PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear Parents and Community members

Welcome to Week 4 of the term and I hope you and your family enjoyed the long weekend that just passed. Next week, children in Year 3 and 5 will complete their NAPLAN assessments. The annual NAPLAN assessments are not a pass or fail type test, but rather show how children are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. They are a ‘point in time’ assessment and provide data to direct future teaching focuses across our school. The scores some children receive on these tests can greatly depend on how they feel on the particular day. I would ask parents to continue to encourage children to be ready to do their best on the particular day.

STATE EDUCATION

As a proud State School Leader for more than 12 years, I am a passionate believer in the purpose of public education. It is my belief that public education has a moral imperative that every child receives a high quality education – whatever their ability, wherever they live, whatever their background. At Hambledon, our goal as a public school is to achieve the twin goals of excellence and equity. We provide opportunities that extend and challenge every child to achieve the highest possible standards and their personal best.

All elements of our current school 4 year Strategic Plan are directly related to these core elements and will result in improving the life outcomes and opportunities for all our children, whether it is socially, emotionally or academically.

PRINCIPAL’S BUSINESS MEETING

Last week I attended the Regional Principal’s Business Meeting where I heard presentations from the State Schooling Team within the Department of Education and Training (the Deputy Director General and 3 Assistant Deputy Director Generals presented). The message delivered from these presentations was the importance of ensuring the effective implementation of the Australian Curriculum in schools. All curriculum delivered at school needs to align and be assessed according to the requirements of the Australian Curriculum.

The work we have been focussing on over the last few years in this area aligns with this systemic improvement agenda and I thank all staff for their continuing work in this area.

BROADBAND UPGRADE PROJECT

Currently we have a number of works being carried out at school including the installation of permanent walls in the upper level of the Year 2 block. Another project that will be effected this term is the school’s Broadband Upgrade Project to significantly increase the school’s bandwidth to allow quick accessibility to the Internet.

Last week I received information from Telstra that there could be minor interruptions to accessibility during the 18 – 20 May, however these disruptions are planned for after school hours. Our broadband upgrade will increase our bandwidth from Business Grade Fibre 4 Mbps to Business Grade Fibre 20 Mbps.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Last week the P&C operated their annual Mother’s Day stall. It was wonderful to see so many families support this stall and for a small amount of money children were able to purchase their mums or grandmothers a thoughtful gift. I would like to thank the P&C and the volunteers who assisted on the day for all their work and time in providing this opportunity to our children. A big thank you to Charmaine Durr for once again coordinating this worthwhile event.
Prep Enrolments for 2017

Enrolment interviews for Prep students starting in 2017 will commence from Wednesday 11th May. Please contact the office to arrange an interview time and collect an enrolment pack.

All students who reside within the local catchment area and are eligible for enrolment in the educational program offered by the school have a right to enrolment at the school. The Principal will hold places for students who relocate to within the catchment boundary throughout the school year.

Enrolment of students from outside the local catchment area will be managed to ensure that the total current and forecast enrolments do not exceed the school's current built capacity and where applicable will ensure there is an even spread of students across year levels or class groupings.

Best Teacher in the Galaxy!

Vote now for Cairns’ Favourite Teacher. Voting is now open in the Star 102.7’s search for the best teacher in Cairns….the Far North….actually, THE galaxy!

Congratulations to Georgie Quinn, Rhiannon Bell and Robyn Scheiwe on your nominations in the Best Teacher competition. Thank you to the families whom nominated these dedicated teachers.

The winner will be announced on Friday 6th May.


Michelle Bussell  Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

MUSIC NEWS

Starting this Friday morning 6th May and continuing until Friday 17th June, there will be an additional choir rehearsal for students in Hambledon's Little Voices Choir. This rehearsal will begin at 8:15am and finish at 8:50am. The aim of this rehearsal is to help students prepare for the Cairns and District Junior Eisteddfod. This year we are entering two sections: The Junior Chief Chorus and Unison Chorus sections. The Eisteddfod will be held at Trinity Anglican School's Bishop Centre on Wednesday 22nd June.

