Dear parents and community members,

I am extremely pleased by the level of engagement with learning I am seeing demonstrated by children at our school. Learning is the core business of our school and regular attendance together with engagement in learning ensures the best outcomes are achieved for children. On the matter of attendance I am satisfied that our current attendance rates are 92.8% which is a slight improvement on last year’s data at this time. I would like to thank all parents and carers who continually reinforce to children the necessity of attending school each and every day.

Our school priorities for this year focus on reading, writing and enhancing our positive school climate. We are using a considerable amount of our school resources (School Grants and Investing for Success monies) to support our improvement agenda in these focus areas. The strategies we are implementing to achieve improvement include:

- We plan and make reasonable adjustments for the learning needs of all children at our school
- We have and promote high expectations for our children
- We align our curriculum, teaching and assessment to the Australian Curriculum
- We use student achievement data to direct our teaching and future focus learning areas
- We use research proven, effective teaching strategies to support children’s learning
- We maintain a supportive learning environment for the benefit of all children

As I mentioned last week, at the AGM the Association will be seeking nominations from parents and community members for key positions on the Executive team (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary). The Hambledon State School P&C involves people from a wide range of our local community who want to support our school’s continual improvement. Parental involvement empowers children’s learning and the P&C works closely with our school towards building a stronger school community where all children benefit.

**Plan ahead for these days**

The last day of Term 1 is Thursday, March 24th. Please plan ahead for this to ensure we avoid any confusion over which days the school will be open for children. Term 1 this year is an unusually short term and school will resume after the Easter holidays on Monday 11 April.

**NAPLAN 2016**

Our teachers are currently readying our Year 3 & 5 children for their NAPLAN tests in May this year. Could parents please note that NAPLAN Testing this year occurs from May 10 – 12. Friday May 13 is a catch up day for children who may have been absent on one of the testing days.

**School Resource Scheme and Spelling Mastery**

Requests for payment of the 2016 School Resource Scheme and Spelling Mastery texts have been sent home. I would like to thank all those parents and carers who have attended to payment of these accounts as the school has expended thousands of dollars in ensuring children have some necessary resources to commence their year. Payments of these accounts can be made at the office by cash, EFTPOS or periodic payments, during school office hours.

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**EASTER RAFFLE AND EASTER EGG / RECYCLED BASKET DONATIONS**

Our annual Year 1 Easter Raffle is underway! This is a Year One fundraiser which allows us to keep our reading resources updated and upgraded. Tickets have been sent out to all families at the school. Please return any sold/unsold tickets and money from sales to the Year One teachers. Alternatively, if you can sell more tickets, please request them from the Year One teachers.

Year One parents are asked to donate an Easter egg to be used as a prize. The more eggs donated, the more baskets we will have as prizes. These donations are now being received with thanks. Furthermore, if you have any Easter egg baskets that we can recycle and use to wrap the eggs, please send them along.

All tickets need to be returned on Friday, 18th March before the raffle is drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday, 23rd March.
DEPUTIES NEWS

PARADE

Last week I was privileged to be part of the first Prep Parade for the year. We host our Prep Parade’s each Wednesday at 2:30pm in the school hall. It was lovely to see so many parents attending; I encourage all families to attend whenever possible. Parade is an opportunity to share a message or two and celebrate quality work/achievements by awarding one student per class a ‘Student of the Week’. Students of the Week are published in our school newsletter on Monday and presented on Wednesday.

Here are our first five Students of the Week.

Haydyn, Cooper, Emily, Tennessee, Skye

Michelle Bussell
Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

EASTER IS ONLY A HOP, SKIP AND JUMP AWAY!

The annual Year One Easter Raffle is again underway. It was fabulous to see just how excited Charlie and Lily were to show me the raffle tickets that are ready to be sold.

This wonderful fundraiser not only supports the purchasing of additional reading resources but also brings lots of delicious chocolate fun to Hambledon! Last week the oldest child in each family and every Year One child received a book of raffle tickets to sell. Additional tickets can be obtained from the Year One teachers if required.

