School Newsletter

29th August, 2016

‘Honesty in Work & Play’

Dates to remember

- September 2—Year 5 Excursion
- September 2—Premier’s Reading Challenge Forms Due
- September 6—Gala Day Notes and Money Due
- September 8—Music Showcase Night 6.30pm in SHAC
- September 9—Gala Day
- September 16—Last day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week 8 of the term! With the school year quickly flying by and holidays approaching, it is important to ensure that children are attending school every day. With regards to school attendance please remember the following:

• advise your child’s classroom teacher if you know in advance that your child is going to be absent from school or
• send in a note, phone our absentee line or email the classroom teacher with a reason if your child is absent from school

It is important to remember that Every Day Counts!

LINKING HOME AND SCHOOL

Learning at school is one of the many ways that children learn and develop. Learning begins well before children enter school and once children are attending school, they continue to learn both inside and outside the classroom. Parents play a critical role in providing learning opportunities at home and in linking what children learn at school with what happens elsewhere.

There is a positive impact on learning and academic outcomes when families and schools work together. Sharing information with parents about students’ progress is very important and can greatly influence success at school. When students are experiencing difficulties, working together enables the best outcome. We all share the same goal, and that is to give every child the opportunity to be the best they can be. This is best achieved when there exists a mutual trust and respect between home and school. One critical factor essential to developing this positive relationship is respectful communication. Many community members visit our school every day. Thank you to all who communicate with staff in a polite and respectful manner. This helps to create a positive learning environment for all our children and sets a standard for their behaviour with others at school.

MINDSET

Recently, I attended a conference workshop that discussed the work of Dr Carol Dweck on the topic of “fixed” and “growth” mindsets.

Dr. Dweck is a professor of psychology at Stanford University, author of the book ‘Mindset: The New Psychology of Success’ and carries out studies on mindset in children. She believes children are similar to adults in that they have one of two possible mindsets—a fixed mindset or a growth mindset. Students with a fixed mindset believe they’re ‘smart’ or ‘dumb’, talented at something: painting, music or football, or not. They may believe the world is made of some gifted people whom the rest admire from the sidelines. Conversely, students with a growth mindset appreciate anyone can build themselves into anything they want to be. They recognise that people aren’t ‘smart’ or ‘dumb’, that there are no talented geniuses; only hard-working people who have chosen to take their abilities to the next level. Dweck’s research shows that students’ beliefs about intelligence play an important role in their school achievement, engagement, and happiness. Which mindset do you think your child has?

What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?

GALA DAY REMINDER FOR YEARS 4-6

All Gala Day notes and money must be handed in to the office by Tuesday, 6th of September. If a student does not hand in their note and money by this cut off date they will not be going to Gala Day.
A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
You might have seen posters around our school advertising a special event being held on the 8th September. All community members are invited to attend ‘A Little Night Music’, where you will have the pleasure of hearing our talented instrumental and choir children perform. Please join us on the night to celebrate the commitment and talents of our performers. Entrance will be a gold coin donation at the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Public speaking is one of the greatest fears of children and adults alike. It was so exciting to see five of our children putting fears aside and representing Hambledon at the Calanna Public Speaking Competition last Tuesday. I would personally like to say a huge well done to all five children who did a fabulous job representing Hambledon. Your commitment, practice and flare for engaging audiences was clear. Our children did a great job convincing the judges how they help others or could improve the school/community. Unfortunately, there was only one winner out of each of the age categories and the competition was fierce. Our children showed great sportsmanship and resilience by congratulating the two winners from Holy Cross School.

Sheree Howell, Music Teacher

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THE VALUE OF HAMBLEDON STATE SCHOOL’S PLAYGROUP
A key transition activity at Hambledon State School is a weekly playgroup, affiliated with Playgroup Queensland and run by a teacher and teacher aide. Activities that support readiness skills are organised as well as:

- providing information, discussions, real-life examples, modelling in playgroup and specialist visits to educate parents/carers about quality early childhood education, especially early language, literacy and numeracy, through for example Speech Therapist, ABC Music Teacher, child developmental milestones charts.
- providing links for families to outside support agencies when required or requested for example, Cairns Early Years Centre, Speech Therapists, Doctors, Community Health organisations.
- promoting healthy lunches and independent eating.
- encouraging independence in toileting and self-care practices.
- visiting the school grounds for example, play equipment, tuckshop, library, junior areas, prep rooms to develop confidence.
- inviting Playgroup children to regular school events when applicable (Book Week, watching Junior Sports day, Science Week).

