School Newsletter

24th October, 2016

'Honesty in Work & Play'

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to the 4th week of the term. Please be mindful that there are just 35 learning days in the remainder of the year. Attendance at school each day is important to ensure that children maximise every learning opportunity.

Last week 187 children were given an opportunity to celebrate their Gold level behaviour achievements and I thank our parent and carers who support the children in celebrating these achievements. It was rewarding to see that around 60% of children at our school have achieved the 2 highest awards with regards to behaviour (Gold or Silver) and we also have a further 25 – 30% on the Bronze level. What was even better was the sense of pride and achievement I could hear in the voices of the children who this term achieved a higher level of behaviour award.

SOCIAL CONFLICT: IS IT BULLYING OR NOT?

Children will sometimes experience social issues at school and often the ‘bullying’ tag is mentioned however, not all cases of conflict are bullying. According to Bullyingnoway.gov.au bullying is defined as: “The ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.”

The key point is that bullying is targeted, intentional, repetitive and there is a power imbalance. It is a pattern of behaviours that harms a child, and bullying can take various forms.

1. Verbal Bullying: which can include teasing, name-calling, inappropriate sexual comments and taunting.
2. Social Bullying: often referred to as relational bullying, social bullying happens when someone is trying to deliberately hurt another’s reputation. This includes spreading rumours, repeatedly excluding someone and telling other children not to be friends with someone.
3. Physical Bullying: which includes intentionally hitting, pushing, tripping, stealing possessions and sexual assault.
4. Cyber-Bullying: Cyber bullies use the internet (social media, mostly) to target their victims. Rumours and insults can quickly spread through social media and it’s nearly impossible to eradicate them.

According to the widely accepted definitions of bullying, it is NOT:

1. Excluding someone: It is not considered bullying if children exclude someone on the playground now and then or don’t invite someone to a party. Repeated and deliberate exclusion however, can be bullying.
2. Disliking someone: Children may verbally or nonverbally communicate their dislike of another child. While this may not be socially acceptable behaviour it is not bullying as long as they don’t start rumours or verbally abuse the other child.
3. Accidental physical harm: A child might unintentionally bump into or trip another child or a collision occurs during participating in a play activity. This is not bullying if it is not deliberate.
4. Being “bossy”: It is natural to want friends to play a certain way, and some children take the role of being the director. Learning to lead skillfully is a lifelong process, and most children under the age of 12 are learning how to negotiate and compromise with peers.
5. Arguments: We all argue and arguments will inevitably happen at school between children.

At school, we always try to discourage students from acting in ways that may hurt another, whether it’s a one-time thing or not however, it’s also important for us to help students understand the difference between bullying and general conflict and unskilled behaviour.

If your child experiences an incident at school I encourage parents and carers to bring this to the immediate attention of the class teacher so that the matter can be fully investigated.

SPOKKY DISCO

This Friday night the P&C will be holding a Spooky Disco at our school. A letter has been sent home previously asking parents to support the P&C to ensure the evening is fun and enjoyable for all children. Entrance to the disco is dependent upon children having achieved at least a Bronze level of behaviour. Armbands (similar to those people receive at fun parks) will be given to children at school on Friday. The armbands are of different colours for the P-2 and 3-6 discs and children will not be allowed entry to the disco unless they are wearing the correct band.

EARLY ARRIVALS

We have been finding that some students are getting to school quite early lately. Supervision is provided at school by teacher aides and admin staff from 8.00 am. Please try and arrange for your children to arrive around this time to ensure their safety.
**Administration Team**

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**DEPUTIES NEWS**

**REMEMBERING MR WESTAWAY**

This Thursday we remember our much loved teacher, Luke Westaway, who passed away on the 27th October 2014. Over the years it was wonderful to see the support our school community showed Luke and his family by enthusiastically getting behind a range of fundraising events. To remember Luke on Thursday, we are inviting any interested students or school community members to lay flowers at Luke’s memorial stone at the front of the school. Our thoughts are with Luke’s family on this day.

Tanya Sutton, Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

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**CLASS PLACEMENT CONSIDERATION FOR 2017**

Parents are invited to submit a consideration for their child’s preferred class placement for the 2017 school year. Submitting a consideration request is particularly important for parents of twins or children in the same year level so that the preference for separating or keeping children together can be taken into consideration. All other parents are welcome to submit a consideration based on their child’s specific learning needs. Please remember preferences are considerations only and school administration decide the final placement of children based on the learning needs of all students. Additionally, please keep in mind changes to teachers and the year levels they currently teach will take place next year.

All considerations are required to be submitted on the 2017 Class Placement Consideration Form available from the front office from Monday 10th October. To enable your request to be considered, completed consideration forms should be returned to the front office no later than Friday 28th October.

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**YEAR 1 AND 2 SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Coordinating extra-curricular events and excursions is a complex process requiring the consideration of educational outcomes, safety measures and expenses. As with all excursions, we are required to have a cut off date to enable the finalisation of timetables as well as the communication of participation numbers to bus companies and venues. Last week, permission letters were sent home for this year’s swimming program that will run in Week 8 and 9 through Woree Aquatic Centre.

Payments for this year’s swimming program close on Monday 14th November. In the event of difficulty making payment of extra curricular activities, contacting the front office to discuss payment options prior to the cut off date may ensure that your child can still be included in the finalised participation numbers.

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**2017 STUDENT LEADERS**

A big thank you to all those Year 5 students who have taken the time and made the effort to complete applications for the 2017 student leadership positions. This week, the difficult task of selecting the candidates for interview will take place. Interviews for the final 8 will be conducted on Friday. Students who make it through the interview stage will then commence their campaigns.

