Dear Parents and Community Members

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At the end of Semester 1, we have room for improvement. This involves implementing strategies and supports necessary to move some Tier 2 and 3 children into Tier 1. We have an increasing number of children at Hambledon State School who are bringing collections of cards or toys to school. Some of these items are large and others carry significant value. While there is no rule in place to ban these items from the school, it is highly recommended that children do not bring these to school. Individual teachers may ban the items from being taken out in their classrooms as they tend to become a great distraction from more important learning activities.

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SCHOOL DISCO
Last Friday night the P&C held our first disco of the year. I would like to thank all the members of staff who were able to make time in their personal calendars to support this event. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the volunteers and members of the P&C who took time out of their busy schedules to provide this fun activity for the children at our school. We are fortunate to have a group of parents and community members who are always willing to assist with our P&C events and I would like to see this number increase in the future. As the old saying goes, “many hands make light work”. On the night, I was pleased to see the children enjoy the opportunity of seeing their teachers and teacher aides in a social setting. I know I enjoyed having the chance of seeing children having fun and excitement in a setting outside of the school timetable. Events like this are fantastic opportunities for schools to connect and engage with our community.

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Finally, if you are travelling over the holidays I wish you safe travels. Please remember that school will resume on Monday 11th July.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING – SEMESTER RESULTS
One of school foci in our 4 Year Strategic and Annual Implementation Plan is to embed PB4L strategies and processes within our school. Below is the Semester 1 2016 Behaviour results and underneath are the targets contained in our Strategic Plan:

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KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS
With the holidays approaching, we need our school community to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious call School Watch on 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between the Department and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in schools.

PICCONE CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
Please refer to the attachment for further information.
WERE YOU CRAZY ENOUGH?

It was wonderful seeing all of the children who joined us in having crazy hair at the junior and senior Crazy Hair Discos last Friday night. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to join our children in celebrating their efforts this term through lots of laughter, crazy hairstyles and dancing. Thank you to the P & C for organising such a wonderful event and to all of the families who joined us.

Tanya Sutton, Deputy Principal—Teaching and Learning

STORY-TIME MORNINGS IN THE LIBRARY!

Our Student Councilors and Vice-Student Councilors will begin running Story-time Sessions from the beginning of Term 3. Students, if you arrive early to school, you are welcome to join us in the Library on Wednesday and Friday mornings, 8.40-9.00am. Mrs Begemann will be reading her chosen book out aloud and our Student Councilors and Vice-Student Councilors will be paired and read to interested students. The cut-off number will be the first 25 students. Parents are also most welcome to join us. Story-time Mornings are a great way to prepare your mind for learning in the classroom!

Michelle Bussell, Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning

POSITIVE RECOGNITION PROGRAM
PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

I would like to thank the parents who attended the information session around our Positive Recognition Program and Positive Behaviour for Learning systems last Thursday morning.

These occasions are a chance to come and listen to the current focus for our school engagement initiatives and to ask questions or seek clarification where you need it. On Thursday, those parents who attended the presentation had a brief insight into the new systems and some of the theory behind them.

We will be providing a similar opportunity in Terms 3 and 4 for parents and carers who wish to come. We will send out dates and times for the next session in Term 3.

Peter Begemann, Deputy Principal
Student Engagement & Welfare

READERS CUP

On Friday 10th June, Hambledon State School was proudly represented by our Readers Cup Team at the Interschool competition held at St Joseph’s Primary School. Our team was made up of Year 5 and 6 students: Lochlan, Abby, Kahlia, Gemma and Nathan. These dedicated students on average, read 5 to 6 books throughout this term, met with Mrs Begemann continuously during their play-times, then underwent an intensive Question and Answer session amongst 31 other primary schools from around FNQ. Although they did not place in the final, we are extremely proud of our Readers Cup team’s effort and commitment leading up to the event and in the competition itself. Well done to our Readers Cup team! Certificates from the Readers Cup organisers will be presented to these students on parade, Week 1 of Term 3.
**Junior Sports Carnival (Years P-3)**

The Junior Carnival (Years P-3) will take place on Thursday June 23rd. Students are asked to wear house shirts, hats and shoes. Children should also bring a drink bottle and sunscreen.

During the morning session children will participate in 2 running races. The first race is a 250m race around the oval and the second is a sprint race on the running track.

Children participating in the running races must keep their shoes on but will be allowed to run without hats. During the middle session children will play some fun games on the senior oval.

All children must wear hats during this part of the carnival.

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**Important information**

Students are reminded to wear house shirts, hats and shoes.

Shirts can be purchased from the tuckshop.

If your child does not know which house team they are in, they will need to contact Mr Pudovskis or the office staff.

Children who have asthma are reminded to bring their asthma puffer.
Music News

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