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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

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P&C AGM
The Annual General Meeting (AGM) followed by a General Meeting of the school’s Parents and Citizens Association is scheduled to be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 6:30pm. All members of the school community are invited to attend and I encourage all parents and carers to become active members of the association.

Smart Choices
Recently, changes have been made to the way some food and drinks are classified under Smart Choices to align more closely with the National Healthy School Canteens Guidelines and the Australian Dietary Guidelines. Three major changes have been made to the classification of food and drinks under Smart Choices, the Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools, as part of the department’s ongoing commitment to improving student’s health and learning through better nutrition.

Under the changes, the only drinks able to be sold in schools are plain water, milk (plain and flavoured) and at least 99% non-carbonated fruit or vegetable juice. All other drinks will be classified as RED, which means their sale or supply is limited to no more than two occasions per term. Schools have been unable to offer soft drinks in schools since 2007. The changes mean that other sugar sweetened drinks which may have been under 300kj will also now be classified as RED. All potato chips and similar snacks and all products with added confectionary, icing and sweet fillings will be classified as RED. The changes are consistent with the current Australian Dietary Guidelines and the National Healthy School Canteen Guidelines.

These changes must be implemented in state schools from the beginning of the 2017 school year. During the later terms of this year schools are expected to run down stock of items which can no longer be sold or supplied. The changes have the support of the Department of Health’s Chief Health Officer, principals’ associations, P&C Queensland, the Queensland Association of School Tuckshops and NAQ Nutrition. Further information is available from the Smart Choices website.

National Close the Gap Day on 17 March
Friday 17 March is the 10th annual National Close the Gap Day where awareness is raised about the gap in health outcomes between indigenous and non-indigenous people, and how we can close it together.

Health equality is everyone’s business, and we must continue to work together to ensure Indigenous health equality becomes a reality by 2030.

Young people are at the forefront of this movement for change — they can see it’s their generation that is critical to maintaining momentum and creating long-awaited change.

More information about this Day can be accessed by visiting www.oxfam.org.au/ctgschools.

NAPLAN Tests for Year 3 and 5 Children
From 10 – 12 May 2016 children across Australia from Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will sit the National Assessment in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. All children in these year levels are expected to participate in these tests.

In the weeks before the tests, teachers provide children with learning experiences similar to those that they will experience in the tests. It is important all children in these year levels participate in NAPLAN as the information we receive from them assists the school to plan for future student learning. The tests mostly incorporate multiple choice answers or short answers, except for writing which children create a piece of writing (persuasive or narrative).

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that children have been learning throughout the school curriculum since Prep. Teachers will ensure children are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Adjustments are available in NAPLAN tests for students with disabilities to support their access to the tests. The best way you can help your child be ready for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program and encourage them to do the best they can on the day.

The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

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.
SST - What does it mean?

SST stands for School Support Team. This is a team of Education Queensland professionals that comprises of Ross Kubler (Principal), Anthony Porta (Guidance Officer), Neta Moller-Neilson (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy - STLaN), Sharon Baker (STLaN), Kellie Ronneberg (Student Engagement and Welfare Teacher - SEW Teacher), Steven Kernovske (School Chaplain), Roshien Butcher (Speech Pathologist) and Tania Loneragan (Head of Differentiated Programs).

What does this team do?

The SST meet once per week to discuss the needs, concerns and differentiation required on individual student cases that have been referred by the child’s parent and/or teacher. Our aim is to have every child reach their potential by identifying individual needs and the required associated adjustments.

What is the process for a referral?

Teachers with the parent/s identify a concern/s with the child and a referral to the SST begins. This process involves the teacher collecting parent/caregiver consent, information and data on the individual child’s academic and/or social emotional and/or behavioural functioning and submitting this referral to the SST. Once the completed referral has been submitted the teachers are invited to present to the SST and discuss the individual needs of the child and formulate actions and future planning. Specific adjustments and differentiation strategies are discussed and goals identified. The team then sets timelines and review dates.

What should you do if you are asked to fill out the referral forms for your child?

