8th August, 2016
‘Honesty in Work & Play’

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week 5 of the 3rd Term. It is hard to believe that after this week we have completed half of the term. Last week a number of parents and carers attended Parent Teacher Student discussions with their child’s teacher. I hope all of you were able to take this opportunity and discuss your child’s learning with their class teacher. I continually encourage parents and carers to be active partners in their child’s learning as this enables better outcomes to be achieved by children.

On a disappointing note to start the week, during the weekend our school was once again subject to some minor vandalism. Windows in the kitchen located in the SHAC as well on the walkway side of Prep D were damaged. Building Asset Services were contacted and the windows boarded up over the weekend. They should be repaired/replaced during this week. The damage to the school could have been greater had it not been for the actions of one of our neighbours who immediately contacted Police. If anyone ever notices suspicious activity on our school grounds after hours or on school holidays then please immediately report this to School Watch on 13 17 88.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Last week we received our 2016 NAPLAN data. Individual student reports for Year 3 and 5 students were received last Thursday afternoon and are being distributed to classroom teachers. If you have not received your child’s report by the end of this week, then please contact their teacher. Overall, our results were quite pleasing and showed improvement in our targeted foci of reading and writing. A brief summary of some of our results:

• 33% of children in Year 3 achieved Top 2 Bands in both reading and writing (36 children in each domain);
• Our Mean Scale Scores in Reading and Writing for both Year 3 and Year 5 children increased;
• 22% of children in Year 5 achieved Top 2 Bands in Reading (our highest achievement for a number of years);
• Our Mean Scale Scores in Year 3 and 5 Writing were similar to the average for all state schools in Queensland;
• The number of children achieving at or above National Minimum Standards in Year 3 and 5 Reading and Writing is similar to the national results (90% or higher in each domain).

These results indicate that our sharp and narrow focus on improving the teaching and learning in reading and writing are producing positive gains for our children. As we continue to focus in these areas I expect our results and outcomes will continue to improve. I would like to thank all members of staff for their work and commitment to achieving these results.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

Last week notes were sent home regarding a family photos/portraits opportunity that has been organised by our P&C. Our P&C have arranged for NorthPoint Photos to visit our school on Saturday 10 September for the purpose of Family Portraits. Not only does this provide the P&C with a valuable fundraising event, it provides families with the opportunity to have some professional photos done at a reasonable price. I hope many of you are able to support the P&C in this event.

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 16th August and I look forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible at that meeting.

EARLY ARRIVAL OF CHILDREN

I have noticed an increasing number of children arriving at school well before 8am. Parents and carers are reminded that children should not be arriving at school before 8am. After 8am we have a staff member on duty to ensure children are following the school procedure of sitting in designated undercover areas until the 8:30am bell goes. Before school, all students are expected to sit in these designated undercover areas and wait quietly until 8:30am, when they may play on the ovals. Children are also reminded to leave the school grounds immediately after 3pm unless they are participating in supervised after school activities (e.g. AFL Auskick, Tennis). After school, staff are engaged in meetings (with colleagues or parents), professional development or other preparation work related to teaching and learning. Your assistance in these matters is greatly appreciated.
DEPUTIES NEWS

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INDIVIDUAL WRITING GOALS

By the end of this week your child will have collaboratively developed an individual writing goal with their teacher. During the parent teacher discussions/interviews you would have had the opportunity to discuss your child’s writing progress and their areas for improvement. It is the areas for improvement that help guide writing goals.

Writing goals aim to improve students’ learning and achievement. They enable students to become more active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners and motivating them to achieve their full potential.

Goal setting has a great influence on student learning. The research tells us that challenging learning goals and effective feedback are essential in the teaching process (Hattie, 2009). Students who set their own learning goals have more confidence to take on more challenging tasks, regardless of their ability. Their motivation to improve and master a task is improved and their self-esteem can increase.

Michelle Bussell, Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning

SPECIAL CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We have received our annual request for the number of invitations required for the Special Children’s Christmas Party to be held on Saturday 26th November from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

This year we are going to change this process and ask you to indicate whether you will be attending so that we can order the required number of invitations. In the past, we have handed out invitations and some have not been returned to us or presented at the party. This means that others may have missed out.

Please remember that only students with a verified disability are eligible for an invitation although other family members are invited to attend. If you have more than one student with a disability in your family, you are entitled to an extra ticket/s.

All students eligible should have received a letter home and we request that if you require ticket/s that you return the cut off section to the POD at your earliest convenience but definitely before Friday 26th September. If you return after this date, you will not be eligible for an invitation.

Tania Loneragan, Head of Differentiated Programs

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

This past week, we have seen a great number of completed Reading Record forms being returned. This has been fantastic to see! There are still 3 weeks left of this challenge, so please continue with the great reading and return your completed Reading Record forms to school. Currently, we have received more completed forms from students in Prep—Year 2. It’d be great to see more forms returned from Years 3 -6 over the next few weeks! Just a reminder, students in Prep – Year 4 need to read 20 books and those in Year 5 or 6 need to read 15 books. Completed and signed Reading Record forms need to be returned by the 26th August. Those students will receive a certificate signed by our Premier. Keep up the fantastic effort everyone!

Sharon Begemann, Teacher and Event Co-Ordinator

Last Friday, a note was sent home with all choir students about rehearsal times and expectations for attending practices and performances in Semester 2. The bottom part of that letter needs to be signed and returned to either Mrs Howell or Mrs Sansness at the music room as soon as possible. If your child was away on Friday, could you please send them to the music room to collect this note. If your child cannot attend a rehearsal or performance please email showe21@eq.edu.au. We are in the process of learning parts for our upcoming performances and regular attendance is imperative.

Sheree Howell, Music Teacher

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
Children from Hambledon Playschool got their hands dirty last week to promote National Tree Day on Sunday, July 31, 2016!

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day combine to make Australia's biggest community tree-planting and nature care event. It’s a wonderful opportunity to get kids into nature and instill a love for the great outdoors, as well as teach them the importance of environmental stewardship and taking care of the planet.

Children were also given a Nature Play’s Passport to help encourage kids and families to reconnect with nature. Please visit the website (www.natureplay.org.au/passport) to discover hundreds of unstructured outdoor play ideas for your children - such as climbing a tree, collecting beach treasures, camping or visiting national parks. It’s best for kids 12 and under.

Anna Jia, Playgroup Teacher
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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**P&C Information**

The next P&C Meeting will be **Tuesday, 16th August 2016**

6:30pm in Staffroom

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!

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