It has been great to see the enthusiasm and commitment put in by the many students who are keen to become our next round of leaders.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR RECOGNITION**

Last week, our Silver and Gold recognition days took place. Our silver students enjoyed a movie in the school hall on Wednesday afternoon. The students conducted themselves very well.

On Tuesday and Friday, two groups of Gold students were taken to the ‘Go Bowling’ centre in Brinsmead. Both the Years 1-3 and Years 4-6 groups were a credit to the school. The students certainly demonstrated why they had achieved a Gold rating. It was a pleasure to go along with them and great to show that Hambledon State School students are great students. Some photos from the day are on Page 3.

The bowling itself was great fun and certainly a great reward for the students who went along.

Peter Begemann, Deputy Principal Student Engagement and Welfare

**RUMBLE’S QUEST TRIAL**

During Term 4, our school will be participating in a trial of Rumble’s Quest, an interactive video game that provides a valid and reliable measure of child wellbeing. Rumble’s Quest provides valuable information about the wellbeing of 5-12 year old children that can be used to plan and implement strategies to support children’s positive development.

Other Cairns Schools involved in the trial include: Gordonvale, White Rock, Yarrabah, Isabella, Woree, Bentley Park, Edge Hill, Machans Beach and Redlynch College.

The quest incorporates tasks that challenge children to exercise:

- Focused attention and the ability to ignore distraction
- The ability to use the information we hold in mind to plan ahead and solve problems
- Impulse control

These types of skills are fundamental to making responsible decisions, getting along with others, and coping with difficult circumstances.

Kellie Ronneberg, Student Engagement and Welfare Teacher
ART ATTACK FROM 1E

In Term 4, Year Ones complete a collage. The unit requires students to investigate Australian animals and then apply their knowledge to collaging a picture of an Australian animal. Students have investigated animal colours, appearance features and textures to be able to translate the features into collaging techniques to make their animal’s appearance similar to that of real life.

HAPPY GRAMS

Prep
Braith, Jack, Tyrone, Ryan, Kade,
Aidan, Jaylen

Year 1
Aidan, Jaylen

Year 2
Tobias, Connor, Jade, Manaia, Declan, Owen, Trinity, Georgia, Robert, Ethan, Nathan, Amelia, Bailey, Kodi, Noah, Jayleana, Zoey

Year 4
Jesse, Tahliya, Nicolas, Lachlan, Kody, Zoe, Linkin, Josiah

Year 5
Emily

HONESTY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Maddison, Tahlia
P&C Information
The next P&C Meeting will be
Tuesday
15th November 2016
6:30pm in Staffroom

PARADE TIMES

Tuesday 2.30pm
Years 1 and 2
Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 2.30pm
Prep
Years 3 and 4

ATTENTION: YEAR 6 STUDENTS WITH SIBLINGS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT GORDONVALE STATE HIGH SCHOOL IN YEARS 7-11:

As the end of the school year is fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to REMIND parents and carers that:

*If they have a student who is currently enrolled in Years 7 to 11 at Gordonvale State High School, and have a Year 6 student who will be attending Year 7 in 2017, that you are still eligible to enrol your Year 6 student.*

Please contact the Gordonvale State High School office to book an enrolment interview on 4043 3222. All enrolment interviews will be conducted between 8am and 4pm.

Kind Regards,
Lauren Huth
Head of Junior Secondary

Friday 28th October
Juniors (Prep-yr2 only) 5.30 to 7pm
Seniors (Yr3-Yr6 only) 7.30 to 9pm
Softdrinks  Milkshakes  Spiders
Hot Dogs  Lollies
Prizes
Parent Helpers Always Needed
Charmaine Ph/Txt 0407362721

GRADUATION BEAR MEMORIES

All Senior Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase a graduation bear or ball for family and friends to sign to commemorate their final year of Primary School. The bear stands at 40cm tall with moveable arms and legs. The balls are approximately 28cm long and in the shape of a football or soccer ball. All come with a BIC pen for signing. The cost of the Bear is $14.50 and the ball is $13.20.

If you are interested in purchasing either a ball or bear, please complete the order form attached and send to the office with money by 28th October 2016. Strictly no late orders will be accepted.

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TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL
Sushi
(order TUESDAY to eat WEDNESDAY)
◊ Teriyaki chicken and avocado
◊ Tuna and cucumber; or
◊ Mixed

$4.00

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!
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JFF MINI 2016
Free Japanese film screenings at
Event Cinemas Cairns Central
Cinema 1

The Boy and the Beast [パケモノの子]  Sunday 30 Oct, 11:00am
A coming-of-age action fantasy tale about a misfortunate, lonely boy named Kyuta and a lonesome beast called Kumatetsu from the bakemono realm. Their worlds must not intersect, but one day, Kyuta stumbles upon an entry to the bakemono realm. With no family to call his own in the human realm, he becomes the disciple of Kumatetsu.
2015 / Animation / 119mins / Rating: PG / English dub

BAKUMAN. [パクマン。]  Sunday 30 Oct, 1:30pm
High schooler Moritaka is a gifted illustrator who lacks ambition. Enter Akito, the class genius and a talented writer, who convinces Moritaka to join forces and create manga with him. Can the pair beat their rival, get the girl AND achieve their ultimate goal of becoming number one in the world of manga?
2015 / Comedy / 120mins / Rating: PG / Japanese with English subtitles

The Magnificent Nine [旅、利口でございます!]  Sunday 30 Oct, 3:45pm
Can Juzaburo rally the local merchants to collect 1,000 ryo (equal to 300 million yen) to save their town? But their mission must be carried out in secret or they risk getting executed! From the forgotten pages of Japanese history comes a comical story about an unlikely band of heroes.
2015 / Historical / 129mins / Rating: Children must be accompanied by an adult / Japanese with English subtitles

All films are free of charge. Bookings are not required. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

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