PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 7 of the term and with just 19 learning days left until the end of this term, attendance is more than ever essential. Every day at school is precious learning time and for continuity in learning, children need to be attending school every day unless genuine reasons exist for them to remain at home.

ENGAGING CHILDREN IN LEARNING

At Hambledon State School we believe children being engaged in their learning is the key to their success. An engaged child participates better in class, interacts better with other children and achieves higher levels of academic success.

Research from around the world indicates that children are disengaging from school and at an earlier age. One of the predominate theories behind this is that there has been a significant cultural shift in what children perceive as fun. In the past when children were bored, they would read a book, engage in imaginative play, play outdoors (which required social and problem solving skills) and talk to others. Key skills to access these activities were literacy and social skills. With the advent of technology, these activities are seen perceived as ‘hard work’ instead of something to enjoy.

Schools are places where children need to interact with others and to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. In order to avoid children from seeing school as ‘hard work’, I encourage families to reflect upon the following points –

- How many technology devices do you have in your household compared to books?
- What amount of time per day does your child spend engaging with technology compared to the time they spend engaging with other people?
- How many ‘active’ hours does your child achieve in a day? Active hours are hours where children spend the majority of their time with an elevated heart rate through exercise.

Cairns is blessed with a wide range of parks, cultural and sporting facilities. I would encourage all families to take advantage of these resources and balance engaging with technology with sporting, artistic and social activities.

SMS TEXTING SCHOOL ABSENCES

A few weeks ago I wrote that we would soon be introducing a school wide SMS messaging service to notify parents and carers of same day student absences. This system will go live commencing today Monday 22nd August.

To provide parents and carers with an easy method of notifying us of any student absences we have provided a link on our Facebook page. By clicking on the “Send Email” button at the top of the page you can send a text message instantly to our Absence Line to explain your child’s absence. If your contact details have changed please ensure that our office staff are advised so that we can update our school records.

ON TIME ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

There are a large number of students who are arriving at school well after our school starting time of 9:00am. In some classes, only half the class is present when the class is ready to commence learning at the start of the school day. Turning up to class late is very similar to starting to watch a movie that has already been playing for half an hour, in that you spend a large amount of time trying to catch up with what is going on. It is very common for students arriving late to become disregulated and experience difficulties in engaging in the lessons. It is crucial that all children are ready to commence learning by 9:00am each day.

HAMBLEDON OSHC FUNDRAISER

Hambledon OSHC are holding a fundraiser to support Muscular Dystrophy Australia.

On Friday the 2nd of September our service will be celebrating National Hero Week.

Our frozie cups on this day will be $1.00 with all proceeds going to Muscular Dystrophy Australia.

Please show your support by purchasing a frozie on Friday.
As you know, at Hambledon State School it is very important that our students know and use our school values of Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner and Be Resilient. These core values are used in different ways across our school. There are many areas in our school that our students move through on a daily basis. These vary from the classroom to the oval to the library and there are of course, many more.

One way of ensuring that we can all use the core values around our school is to talk about them and think about what it would look like to be doing the right thing in each place around our school. To this end, our students have been thinking about exactly that.

Over the last few weeks, our students have met to discuss what expectations are appropriate in the range of areas they move through each day. This has been done in consultation with other students, student council and a number of school staff. Likewise, our staff has also engaged in a similar piece of work.

After these consultative processes are complete, including parent and carer input, we will produce a series of expectations for every area of the school. These will be made into signs that will be placed in the corresponding area. They will then form a visible reminder and reference point for our staff, parents and students around what the expectations for conduct are in that particular place.

This is a fantastic piece of work and one which will be a valuable addition to our school environment.

Peter Begemann,
Deputy Principal Student Engagement & Welfare

MUSIC SHOWCASE NIGHT

On Thursday 8th September, Hambledon State School will be hosting a music night at 6:30pm in the school hall. The purpose of this evening is to give our choral and instrumental students an opportunity to perform the repertoire they have been learning with their respective music and instrumental teachers. All parents, relatives and friends of these students are invited to attend and are asked to save this date. Further details will be advertised leading up to this event.

Sheree Howell, Music Teacher

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All applications are open for the Gondwana National Choral School 9th-22nd January 2017 to be held at the University of NSW. Students 10 years old and over are invited to apply. It is a highly recommended choral experience for any child who has a passion for singing and performing. Please visit www.gondwana.org.au for further information.