Michelle Bussell, Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning

DISTRICT MUSIC CAMP
Congratulations to the following instrumental music students who have been selected to represent Hambledon State School at the District Extension Music Camp held this Thursday and Friday at Edge Hill State School: Year 5: Camden, Ella, Gemma, Grace. Year 6: Joel. There will be no band or instrumental lessons this Thursday due to Mrs Pols-Molford’s attendance at this camp.

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**Kid’s Corner**

**School News**

**News from 3D**

3D has been studying “The Lorax.” Students were asked to rewrite the story of “The Lorax” from a different character’s perspective. Here are some samples.

**The Bar-Ba-Loots**

I am the brown Bar-ba-loot. I loved the fresh morning breeze picking berries—fresh, nice and juicy and while I was doing that I listened to the humming fishes who loved humming and played with the swomee swans. They whistled a nice note with the breeze. I was picking the berries and my friends gave me a boost to the Truffula fruits. Then a stranger came along in a yellow cart and there were hands coming out of it. There was a donkey moving it, then the Once ler unloaded his cart and he built a shop. After an orange marshmallow landed on the first chopping tree. He was oldish, fury and bossy. Life got worse and a lot of trees got chopped down and the factory got bigger and bigger. We couldn’t get a lot of Truffula fruit so the Lorax sent us off to another glorious place. I hope we will find fruit on the way to live there. We saw the swomee swans fly over us while we walked the big walk.

By Aj’an

**The Brown Bar-ba-Loots**

Long, long ago there were lots of Truffula trees. My friends and I were playing on the grass and eating the fruits off the Truffula trees. Then a yellow wagon arrived at this glorious place. When the Oncer ler got here he unloaded his cart. Suddenly we heard a bang. We saw the Oncer ler chopped down a Truffula tree. Ga-zump! Loxes appeared out of the stump of the tree. He spoke for the tress. And asked the Once-ler what thing he was made of. “Thneed!” said the Once ler and went and sold it for $3.98. Then he called his family. They came and chopped down lots of Truffula trees and worked in the factory the Once ler built. Next there were no Truffula trees left. My family and I felt so hungry—starving, depressed and sad. The next day the loxes sent us away because we had cummies in our tummies. By Karmyn

**Student of the Week**

**Prep**

Nahamanie, Cooper, Chace, Laura, Ethan, Kade, Charli, Salema

**Year 1**

Olivia, Maverick, Tahlia, Samuel, Jaylen, Levi, Ned

**Year 2**

Chloe, Krystal-Lee, Mikayla, Ethan, Zoey

**Year 3**

Mia, Tupac, Laura, Ethan, Zac, Billy

**Year 4**

Heath, Kaylana, Dion, Hayden

**Year 5**

Summer, Class of 5B, Emily, Shanicqua, Natarni, Ashley

**Year 6**

Teija, Kahlia, Toby, Toby, Heidi, Gada

**Happy Grams**

**Prep**

Haydyn, Alex, Ashton, Savannah, Haylee, Soraya

**Year 1**

Amelia, Dene, Jake, Sophie, Liam, Xavier, Rylan

**Year 2**

Xavier, Emily, Dakota, Taijih, Zahra, Gabrielle, Cooper, Campbell, Mathew, Nathan

**Year 3**

Ethan, Rhylee, Brooke, Jesse

**Year 4**

Travis, Ella, Jesse, Harry, Royetta

**Year 5**

Lily

**Honesty Acknowledgement**

Chloe, Montana, Patrick, Masalina, Ella

**Queensland Government**

Well Women’s Clinics at Edmonton Community Health
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Monday 12th September 2016

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

For appointments phone 4226 4900

**Tuckshop Term Special**

**Tortilla Boat**

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

$4.50

Available Daily
Hambledon Playschool

Our Playgroup celebrated Book Week on Wednesday, 24th August.

Children read stories and made their own books to take home and read. Parents and carers discovered ways they can help their children read at home using books and everyday items such as food packaging and catalogues.

National Tree Day Continued...

Children were surprised on Wednesday to see that their flower seeds had sprouted and grown into healthy little plants. Together, we made a ‘Playgroup Garden’ near the hall for our new plants. Children prepared and watered the soil for our new garden and then planted out the seedlings. We hope they will continue to grow well in the coming weeks and we get the pleasure of viewing some beautiful flowers in our school grounds soon.

Parents/Community Corner

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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

Mon 29 August  Christine, Brock
Tues 23 August  Suzette, Krystal
Wed 24 August  Lyn, Carley
Thurs 25 August  Help Needed
Fri 26 August  Rae, Help Needed

Saturday 10th September

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VOUCHER

Bookings close 2nd September

CAIRNS

Little Lifesavers

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