This great fund raising event wouldn’t be possible without the very generous egg donations we receive from our school community. Any donations of Easter eggs for our raffle are greatly appreciated. The more eggs donated, the more baskets we will have as prizes. The raffle will be drawn at our annual Prep and Year One Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 23rd March. We hope to see you there!

Tanya Sutton Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

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

PIZZA SLICES

(Order Tuesday for lunch Wednesday)

Ham & Cheese
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Student of the Week
Prep
Isabel, Rochelle, Kade
Georgia, Cooper

Year 1
Elise, Douan, Ryan, Joshua

Year 2
Mikayla, Jony, Tahli, Rani, Deby– Melina, Amber
Mikaylah

Year 3
Loren, Sunny, Archie, Ocean, Aaron, Zane

Year 4
Nasia, Kaya, Lyndsay, Aaron, Josiah, Teddy, Daymon, Chante–Rae

Year 5
Ryan, Chloe, Mandy, Jack, Tristan

Year 6
Noah, Hannah, Jordan, Tristan

HAPPY GRAMS
Year 2
Cooper, Lex
Mackayla, Nate, Kynora, Ethan, Skye, Samuel, Lincoln, Jesiel, Tyler, Quadrat, Ethan, Cooper, Makayla

Year 3
Kato, Heather, Ainoana, Rylee, Jayden, Ashton

Year 4
Sophie, Koby, Jamie, Rebecca, Kayleigh, Montana, Nicolas, Bailee, Jaylen

Year 5
Bruno, Ryly, Grace

Year 6
Yves, Holden

HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Ella, Joel, Scarlett, Dakota, Ezekiel, Hannah, Luca

5A’s Young Artists
This term students have explored the work of artists famous for different art movements throughout history.
An artist and artwork that we have looked at is Vincent van Gogh’s Sunflowers.
Students have reimagined this famous work of art by completing it in oil pastels of either warm or cool colours.
Have a look below at some of the spectacular results!

Rugby League
Congratulations to Lachlan on his selection in the Mulgrave District Rugby League team.

Mulgrave Boys Soccer trials
Who: Boys born 2004, 2005
When: Friday March 18th.
Where: Hambledon SS (Back oval)
Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm
What to bring: Consent forms (interested students will need to see Mr Pudovskis)
Football shoes, water bottle, protective gear.

X-Country Date Changes
Due to the extreme heat and consequently a lack of preparation, we have decided to move both the Junior and Senior X-Country events to Week 1 Term 2.
Senior X-Country (Years 4-6) will now be held on Wednesday April 13th
Junior (Years P-3) on Thursday April 14th.

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!
**Parents/Community Corner**

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**Mother’s Day Stall**
Preparations for our famous Mother’s Day Stall have started already!
We need your help.
**Donations are needed now!**
Soaps, shower gels, face washers, wrapped chocolates, hotel soaps and shampoos.
Check your cupboards, maybe you have something you can re-gift to us?
Please bring all donations to The Office.
Thank you!

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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 asthma puffers.

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

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**Updating Medical Information**
It is of upmost importance that our records are up to date and correct procedures are in place to care for your child whilst at school. If your child has any specific medical condition or allergies, please ensure you update your child’s records at the front office.

If you have previously supplied information regarding allergies or a specific medical condition, please update details annually or as conditions/medication changes.

Caring for your child at school is our highest priority and we appreciate your help in this matter.

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**P & C Meeting**
The next P & C Meeting will be Tuesday 22nd March 6.30pm in the Staffroom.
This will be the AGM where all positions will be declared open.
It’s not just about fund raising and sausage sizzles.
This is your opportunity to help shape your child’s school.
Be part of your P & C, and get involved.

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**P&C Information**
The next P&C Meeting will be March 22nd 6:30pm in Staffroom
Thankyou for your support throughout 2016

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

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