5th December, 2016
‘Honesty in Work & Play’

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

This is our last newsletter for 2016 and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support during the year. The education system today is a partnership between parents and school staff and I express my thanks to you for being active members of this partnership.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the active members of the schools Parents and Citizens’ Association for their input during the year. This small and very dedicated group of volunteers are truly committed to improving the educational opportunities for all children at our school. This year our school has made significant improvements in our focus areas and this has been achieved through hard work and collaboration between all school stakeholders.

Finally, I also take this opportunity to wish all members of our school community a safe and well-earned Christmas break. Some of you may be travelling significant distances to reunite with family and friends. Remember community a safe and well-earned Christmas break. Some of you may be travelling to car.

CONGRATULATIONS PICCONE AWARD WINNERS

Last Friday we held our annual Piccone Community Awards ceremony at school. It was fantastic to see 68 children from our school receive these awards based around citizenship and community participation. I would like to thank parents and carers who were able to support the children in a range of out of school activities so that they could achieve this award. These awards are a great initiative to encourage children to be active members of the community. Thanks also to the Piccone family for their continued support in these awards.

STAFFING FOR 2017

The departmental staffing process continues right up until Day 8 2017 and changes may occur up until that time. I am able to inform the community that the following teachers will be transferring out of our school at the end of this year: Mrs Benzie, Mr Connell, Mrs Tandy, Mr Bawden and Mrs Quinn have received transfers to other state schools. We will also be farewelling Mrs Jones, Mrs Wall and Mrs Kistner from our school as we accommodate permanent staff who are returning from leave or transferring in to our school.

I would like to thank each of these teachers for the hard work and professionalism they have displayed at our school and wish them all the best for their future careers.

CLASS LISTS FOR 2017

Class lists for 2017 will be posted on notice boards in the Prep/Year 1 undercover area and the area near the tuckshop on Friday 20 January. Where possible, we have taken into consideration information provided from parents to ensure that classes are balanced in both number and educational dynamics. With this in mind you can appreciate that it isn’t possible to request a specific teacher, expect the same teacher who may have taught their sibling in the past, or want all your child’s friends in the one class. Children’s educational needs are taken into account, however the final class construction is ultimately a school decision and subject to staffing allocation provided to schools at Day 8 next year.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will go home with children today as we have attempted to provide them to parents and carers before school finishes. If you have not received your child’s report today then please contact your child’s teacher. When printing around 770 report cards we sometimes encounter issues with our printing machines and a handful of classes may not have received their reports. If this occurs, the delay shouldn’t be more than a day.

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

This term concludes on Friday 9th December for the six-week Christmas/ Summer vacation. Please note that the 2017 school year commences on Monday 23rd January. The office will open from Monday 16th January however will be closed on Wednesday 18th January when all school staff will be engaged in Professional Development.

KEEP A WATCH OVER OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

Over the holidays, we need our community to help us look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

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PB4L
Welcome to the last week of school for 2016. As usual, the year has been incredibly busy with lots of hard work and also some fun being had by our students. This was the first year of our Positive Recognition Program and it has been great to see how successful this has been. We have taken students to the cinema, ten pin bowling, held a movie session in the SHAC, computer lab time, a sausage sizzle and hundreds of icy poles have been consumed! We look forward to enhancing this program next year and making the experience even better for all. In the last round of the program we had over 85% of students who took part, through Years 1–6, achieving the Bronze standard or higher. We aim to see even better results in 2017.

This week, we will see our Prep-Year 2 students have the Jumping Castle sessions on Tuesday and of course, Years 3–6 go to Sugarworld Water Park. All students who achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold in the Positive Recognition Program were invited to attend.

Finally, congratulations to our twelve Year 5 students who represented the school at Bentley Park College last week in the “Bentley’s Best” challenge. This is a competition around general knowledge, ICT and much more. Four local schools were involved. Hambledon didn’t retain the title they won in 2015, but they conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and were a credit to our school. Congratulations to Camden, Jariah, Grace, Almira, Ebony, Emily, Shadrac, Tamara, Orion, Seth, Zach and Storm.

May I take the opportunity to wish you a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to continuing our great work in 2017.

Peter Begemann,
Deputy Principal Student Engagement and Welfare

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Enrolment interviews for Prep students will continue into next year. Please contact the office to arrange an interview time and collect an enrolment pack.

All students who reside within the local catchment area and are eligible for enrolment have a right to enrolment at the school. The Principal will hold places for students who relocate to within the catchment boundary throughout the school year.

Enrolment of students from outside the local catchment area will be managed to ensure that the total current and forecast enrolments do not exceed the school's current built capacity and where applicable, will ensure there is an even spread of students across year levels or class groupings. We have some capacity to accept enrolments from outside the catchment area in 2017. Please contact the office for information.

