School Newsletter

1st August, 2016
‘Honesty in Work & Play’

Dates to remember
- August 1-5—Parent Teacher Student Discussions
- August 2—ICAS English Assessment
- August 2—Bentley Park College visit—8am to 4pm
- August 5—Students Leaders Meeting with HBEEC
- August 11—KUDAL Dance Performance
- August 11-12—Year 6 Trinity Bay Writers Festival

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week 4 of the term and at the pace the term has commenced, every day at school is a valued learning opportunity for all children. The Department has the slogan of “Every Day Counts” regarding attendance at school. This is especially emphasised when the term is flying by, and every day attending school builds on learning experiences that the children have encountered the previous days. This week our teachers are holding Parent Teacher Student discussions and I hope all of you have taken this opportunity as a chance to talk to your child’s teacher about their academic, social and emotional development and focuses. Children’s learning is maximised when there is a strong partnership between school and home, and these meetings facilitate this goal.

NAPLAN

This week we anticipate receiving preliminary data concerning our Year 3 and 5 children’s outcomes from NAPLAN testing. We are advised that we should soon receive individual reports for all Year 3 and 5 children who sat the tests, and these will hopefully be distributed to children later this week (subject to delivery from Australia Post). Our school’s 2016 NAPLAN data will be reviewed and analysed by the school’s Administration Team and in the next few newsletters I will be writing about our achievements. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are a point in time test, and are useful for directing future teaching and learning focuses for our school.

SMS ATTENDANCE

Our office staff have been extremely busy over the last few weeks readying for the introduction of the SMS messaging service to support student absences. It is likely that this system will go “live” later this term. To ensure that the messaging system will be accurate when we go “live”, it is essential that we have the most current and up to date contact details for all families. Notes about this were sent home a week or so ago and we have only received a moderate number of responses. If you need to update your contact details then please contact the office as soon as possible.

BEHAVIOUR LEVELS

At last week’s P&C meeting, support was discussed regarding the school’s Behaviour Levels process. Since the implementation of the Positive Rewards Program, we have seen an increase in the number of children who are achieving either Bronze, Silver or Gold levels of behaviour. To further embed the high expectations our school has regarding behavior, it is proposed that only children who achieve and maintain a minimum of Bronze level behaviour will be invited to P&C functions such as school discos. We are also reinforcing to children that participation in the behaviour celebrations at the end of the year (e.g. going to Sugarworld) will require children to have a Bronze level of behaviour or higher. Of course in Term 4 there will be celebration and acknowledgement for children who have maintained or achieved Silver and Gold level.

NAPLAN ON-LINE TRIAL

Late last term we received a request from the Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority to participate in a trial of delivering NAPLAN on line in preparation for the state-wide planned implementation in 2019. I would like to thank 5B and 3A for agreeing to take part in this exercise which involves children completing a test in one of the domains on line and also in the existing mode of pencil and paper.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers, students and school staff who completed this year’s School Opinion Survey. We look forward to reviewing our survey results when we receive our school report later this year.

PARADE TIMES

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As you may remember, last week we mentioned the Premier’s Reading Challenge. There are now only 4 weeks left. Many students at Hambledon State School have been taking part. The challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. It has been great to see the number of enthusiastic students who are taking part. Students in Prep – Year 4 need to read 20 books and those in Year 5 or 6 need to read 15 books.

Parent teacher interview nights take place this week. These are a fantastic opportunity to spend some focussed time talking about your child’s progress this year in school. Parent teacher interviews are a great opportunity to communicate with your child’s teacher and discuss how your child is moving along academically and socially relative to their classmates. They are also a great way to raise questions or concerns you may have regarding your child. Not only do these occasions allow you to talk directly with the teacher, but they also demonstrate your interest in your child’s progress, to your child. This is another way in which we can all encourage our students to try their hardest in the knowledge that their efforts and hard work are valued by their teachers, parents and carers.

