Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week 3 of the term. I hope you and your family had an opportunity to participate in the various ANZAC Commemoration ceremonies held yesterday. It was great to see a number of our children and their families participate in the Edmonton march. Participating in important events of this historical significance shows how connected our school is with our local community. Last Friday we held ceremonies at school and the children had the chance to listen to speeches which spoke about the ANZAC spirit. The ANZAC spirit is something that has created the Australian identity and can be summarised by people displaying 3 qualities - a sense of purpose, acceptance of responsibility and unselfishness. This spirit lives not only in the men and women who have served our country, but is something for all of us to live by.

Student Engagement & Well-Being

At Hambledon State School we are committed to ensuring we optimise learning for all students. Unfortunately at times this objective is compromised by disruptive student behaviour. Sometimes this behaviour looks like students leaving the room without permission, refusing to follow instructions or deliberate attempts to disrupt others. The staff at our school is committed to proactively dealing with, and reducing this type of behaviour. Changing children’s behaviour requires adults (school and home) working together. With this in mind I would encourage all families to work collaboratively with the class teachers and the support staff if they receive a phone call regarding a child’s behaviour. This collaborative partnership may look like following up at home, attending a parent/teacher meeting or engaging with external services. While the thought of dealing with your child’s behaviour may be difficult, be assured that this process is entered into with your child’s best interests at heart. It is my belief the foundation of any good school is set around parents and school staff working together as a team. This year our school established a SEW (Student Engagement & Welfare) Team for teachers to access support for students who are not meeting the requirements of the ‘Responsible Behaviour Plan’. If you have any concerns about your child at school please talk to your class teacher or administration. If we are aware of problems we can deal with them. Sometimes when issues are not addressed immediately they can become more concerning, and we need to work together to fix the problems when they are smaller. Our school’s vision is that “Hambledon State School values, supports and champions every child”, and the work of the SEW Team is directly aimed at achieving this vision.

NAPLAN Testing

Students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in NAPLAN testing from 10th to 12th May. NAPLAN testing provides schools with an opportunity to identify any areas where students may need assistance and covers the learning areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. If you have any queries regarding NAPLAN testing, please contact your child’s classroom teacher or one of the school’s administration team. NAPLAN test results will be released later this year. Visit www.nap.edu.au for more information.

P&C Meeting

Last week’s P&C meeting was postponed due to the unavailability of a number of members. The next meeting will be held at our school at 6:30pm on Tuesday 17th May in the staffroom. I would like to encourage all parents/carers to attend this meeting so that we receive input from as many families as possible into our school operations. We still have a vacancy on the P&C Executive for a Secretary. If you are able to nominate for this position then I ask you to contact either myself or the P&C President (Amanda Cranston) to discuss the roles and responsibilities. I would like to see this important position filled at our next meeting.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many thanks to all our school families for supporting the school so strongly by ensuring your children arrive at school each day wearing their school uniform. I believe that we have 99% of children in full uniform every day and this looks fantastic. Children are also required to wear the school approved sun safe hats during playtime. Baseball style caps are not acceptable for play as they do not meet the sun safe guidelines.

STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS

It is important that our office records about each student contain the most current information on contact details. For instance, in the event of an emergency we need to know the correct phone number and person to contact. Likewise it is vital to have the latest residential information and other matters relating to court orders and access. Report Cards will be posted at the end of this term; therefore it is essential we have correct address details as soon as possible. Please contact office staff to update any necessary information.
**Cross Country**

In the first week of this term our Prep students took part in the Junior Cross Country. All students were well prepared for their race having practised the course with their teachers and teacher aides. I was proud to see that every student tried their best and displayed wonderful sportsmanship towards their peers. Above all, everyone involved had a great time.

In the last week of this term, Prep students will take part in the Junior Athletics Carnival on Thursday 23rd June from 9am to 1:40pm. Throughout this term students will be practising the skills they need to participate in the carnival. Every class receives a 30 minute PE lesson with our specialist PE Teacher each week.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

One of the wonderful ways our P & C raises funds for our school is by holding a Mother’s Day Stall. Our committed P & C members have worked tirelessly to collect, wrap and organise a range of fabulous gifts for our students to purchase for their mums.

The stall will be held on Thursday 28th April and classes will have the opportunity to make purchases at specific times throughout the day. We ask that children bring a plastic bag to carry their special purchases home. Prices start at $2 with some wonderful gifts available for our very special mums! To all the mums in our school, we hope you have a lovely Mother’s Day!

