11th April, 2016

‘Honesty in Work & Play’

PrINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome back to Term 2 at Hambledon State School. I hope you all had an enjoyable break over Easter and am looking forward to this term which will be filled with activity for us all.

P&C Association

On Tuesday 22 March the P&C Association held its annual AGM, followed by a General Meeting. The primary purpose of the AGM was to elect its Executive for the 2016 school year. I would like to congratulate Amanda Cranstoun (President), Gabriel Pasche (Vice President) and Sheree Robinson (Treasurer) on their appointment to the Executive. The position of Secretary was not filled at the meeting and the P&C would like to hear from any community member who is interested in taking on this important role. I would also like to acknowledge the work and efforts of our outgoing Executive Members, Kay Oliver, Helen Wall and Nicole Bailey. I thank them for their work on the P&C Executive throughout last year and in previous years. Their work and commitment has been appreciated by our school community.

The next meeting of the P&C is Tuesday 19 April and I look forward to seeing you at it.

Attendance is Important

So far this year we have been averaging an attendance rate of around 92%. I believe that every child should attend school 95% of the year (except when there exist exceptional circumstances) and that is the target I set for all children. To simplify this percentage means that children should have less than 10 days absent per school year (similar to the expectations of most employers in adult life). Research and schools’ data indicates that:

• There is a strong link between attendance in any particular year of schooling and children’s achievement – the more regular they attend school the more likely they will achieve year level standards.

• Every extra day attended increases a student’s likelihood of achieving at a higher level and reaching higher post schooling outcomes.

• Past attendance is the best predictor of future attendance particularly after the student enters secondary schooling.

• Early establishment of good attendance behaviour is likely to have lasting benefits for students when they move into employment

• Conversely, we can use attendance information to predict students who may be at risk of falling behind. For primary schools, Year 1 students who attended less than 85% of the time were more likely to repeat this attendance pattern at Year 2 and Year 3 and more likely to perform poorly in their learning.

• Mondays and Fridays and days adjacent to public holidays are more likely to be absent by students. Minimising the impact of family events on learning is critically important for a student’s academic success

• Students not present in school are more likely to miss critical learning building blocks and are, as a result, less likely to feel a sense of mastery over the curriculum and their own learning.

I can’t stress how important regular attendance to school is to ensure children receive the best possible educational opportunities.

School Works

Over the Easter break works were carried out in the Year 2 block in preparation for the installation of walls in the upper classrooms (to create 4 individual classrooms). Panels for the dividing walls are currently being constructed by the manufacturer and when these panels have been completed the final part of the installation will occur. These works are costing the school approximately $38000 to effect and have needed to go through the Departmental Procurement Process as initial tenders obtained were more than double the assessed costs of the works. The completion of these works will mean that all classes within the year level will be accommodated in the same building.

NAPLAN testing – 10 to 12 May

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be held from Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May, with a catch-up program to be conducted on Friday 13 May for any children who may have missed one of the tests. With the NAPLAN Tests just over 4 weeks away, children in Years 3 & 5 are busily preparing themselves for these tests. One way parents/carers can help their children is by continuing to support nightly reading. When you listen to your child reading, ask them questions about the book they are reading to check they have understood the text.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. Even though the tests are a ‘point in time’ assessment, the results provide data to direct future teaching focuses across our school.
DEPUTIES NEWS

Administration Team

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Parking in the Administration Carpark 8:15 – 9:00am and 2:30-3:15pm

Reminder for all parents/carers: Due to safety issues, parking in the front of the Administration Building is for parents/carers of Students with Disabilities who are holders of a ‘Smiley Face’ token. This token needs to be displayed in the front window of the vehicle.

Thanks
Tania Loneragan
Head of Differentiated Education

MUSICAL NOTES

Term 2 will be a busy Term for ‘Hambledon’s Little Voices Choir’ as they perform at our school assemblies and at the Cairns and District Junior Eisteddfod. All permanent members have been announced for the Semester with music folders and notes sent home to congratulate these students. All upcoming performance dates will be advertised in the school newsletter, so please watch this space. It is imperative to all performances that students attend weekly practice rehearsals. These will continue to be held every Thursday morning tea in the music room and students will need their music folders to take new music home to practice. We are looking forward to an exciting Term of singing.

Yours in Music,
Sheree Howell
(Music Teacher)

X-Country

X-Country Carnivals will be held on the following dates- Senior (Years 4-6) Wednesday April 13th and the Junior (Years P-3) Thursday April 14th. Children in Prep-3 will run a short obstacle course on the back oval whilst the senior students will run around the school grounds. All competitors are eligible to receive an icy stick at the end of the race. Children are encouraged to wear house sports shirts. Shirts can be purchased from the school tuckshop.

Necessary details are as follows

What to wear: Hats, House Shirts, Shoes
What to bring: Drink bottle, Asthma puffers (if required) - must be carried whilst running.

If your child is unsure which house team they are in please see Mr Pudovskis or the office staff.

Timetable of events (Junior X-Country)

9.10am Prep Boys/Girls
9.40am Year 1 Boys/Girls
10.10am Year 2 Boys/Girls
10.40am Year 3 Boys/Girls

Each year level will be split into 2 races.

Timetable of events (Senior X-Country)

9.10am Boys/Girls born 2007 (1.6km)
9.35am Boys/Girls born 2006 (1.6km)
10.00am Boys/Girls born 2005 (2.4km)
10.25am Boy/Girls born 2004 (2.4km)

Children in years 4-6 run with children who are born in the same year.

Mulgrave Soccer selection:
Congratulations to these students for being selected in the Mulgrave Soccer team. William, Holden, Beau, Tyrone, Cohen, Travis.

Reminder:

Bikes and Scooters must be walked when on school grounds.
Please, help us keep everyone safe.

Student of the Weeks, Happy Grams & Honesty Acknowledgement awards will be in Monday 18th April 2016 Newsletter.
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.

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.

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?

P&C Information

The next P&C Meeting will be Tuesday, 19 April 2016 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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