Dear Parents and Community members

Welcome to another week and at this time of year schools are a hive of activity with teachers continuing to deliver curriculum programs aligned to the Australian Curriculum, and Semester 1 report cards being prepared. Our school, like all others across the state, is an extremely diverse community. Great school communities embrace diversity (whether it is cultural, social or developmental) and work collaboratively to improve the life opportunities of every child. Some of the things our school does to improve opportunities for children are:

- We contact families to support regular school attendance. School attendance is a priority for all schools.
- We are embedding the highly accredited Positive Behaviour for Learning program across our school. This ensures our whole school community explicitly knows our school expectations.
- We work every day to support every student improving in literacy and numeracy.
- We support all children in their individual development in health and well-being through our Student Engagement and Welfare Team.

RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE AND HAPPY AT SCHOOL

Every child has the right to feel safe and happy at school. Sometimes the behaviour of a small minority of children can impact on this. When this occurs the behaviour of the child is discussed with their parents and consequences applied in accordance the school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan (handed to parents and carers on enrolment). It is a legislative requirement that the details of children’s individual behaviours are discussed with their parents with confidentiality, and as a school we must be adherent to. We can help all children feel safer and happier at school by demonstrating how parents and schools can work together as partners. This can be achieved by:

1. All parents and carers becoming aware and familiar with our school’s Code of School Behaviour (School Expectations) and discussing it with your children. Our schools Values and Expectations are:
   - Be Safe
   - Be Respectful
   - Be Resilient
   - Be a Learner

2. Maintaining regular contact with your children’s teacher.
3. Try to attend school functions, for example assemblies, parent information sessions and special days to demonstrate your support for your children and the school.
4. Read the school newsletter and discuss items of interest with your children.
5. Model a positive attitude toward school and encourage your children to see the positive aspects of school life.
6. If there is a problem with your children at school, try to work together with the school to overcome the problem. This shows a committed partnership between parents and the school to work towards positive solutions.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Thursday 26 May is an important day on Australia’s calendar. This day is nationally recognised as National Sorry Day and is a very significant day for Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly for Stolen Generations survivors. The idea of holding a ‘Sorry Day’ was first mentioned as one of the 54 recommendations of the Bringing Them Home Report, tabled in Parliament on 26 May 1997. This report was the result of a two year National Inquiry into the forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, communities and cultural identity. This removal and separation was carried out under Federal, State and Territory laws and policies from the 1800s to the 1970s and had significant impact on the families involved. More information about this Day can be found at http://aiatsis.gov.au/research/research-themes.

LUNCHES

Every day children bring a variety of lunches to school including sandwiches, pasta, tinned fish or food etc. I would ask parents to please consider the utensils that are sent to school to enable children to eat their lunches. The only cutlery that should be sent to school to enable children to eat lunches should be plastic disposable spoons. Your assistance in this regard is greatly appreciated.

E BLOCK WALLS COMPLETED

Late last week I received a call from the building contractors that the wall panelling required for the Year 2 class block had been constructed and was being delivered to Cairns. Over the weekend the walls were installed by the contractors in E Block so that we now have 4 separate classrooms on the top level. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Year 2 team and children for their patience and understanding during this process. I would also like to thank the contractors, Knight Constructions, who installed the panels as a matter of priority. The walls look fantastic!
DEPUTIES NEWS

ARE YOU JOINING IN ON OUR NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME?

On Wednesday our school will take part in the 16th National Simultaneous Story Time event. This fun event aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book. This year the selected book is 'I GOT THIS HAT' by Jol and Kate Temple.

Hambledon students will have the opportunity to listen to the story in the SHAC.

Prep – Year 2 and POD classes 9.15am
Year 3 – 4 9.35am
Year 5 – 6 9.55am

Family members are invited to attend and share in this fun experience. You might even want to bring along your own hat!

Tanya Sutton, Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning

PREP/YEAR ONE PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOONS – HOME READING SUPPORT

Session 1: Ways of helping with Home Reading
Session 2: Strategies that help when your child is experiencing difficulties with reading

During these sessions there will be opportunities for discussing any questions or concerns you may have.

Family members are invited to attend and share in this fun experience.

PREP/YEAR ONE PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOONS - HOME READING SUPPORT

Michelle Bussell, Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

This year as in previous years our Prep students have the opportunity to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. This is an annual statewide initiative for state and non-state schools. The challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Though the challenge, students are given an opportunity to develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore a wide range of literary texts.