Michelle Bussell, Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

NEWS FROM THE POD
It is that time of year when we say thank you to all our parents, students and staff for another fantastic year. It has been amazing to watch the development of all the children across the terms.

It is also that time of year when we need to say farewell to some wonderful team members. Jade Taylor and Danielle Matthews will be moving south to continue to raise their beautiful families closer to home. We are also sorry to see Gabby Kistner leave us at the end of the year to follow other endeavours. Linda Finden, one of our many amazing teacher aides will be moving to work with students at the new Cairns Special School and will be missed by all. We thank you all for your passion and commitment to Hambledon and wish you the best in the future.

Lastly I would like to say that I will be moving on to another position as Deputy Principal of Cairns Special School in 2017. I have had nine wonderful, challenging, exciting and fantastic years here at Hambledon Special Education and will miss the school community immensely. Thank you to all those staff, parents and students who have made Hambledon so very special.

From all of us at the POD we wish you a safe and restful holiday period and look forward to a productive and rewarding 2017.

Tania Loneragan, Head of Differentiated Education

SWIMMING SUCCESS
It was wonderful to be part of another successful swimming program at Hambledon this year. Our Year 1 and 2 children spent the last two weeks showing off their increasing swimming skills and confidence in the water. I was lucky enough to visit the children at the pool to not only see the progress they were making but also the fun they were having while learning. During my visit, it was also wonderful to talk to the staff at the pool and hear such positive feedback on the children’s excellent behaviour and participation during lessons. I would like to congratulate Year 1 and 2 for consistently demonstrating our school values of being safe and respectful whilst at the pool.

Tanya Sutton, Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning
Thank you for your assistance. This information helps us organise all school files for students' new schools in 2017.

Leaving Hambledon State School and going to ____________________________

We are currently organising class lists for 2017. In order to do this effectively, we need to know if your child/children will be leaving Hambledon State School at the end of this year.

• -age classes. If you are intending to take your child to another school in 2017 please inform the school by either:

Student name:______________________________

Sheree Howell, Music Teacher

VACANT POSITION IN 2017 - SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR

This position is a volunteer position and helps to facilitate the school banking program at our school.

Please contact the office if you are interested in the position or would like further information.

CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

Congratulations to Cleopatra in Year 5 who was a finalist in the Cairns Regional Council Christmas Card design competition this year, winning her age group (10-13 years). She assisted the Deputy Mayor Terry James and the other two finalists to turn on the lights of the Christmas tree on the Esplanade at the official tree lighting ceremony last week.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms will be available for purchase from the Tuckshop on
Thursday 19th January—8am to 4pm
Friday 20th January—8am to 4pm

Shirts $30 Shorts $25
Skorts $30 Hats $13

Cash and EFTPOS facilities will be available.

2017 STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

We are currently organising class lists for 2017. In order to do this effectively, we need to know if your child/children will be leaving Hambledon State School at the end of this year.

The number of children leaving the school has an impact on teacher numbers as well as class formation including straight year level classes or multi-age classes. If you are intending to take your child to another school in 2017 please inform the school by either:

• Informing our front office in person or by telephone on (07) 4040 8666
• Emailing: admin@hambledon.ss.eq.edu.au
• By printing and returning the completed slip below

Student name: __________________________________________
Leaving Hambledon State School and going to ____________________________

Thank you for your assistance. This information helps us organise all school files for students' new schools in 2017.
Carols in the Park
Friday, December 9th
Norman Park, Gordonvale

Markets from 5pm,
Carols from 6pm,
Santa arrives 8.20m
Raffle draws 8.30pm

Communication in teenagers:
An information session
Do you struggle to communicate with your teenager?

Join us for a twilight seminar around communicating with your teenager.
Topics include:
- Identifying the barriers to communication
- Effective listening
- Understanding the feelings behind the words
- Tools for positive communication

When: Tuesday, 21st February 2017
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
Where: UnitingCare Community
188 Aumuller St, Bungalow

Please call us at 4032 6800 to register. Booking is essential!

EDMONTON
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
2016

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER
RAVIZZA PARK EDMONTON
Program commences 6.30pm sharp

Available for sale:
LED candles and light sticks
Food and drinks

Sponsorship and event support provided by

TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL
Sushi
(order TUESDAY to eat WEDNESDAY)

- Teriyaki chicken and avocado
- Tuna and cucumber; or
- Mixed

$4.00
Available Daily

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

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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SCHOOL GROUNDS OUT OF BOUNDS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

A reminder that our school grounds, including basketball courts, ovals and undercover areas are out of bounds over the school holiday period.

Please remind your children that they are not permitted on the grounds during the holidays.

Police have encouraged members of the community to report suspicious activity and incidents of trespassing.

We encourage our school community to keep an eye on our school. If you see any suspicious activity occurring please contact the numbers listed below immediately;

A MESSAGE FROM THE CAIRNS POLICE

With the end of the year already upon us, here are a few important reminders over the Christmas holiday period;

• Know where your children are
• Please ensure that your children are provided with suitable supervision and activities over the school holidays

GOING ON HOLIDAYS?