Students in Hambledon State School's Concert Band will be entering the Fanfare competition this year which will be held on Saturday 21st May between 10:00am and 12:30pm at Croswell Hall, Cairns State High School. In the lead up to Fanfare, there will be an extended band rehearsal at school from 8:00am to 11:00am on Thursday 19th May. Please ensure your child has their instrument on this date.

Yours in music,
Sheree Howell

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.

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.

DIFFERENTIATION

Student support occurs in a variety of ways from quality differentiated teaching to highly individualised and intensive teaching plans.

Differentiation occurs from Prep to Year 6 and can look different for every child.

Differentiation is the way in which a teacher anticipates and responds to a variety of students' needs in the school environment. To meet students' needs, teachers differentiate by modifying the content (what is being taught), the process (how it is taught) and the product (how students demonstrate their learning).

This differentiation can then be documented in what is known as a Personalised Learning Plan.

Personalised Learning is where teachers/schools can record the required responses to a student's characteristics to enable successful participation and access at school. When we are looking at differentiation for students we look across many areas. Adjustments or differentiation may occur in all or only some of these areas.

The areas include:
• Disability Specific
• Environmental
• Pedagogical/Teaching and Learning
• Behavioural
• Social Emotional

Our goal will always be for each and every child to reach their academic, behavioural and social potential. Differentiation enables us to work towards this. If you have any questions about the differentiation that may be occurring for your child please speak with your child’s class teacher.

Enjoy your week.
Tania Loneragan
Head of Differentiated Education
**Student of the Week**

Prep
Hayley, Samuel, Rodney, Maria, Atlanta, Blake

Year 1
Jaylen, Kimberley, Jaylen, Kyra, Ralph, Olivia, Elise

Year 2
Qu’Drat., Jayda, Mackayla, Sienna, Tobias

Year 3
Billy, Lincoln, Megan, Sara, Kayden, Mitchell

Year 4
Levi, Royetta

Year 5
Emily, Cleopatra
Grace, Kiesha, Isabella, Ella, Almira

Year 6
Marvontay, Mason, Aiyana, Alilu

**Happy Grams**

Year 1
Tiah, Jeramiah

Year 2
Cooper, Jaidon, Sophia, Elisha, Owen, Kalih-lea, Maya, Zahra, Dakota, Charlee

Year 4
Kain, Dayne

Year 5
Sienna, Jack

**Honesty Acknowledgement**
Azyalh, Hannah, Koda, Xavier, Eden

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**Mother’s Day Stall**

Gorgeous gifts from the stall are now available from the Tuckshop.
Raffle will be drawn Friday 6 May.

**NAB AFL Auskick**

**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

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**Sports Day Dates**

Tuesday June 7th
9am-11.00am 800m finals (Years 4-6) and 9/10 years 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)

**Netball News**

Well done to Hambledon Hurricanes. You have played very well over the past three weeks.
You have had a loss, a draw and this week, a very convincing win.
The girls play every Thursday at BPC Stadium at 4pm on even weeks and 4:50pm on odd weeks.
It is lovely to see family and friends (who can make it) coming to the games and supporting our girls who are improving every week and have a great team spirit.
Keep it up girls. You make us proud.

Mrs Duff.
Parents/Community Corner

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0... Hambledon Playschool has lift off!

Hambledon Playschool opened its doors on Wednesday, 13th of April and has celebrated 3 successful sessions with lots of families joining the fun.

Come along to our school-based Playgroup and help your child prepare for a successful start to school. Children can sing, dance, make friends, paint, draw, create, discover new things and lots more.

When: Wednesday mornings from 9:15 – 11:30am
Where: School Hall
Who: Children aged 3-5 years accompanied by an adult
Younger siblings welcome to attend
Bring: Morning tea and hat

Special Visitor to Playgroup

A representative from the Cairns Library will present a special ‘Story Time’ at our Playgroup on Wednesday, 11th of May.

Come along and find out about what’s on at your local library, membership information and the ‘First 5 Forever’ program.

To find out more visit first5forever.org.au

Anna Jia
Playgroup Teacher

P&C Information

The next P&C Meeting will be Tuesday, 17 May 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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