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CONFIDENCE IS THE WORD

It is exciting to see the interest our children have shown in representing Hambledon at the annual Calanna Junior Speaking Contest. Thank you to all children who participated in the ‘speak off’ session at school and demonstrated their commitment to taking part in this extra curricular activity. It was a wonderful opportunity to develop confidence and practice presenting in front of people. Depending on their year level, participants presented speeches on ‘How do I help others?’ or ‘How I would improve my school or my city’.

I am pleased to announce that we have six children across our Year 4, 5 and 6 cohort who will be representing us on the night. Congratulations Precious, Chloe, Amy, Grace, Abby and Lochlan.

The school community is all invited to join us on Tuesday night at St Mary’s Catholic College to support our representatives. The competition will start with Year 4 and 5 at 6pm and Year 6 at 7.15pm. Thank you to our Master Teacher, Sallyanne Powell, for coaching our representatives and encouraging them to take part in this valuable event.

Tanya Sutton, Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning

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**Student of the Week**

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Amberlee, Tahlia, Tahliya, Kayla

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Trinity Bay Writers Festival 2016**

The annual Trinity Bay Writers Festival was held on Thursday 11th and 12th August. This 2 day workshop was a fantastic opportunity for selected students (in Year 6) to meet and be mentored by well-known Australian authors and illustrators. These students: Liam, Harry, Aidan, Noah, Mykel, Abby and Lochlan thoroughly enjoyed the event and came away with a lot of new knowledge which they will endeavour to apply in their future writing.

**Sharon Begemann, Teacher and Event Co-Ordinator**

**Feedback from Students:**

On the 11th and 12th of August, 6 selected students attended the Trinity Bay Writers Festival. We were mentored by Deborah Abela, Nicole Hayes and James Roy. We were also mentored by an illustrator named Michael Camilleri. Harry, Abby, Aidan, Mykel, Lochlan and I all had a fantastic 2 days.

Deborah Abela taught us the main structure of a story and also taught us the 3 main things that we need to have a narrative. We then had to write a story on her book, “Grimsdon”. On the second day, we first watched a short clip of a robbery in a jewellery shop and a Granny saving the day. Then we had to choose a character and write from their perspective.

By Liam Barletta

I recently attended a 2 day writers’ festival at Trinity Bay High School. We had 4 authors talk to us about how to write a story.

We heard from Nicole Hayes. She spoke to us about how you need to have your own style of writing. From her I learnt how to make your character feel real.

Michael Camilleri taught us how you can tell a story without words, but by using drawings or cartoons instead. He taught us to leave a mystery between the pictures.

I enjoyed the Writers Festival very much and learnt a lot.

By Abby Veltheim

On Thursday and Friday I attended the 2016 Writers Festival. We met Deborah Abela, Nicole Hayes, James Roy and illustrator named Michael Camilleri. They all showed us their different writing styles. Michael was more of an illustrator than an author, but it was still good knowing what style of drawing he does.

By Noah Caisley

Last week on Thursday and Friday I was given the opportunity to attend this year’s Writers’ Festival at Trinity Bay High School. I met some famous authors and an illustrator; Deborah Abela, Nicole Hayes, James Roy and Michael Camilleri. All of them showed us their way of writing books.

My favourite author is James Roy. He was funny and told us about his childhood. At the end of the Festival we saw a poet perform. I thought it was pretty cool and a great way to end this year’s Writers Festival.

By Harry Taylor

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the Trinity Bay Writers Festival. It was awesome because we got to meet 3 authors and an illustrator.

My favourite was James Roy, but everyone else was good as well, it’s just that James was funny and told us some great stories. Even though we did a lot of writing, it was still fun because we got to write and listen to their experiences.

By Aidan Caisley
2D’S NEWS
In 2D we have been learning about Procedural Texts. One of the activities involved the students carefully following a set of steps to create a robot.

P&C Information
The next P&C Meeting will be Thursday, 25th August 2016
6:30pm in Staffroom

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Class Pizza Party!

Win a Class Pizza Party! At the end of the Premier’s Reading Challenge, the class who have completed and returned the most signed Reading Record Forms will be able to celebrate their efforts with a class Pizza Party! There are also individual prizes for the most read books. Return your signed and completed Reading Record Form to your class teacher. The Premier’s Reading Challenge ends on Friday, 26th August.

Cuppa and a Yarn

On behalf of the Indigenous Parent Reference Group, please join us for a cuppa and a yarn.

Wednesday 24th August
2:10pm – 3:00pm
In the library

Please feel free to contact
Teri Teale – Community Education Counsellor
TTeal8@eq.edu.au
(On behalf of the Indigenous Parent Reference Group)

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!
40408666 - school office

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