• Ensure your vehicle is in a roadworthy condition and observe the fatal five; seatbelts, speed, fatigue, drink driving and inattention.
• Ensure your house is appropriately secured, ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your place and collect mail.
• Report suspicious behaviour to your local police.

For further information on home security visit;

Please keep an eye on your school, report suspicious behaviour through School Watch or via Policelink.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.

A message from
The Cairns Police District Crime Prevention Unit

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

Monday 5th December 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.
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All cancellations/changes must be in writing 7 working days prior to commencement.

- Breakfast Club: Friday 9th/16th/23rd December
- Email: hambo173@gmail.com
- Operating hours: 7:00AM - 6:00PM

Please note that additional excursion costs attract CCR as they are compulsory.
Check your vehicle and stay safe

Road trips are great family fun and a wonderful way to explore Queensland. The Department of Transport and Main Roads wants you to arrive safely at your destination and urges you to conduct a vehicle safety check before leaving on any road trip.

Please note – vehicle safety checks do not replace a mechanical service. Rather, they should be part of your regular vehicle maintenance.

What to look out for

Our Transport Inspectors suggest checking your vehicle two weeks before your trip so any defects can be repaired in time. Below are some tips from our Transport Inspectors that could help you avoid breakdowns and save you in the long run.

Under the vehicle visual inspection (without getting your hands dirty)

- Look in your vehicle owner’s manual for tips on vehicle maintenance and what should be checked.
- Is the exhaust or muffler leaking?
- Look under the body of the vehicle – are any wires or materials loose or hanging?

Under the bonnet

- Look in your vehicle owner’s manual for tips on vehicle maintenance and what should be checked.
- Make sure you top up with the correct fluids to the right level and don’t overfill or spill.
- Check the oil level and top up if necessary. Only use the grade of oil recommended by the vehicle manufacturer. If the oil is darker than usual, it may contain contaminants which indicate that a service is due. Cloudy oil may indicate a water leak.

Tyres and wheels

- Check the front tyres by turning the steering wheel to full lock on both the left and right hand sides.
- Check for abnormal wear on both front and rear tyres. The tread must be at least 1.6mm deep relating to the surfaces that contact the road. The space should also have sufficient tread.
- Check that nothing is stuck in the tyres (glass or nails) and make sure there are no holes, puncture marks or cracks on your tyres. If in doubt, have it checked by a qualified mechanic or a tyre fitter.
- Check the tyre pressure on all tyres, including the spare, ‘cold’ or after limited driving. Most cars have a sticker or tyre placed in one of the front door wells or glovebox that indicate the recommended tyre pressure. If you can’t find it, check your owner’s manual.

Glass

- Ensure there are no cracks or chips in the windscreens that affect the vision of the driver. On a bumpy road, small cracks or chips can become large very quickly.
- Ensure there are no cracks or chips on the other windows and that any window seals are free of bubbles, creases or marks that affect vision.

Lights and electrical

- Lights can be checked by having another person assist or position the vehicle so rear lights may be seen off a reflective surface. Check the headlights including high beam, park lights and tail lights, front, back and side indicators, reversing lights, brake lights and horn.
- Make sure light covers are clean. Replace light covers that are faded or damaged in any way.

Take a test drive

Take a test drive and pay attention to the sound and feel of your car:
- Does the engine sound rough? No unusual noises, ticking or chugging sounds?
- Is your steering wheel stable on straight roads and turns?
- Do the accelerator, brake and clutch respond normally and effectively?
- Keep an eye on the temperature gauge, does it rise quickly or unexpectedly?

Defective vehicles

Driving a defective vehicle can endanger you, your family and other drivers. You may also receive a fine and loss of demerit points.

Every driver is responsible for ensuring their vehicle is free from defects before driving on a road. If a defective vehicle is involved in a crash, a person may face criminal charges or have their insurance declared void at the time of the crash.
New spin on Christmas in Cairns

23 November 2016

Cairns by Candelight is a family-friendly and festive event celebrating Christmas in Cairns. This year, the event will be held on the Shields Street heart of the CBD and will feature a range of activities and entertainment to celebrate the season.

Cairns by Candelight will take place on 30 November and will include a range of activities such as carol singing, a Christmas tree lighting ceremony, and a visit from Santa Claus. The event will also feature a range of food stalls and a Christmas market, providing visitors with a range of festive treats and gifts.

Cairns by Candelight is a great way to get into the festive spirit and enjoy all that Cairns has to offer during the holiday season. Whether you're a local or a visitor, there's something for everyone at this special event.

For more information on Cairns by Candelight, visit the Cairns Regional Council website or call the Media Coordinator, Lea Gamm (0444 505 244 or 0427 786 803) today.