**Brave Hearts Personal Safety Ditto Show**

This entertaining and informative personal safety show with the character Ditto, will be presented to our Prep and Years 1-3 classes in the School Hall Activity Centre on Wednesday 27 April at 12pm.

Our staff and Guidance Officer will be in attendance. A note has previously been sent home by the class teacher with more information. If you do not wish for your child to attend, please advise the class teacher so alternative arrangements can be made. Parents are welcome to attend the show.

This is a free event, but a gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated by the Brave Hearts Association, to ensure the future running of this very worthwhile Ditto Show.

**Arts Council Performance—A SWAG OF TALES**

The Arts Council will be performing the play ‘A Swag Of Tales’ on Thursday, 5th May. This performance will lead students through a fun yet informative history lesson that starts in England and follows with the era of the Swagman.

The cost will be $4 per student. An envelope for payment was sent home last week.

All envelopes with correct payments need to be returned to the office by Thursday, 28th April.

If you do not wish for your child to watch this performance, please let their teacher know, so alternate arrangements can be made.

**Sharon Begemann**

Teacher & Event Organiser.
Student of the Week

Prep
Dakota, Matilda, Ruby, Chase, Kailin, Ethan

Year 1
Annikka, Cooper, Junior, Isabella, Levi, Charlie

Year 2
Dante', Tyrhysa, Zoe, Coby, Cooper

Year 3
Mia, Tupac, Zane, Ethan, Ava

Year 4
Zaynah, Precious, Sandor, Lachlan, Senara, Nasia

Year 5
Jessie, Corbyn, Ashli

Year 6
Koda, Aiyanna, Mitchell, Noah, Chelsea

HAPPY GRAMMS

Year 2
Naomi, Jack, Aiden, Amelie, Isabel, Joel, Bailey, Benjamin

Year 4
Zion, Chante-Rae, Wade, Kayleigh, Mary

Year 5
Jariah, Kirra

HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Tristan, Luca, Nathan, Jai, Dexter, Zarah, Keyra, Nathan, Jahzia, Isabella, Jahmaine, Jesse, Azayliah

SCHOOL NEWS

In Mathematics 3B has been learning about 3D shapes.

We particularly enjoyed one learning session in which we constructed 3D shapes using plasticine and match sticks.

The students made cubes, pyramids and rectangular prisms…

Curiously, nobody seemed too keen on attempting a sphere!

Some of our 3D Shapes:

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school in Term 2!

Where: Hambledon State School Oval
When: First session is on Wednesday 27th April 2016
Time: 3:10-4:10pm
Length of program: 7 weeks*
Cost: $75

When you participate in Auskick you also receive your very own AFL Auskick lunch box with a hat, pump plus heaps more!

Sign up online at www.aflauskick.com.au or call Shay Warburton on 4042 3000

SPORTS INFORMATION

Sports day dates
Tuesday June 7th 9am-11.00am 800m finals (Years 4-6) and 9/10years relays
Tuesday June 7th 2.10pm-3.00pm 200m finals (nominated students)
Wednesday June 8th Senior Carnival (Years 4-6) Sprints, field events, relays
Thursday June 23rd Junior Carnival (Years P-3)

X-Country

Well done to the following students who won their respective races.
Prep Boys-Ashton, Braith
Prep Girls- Nahamanie, Tennessee
Year 1 Boys-Cooper, Mishaque
Year 1 Girls-Toni, Tahlia, Amelia
Year 2 Boys-Travis, Cooper
Year 2 Girls-Zoe, Filiara
Year 3 Boys-Archie, Brodie
Year3 Girls-Annabelle, Tiarah
9 years Boys-Ezzy
9 years Girls-Karimah
10 years Boys-Matthew
10 years Girls-Jorja
11 years Boys-Andrew
11 years Girls-Gweneth
12 years Boys-Harry
12 years Girls-Stephanie, Sharlee

Mulgrave Boys touch trials

Friday April 29th Gordonvale SS 4pm-5pm
See Mr P if interested.
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.

Mother’s Day Stall

Thursday 28th April

Students will visit the stall during class time.
Gifts up to $10 each.
Raffle Tickets 50 cents.

One gift per student please so we have enough for everyone. Additional purchases can be made at second lunch if we have leftovers.

Please bring a plastic bag to carry your gift home in.

Parent helpers needed on the day.
Contact Charmaine 0407362721

P&C Information

The next P&C Meeting will be Tuesday, 17 May 2016
6:30pm in Staffroom

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