For a student in Prep to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience 20 books. Experiencing a book can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

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Any of the following activities can be counted towards the challenge:

• reading independently
• shared reading
• reading along with a text
• being read to aloud
• reading aloud

Michelle Bussell, Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning

PREP STUDENTS ENJOY SHARING STORIES WITH THEIR PEERS.
SENIOR SPORTS CARNIVAL (YEARS 4-6)

Athletics events will be held on the following dates.

Tuesday June 7th
9.00am-11.00am 800m (Yrs 4-6) and Relays (students born 2006, 2007)
2.10pm-3.00pm 200m Finals (yrs 4-6) (Nominated students only)

Wednesday June 8th
9.00am-11.00am 100m heats and Relays (students born 2004, 2005)
11.40am-1.40pm Field events (Shot Put, Long Jump, High Jump)
2.10pm-3.00pm 100m finals

Children who are not nominated for the field events will participate in some fun novelty games.

JUNIOR SPORTS CARNIVAL (YEARS P-3)

Thursday June 23rd
9.00am-11.00am Around the oval and sprint races
11.40am-1.30pm Novelty games

HAPPY GRAMS

Prep
Nahamanie, Haydyn, Jala, Cody, Katana, Evetta, Mia, Billy, Summer, Salema

Year 1
Briana, Abby, Philomena

Year 2
Jesimiel, Nicholas, Lincoln, Manaia, Levi, Kymora, Kayla, Cooper, Honey-Jayde

Year 3
Kato

Year 4
Kaiya, Jahmaine, Blair

Year 5
Jasmin, Timika, Shadrac

HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rhylee, Riley, Jaylen
**COFFEE AND TEA YARN GROUP**
This week Hambledon State School celebrates Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day. Two very significant events to commemorate and celebrate our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture and history. As part of our celebrations we would like to offer an invitation to any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family members to join us for our first Coffee and Tea Yarn group.

When: Wednesday 26th May, 2016  
Where: Hall area (near basketball court)  
Time: 2:10 - 3:00 pm  
Tea and coffee afternoon tea provided  
Please come along and join us for a little treat

Jennifer Taylor, Head of Curriculum

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**Music**

On Saturday I had the pleasure of attending Cairns Fanfare Festival, a biennial competition designed to showcase the talent of our regional state school bands and orchestras. Hambledon State School’s band led by instrumental teacher Ms Ruth Pols-Molford, performed well and achieved a bronze award for their efforts in their division. We would like to congratulate Ms Pols-Molford for her musical leadership and for the hard work, practice and commitment given by students to achieve this result. Thank you to the many parents, family and friends who also came to support this event.

Eisteddfod notes were given out last week to all choir students and need to be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Please continue to remind your child about the importance of attending all rehearsals. Rehearsals are held every Thursday at 11:00am and Friday at 8:15am in the music room. As we approach the Eisteddfod we want students to feel confident and prepared for their performances.

Sheree Howell, Music Teacher

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**Mother’s Day Thanks**

Apologies for the delay.

The P & C would like to thank all families who donated goods for our recent Mother’s Day Stall. In addition, thank you to the parents that helped with wrapping and selling on the day.

Winners of the Multi-Draw Raffle were Harrison 2A, Isabella 5C and Toby 6B.  
Winner of the Volunteer’s Raffle was Jo Beckman.

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**POSITION VACANT—TUCKSHOP ASSISTANT**

8 hours per week

Please contact Alana in the tuckshop with any queries or to leave your application and resume.

Applications close Thursday, 9th June 2016

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!

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**SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TUCKSHOP**

Food and drinks will be available for purchase on the oval.

Normal tuckshop will also operate on this day.

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**First and foremost, I acknowledge and would like to pay my respect to the traditional owners past, present and future on whose land we walk, work and live.**

My name is Teri Teale (Joinbee).

I am of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent and my role at Hambledon State School is the Community Education Counsellor (CEC).

Part of my role as the CEC includes:

* Supporting our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, families and community  
* Supporting our teaching staff  
* Implementing programs/workshops to engage our students and families  
* Leading and assisting with significant event dates such as NAIDOC, Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week etc.

So please feel free to come and have a yarn, I can be contacted through the office or via email tteal8@eq.edu.au.

I look forward to working with you and your family.

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Konnichiwa, Japanese club has been running on Mondays in the first break after eating time in Mrs Benzie’s classroom (6B). Students have enjoyed origami activities, dressing up in Japanese traditional dress and playing Japanese traditional games. The next couple of weeks will focus on the mini speaking competition. Please see schedule below:

Monday 23rd May Speaking Competition Practice  
Monday 30th May Speaking Competition Practice  
Monday 6th June Hambledon SS Mini Speaking Competition  
Monday 13th June Origami  
Monday 20th June Japanese traditional dress

Sayounara

Tandy Sensei

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