Your child’s classroom teacher will discuss their concerns prior to asking you to fill in the required paperwork. If you are asked by your child’s teacher to fill in the forms with the referral, then the teacher is concerned and would like the assistance of the SST to further develop individual planning for your child. This is an intensive process and it will benefit your child to have the forms returned as quickly as possible. The more information you include the better we can attend to your child’s needs.

Tania Loneragan
Head of Differentiated Education

Hambledon State School Playschool

Do you have a pre-Prep aged child? Will he/she be ready for Prep?

Let us support your child to successfully transition to school.

Hambledon Playschool (Playgroup) will commence for 2016 on Wednesday 13th April. Our playgroup targets children aged 3 to 5 years and their younger siblings are also welcome to attend.

Come along every Wednesday during the school term from 9:15am-11:30am with your child’s morning tea and hat. Playgroup is free and tea/coffee is provided.

Our playgroup is facilitated by a qualified Early Childhood teacher and has a strong emphasis on oral language, early literacy and school readiness. Adults are given the opportunity to connect with other families in their local community, access information about quality Early Childhood Education and make links with other support services.

Michelle Bussell
Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL

PIZZA SLICES

(Order Tuesday for lunch Wednesday)

Ham & Cheese
Hawaiian
Meatlovers

$1.50 per slice
### Student of the Week

**Prep**
Mialy, Ryder, Brody, Savanna, Liam, Rodney

**Year 1**
Dexter, Briana, Kate, Zack, Tiana, Liam, Tahlia

**Year 2**
Hannah, Tyler, Zanny, Jack, Cooper

**Year 3**
Zai, Matika

**Year 4**
Travis, Rhys, Hayden, Senara

**Year 5**
Priya, Almira, Jesse, Jorja, Kyle, Matthew

**Year 6**
Nadia, Kyle, Andrew, Lachlan, Joshua, Raphaela

### Mount Sheridan Plaza Spelling Bee

Round One of the Mt Sheridan Plaza Spelling Bee was held last Saturday (5 March).

Well done to the following students:
Category 1 - Shelby-Rose, Senara, Ashton and Joshua
Category 2 - Mykel, Aiden and Cooper.

Unfortunately, we did not proceed to the next round, but we are immensely proud of these students for being selected to represent our school and performing to the best of their ability.

**Sharon Begemann**  
Teacher & Event Coordinator

### Happy Grams

**Year 1**
Maya

**Year 2**
Jhordan, Makayla, Raba, Brandon, Georgia, Mia, Joshua, Mikayla, Maddison, Maya, Campbell, Anelia

**Year 3**
Malea, Brodie

**Year 4**
Zion, Jamie, Callum, Le Shai, Ezzy

**Year 5**
Jahzia, Genevieve, Chloe

**Year 6**
Stephanie, Ailu,

### School Information

**Netball**
Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Mulgrave District team.
Nadia, Yves, Teija, Paige.

**Mulgrave Basketball trials**
When: Thursday March 17th
Where: Djarragun College Sports Centre
Time: 4.00pm-5.00pm
Interested students will need to collect permission forms from Mr Pudovskis.

**Mulgrave AFL**
Congratulations to Kyle, Dylan and Kade on their selection in the District team.

### Dental Services

Cairns and Hinterland Oral Health Services wishes to advise families that our District is now able to offer **FREE** dental treatment to all children and young people from 0 – 17 years old.

It is not necessary to attend school or have a Concession Card.

To arrange an appointment, please contact our Central Booking Service on 1300 300 850.

Regards
Oral Health Services Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service

E: mjankowski@cns.catholic.edu.au

### School Information

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

**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 *cannot* be administered.

This includes Paracetamol etc, eye drops, creams and asthma puffers.

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**Tuckshop Roster**

Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!

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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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**St Therese’s Parish Sacramental Program**

2016 Catholic Sacramental Program

Parent Meeting 17th March, 6:30pm at St Therese’s Church,

135 Robert Road, Bentley Park.

**Term 2:** Confirmation-6th June, First Eucharist

Students must be Baptised and have already received
First Reconciliation

**Term 3:** First Reconciliation for 2017 Sacraments

Contact: Thresea Jankowski

Mob: 0418184800

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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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**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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**TUCKSHOP**

**TERM SPECIAL**

**PIZZA**

$1.50

Order Tuesday for lunch Wednesday

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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