feb 18th  
Where: St Michael's Primary school (Gordonvale)  
Time: 4pm-5pm  
Girls born in 2004 or 2005 who wish to trial must take permission to participate, project consent and school approval forms to the trials.

**Mulgrave Boys Rugby League trials**  
When: Friday February 19th  
Where: Alley Park (Gordonvale)  
Time: 4pm-5.30pm  
Boys born in 2004 or 2005 who wish to trial must take permission to participate, project consent and school approval forms to the trials.

**Why Write?**  
Could you imagine a world without writing? Have you noticed that we are surrounded by writing? So why do we write? If you answered ‘To communicate’ or something similar, you are spot on. We use written communication to:  

- inform (letters, notes, greeting cards, lists, texts, Facebook, Twitter, nonfiction texts, news articles, product packaging, street signs, emails…)  
- entertain (short stories, story books, jokes, riddles, novels, comics, movie scripts, poems…) and  
- persuade (written arguments, billboards, advertisements, news articles, political handouts, how-to-vote cards…).  

Have you ever chatted with your children about why we write and the different types of writing? There are plenty of opportunities to do this at home and when you are out. ‘There’s an ad. Why was it written?’ Why did (author’s name) write this book?  

Improving writing is one of our priorities at HSS. Last year we started using an Australian resource called 7 Steps to Writing Success to promote a consistent way to teach writing and to give our children and teachers a common language to use. I’ll tell you more about 7 Steps next time.

Sallyanne Powell– Master Teacher
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Contact: Melanie Portelli on 0416041510
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Parents/Community Corner

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 asthma puffers.

2016 Council Elections
Saturday 19th March
Polling booths will be located at Edmonton PCYC on Walker Road
NOT Hambledon State School

P&C Information
The next P&C Meeting will be March 15th
6:30pm in Staffroom
Thankyou for your support throughout 2016

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!

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