Finally, parent teacher nights are also an opportunity to ask more general questions about the school curriculum, discuss your child’s end of semester reports and, of course, to create strong and productive relationships with your child’s teacher and the school.

Fairy Tales

During Term 3 Preps are learning about Fairy Tales. They will be exposed to Fairy Tales using a number of different modes (e.g., books, virtual classrooms, shared writing etc.). Preps will experience a wide variety of Fairy Tale texts – Three Little Pigs, Gingerbread Man, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Prep students will learn how to sequence and retell familiar Fairy Tales and how to make personal connections with texts. At the end of the English unit students will demonstrate their understanding of a familiar Fairy Tale by planning and presenting an oral presentation to their peers.

Students in Prep D enjoyed making the troll from the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

KADUL DANCE PERFORMANCE

This exciting indigenous dance performance highlights the uniqueness of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. The Performer – Ryka Ali comes from the Wuthathi Tribe of Shellburne Bay, Cape York and also has ties to the Torres Straits.

In his performance he will present a variety of dances from both cultural groups using various instruments, artefacts and costumes. Ryka will also educate the students in the significance of each costume, artefact and instrument and the importance each holds with in his culture.

Date: Thursday 11th August, 2016
Time: Prep—Year 2  9.30 am
       Years 3—6  12 pm
Venue: Hall
Cost: No charge

Jennifer Taylor — Head of Curriculum
For the first time Hambledon SS entered a team in the annual Queensland Schools Tennis Challenge.

This event gave students an opportunity to play competitive tennis at the world class Cairns International Tennis Centre. Our school team consisting of Jahtavia Cameron, Ryan Tonks, Zedneiyar Meafua, Kyle Greenwood and Gracious Simeona worked well together and competed at a high level. Hambledon defeated St Francis Xavier 4-1, 4-1 and games against St Clare’s, Good Counsel and Tully were very close.

Thank you to all of the parents for supporting this event and particularly Mrs Meafua for taking on the job as team manager.

BASKETBALL-SCHOOL HOOPS PROGRAM

Former Australian Boomer, Cameron Tragardh will be running a skills and drills basketball program for interested students in years Prep-2.

The program is free to the first 23 students who return registration forms to the office. Students who are outside the first 23 registrations can still participate but will need to pay $85.

As part of the program students will receive a basketball, drink bottle, toy and poster. Students will receive a registration form this week.

ATHLETICS

Well done to the following students who performed strongly at the District Carnival. They have now been selected to represent Mulgrave District at the Peninsula Athletics carnival on August 14/15th at Barlow Park.

Yves—High Jump, Long Jump and Discus
Kyle -200m and Long Jump
Jaraine -200M
Kai -100m
William -100m
Marvontay -Shot Put
Kade -High Jump
Gweneth -800m

Paul Pudovskis—PE Teacher
Parents/Community Corner

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!

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**Father’s Day Stall**

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no Father’s Day Stall this year.

However, our Family Photos will be held a week after Father’s Day. Perhaps you could consider a portrait for a belated gift?

**Family Photos**

Saturday 10th September

Phone Jacqui to book

Ph 0407 962 279

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**P&C Information**

The next P&C Meeting will be

Tuesday, 16th August 2016

6:30pm in Staffroom

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**TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL**

**Tortilla Boat**

with taco mince, diced tomato, lettuce, grated cheese with a mild salsa sauce

**$4.50**

Available Daily

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**Voucher**

Bookings close 2nd September

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Cairns Regional Council is conducting a wide-ranging community survey called **Our Cairns.**

This is your opportunity to tell Council what sort of Cairns you want to live in and what’s important to you.

Go online to [www.cairns.qld.gov.au/ourcairns](http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/ourcairns) and fill out the survey.

You can also go into the draw to win some prizes if you leave your name and email address.

The survey will be available from **1 – 31 August. Be Heard! Do the Survey!**
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