Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week 7 of the term! It is at this time of year that many events occur at school and I encourage you all to keep informed of these events by reading our weekly newsletter, viewing our Facebook page or observing our notice board. In the weeks ahead we have Years 1 and 2 swimming, Positive Rewards Program celebrations, as well as end of year awards parades and celebrations.

Throughout the year in the media there are sometimes stories in all states and territories in Australia concerning an increase in student disciplinary behaviour. Are experts in this area contend there are a variety of reasons for this including:

- An increase in the external factors like social media and computer games affecting children
- A change in parenting styles compared to the previous generations
- The occurrence of more frequent aggressive behaviour in society in general
- The need for all schools to now ensure children have basic social skills and understand the importance of strong values

The research goes further to state that while some parents and educators opt for strict punishment against misbehaving students, this was not the better option. It is most important to develop trusting and respectful relationships between children, families and teachers. Children learn best when they understand the relevance and purpose of changing their behaviour and are more likely to do this when there is a strong purposeful home / school partnership.

This year our school (like a number of similar schools) established our Student Engagement and Welfare Team based around this and similar research. What this has done is that we have engaged more children in learning and reduced interruptions to learning. Our work in this field continues next year and to facilitate this we will be appointing a Head of Student Services through the recruitment and selection process.

CAR PARK SAFETY

We appreciate that 3pm is a very busy time for schools, however we continue to see parents and children behave in an unsafe manner at the pick-up zone. Last week council parking officers observed the issues that occur in the front and back area especially in the stop drop and go zone. For the safety of everyone please DO NOT double park, queue jump or drive at speed through these area. When the council officers were observing the areas, congestion was gone within 10 – 15 minutes of school finishing.

Each year the Queensland Association of School Tuckshops (QAST) presents a suite of awards to celebrate and acknowledge the success achieved by tuckshop convenors, volunteers, parent organisation representatives and members of the school community in providing nutritious foods and drinks across the school setting and supporting the implementation of Smart Choices. This year of tuckshop received a Special Commendation in the “Menu of the Year” category. On behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate Alana and all our wonderful tuckshop assistants and volunteers on achieving this award.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is starting to become a rather large issue. We are finding that we are getting more lost property than we can handle. Please ensure that your child’s hat and belongings are clearly labelled and we will try to ensure they are delivered back to them.

SCHOOL STRUCTURE 2016

Currently planning for 2017 is well underway and the classroom structure being planned will enable us to have 33 straight year level classes. Currently it is proposed that our classroom structure will be: 5 x Prep Classes, 5 x Year 1 Classes, 5 x Year 2 Classes, 6 x Year 3 Classes, 4 x Year 4 Classes, 4 x Year 5 Classes and 4 x Year 6 Classes. Please note that these plans are always subject to the following year’s staffing allocation as determined at Day 8 and may need to be reviewed for operational convenience.

LUNCHES AND SNACKS

There has been a significant increase recently in the amount of junk food seen at school, not just in children’s lunch boxes but some children also have large quantities of lollies, gum, lollipops and other sweets in their pockets. A lunch box that is full of only chips, lollies, sweet snacks and biscuits is not a healthy lunch. We want all of our Hambledon children to thrive in their bodily health as well as their learning. A healthy meal of fruit, a sandwich, or cheese with a piece of cake or one snack item is the best thing for their health, concentration and readiness to learn and play. Try to avoid drinks that contain large quantities of sugar. We do our best to promote healthy eating at school and ask for all of our families to take care when packing the lunch box every day. Thank you for your support.

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YEAR 1 AND 2 SWIMMING

Children in Year 1 and 2 will commence their swimming program next week (21/11 to 2/12). This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to not only participate in a structured swimming program but also have fun while learning. Each year it is wonderful to see the water confidence this program helps develop as well as the enjoyment the children experience. I would like to take this opportunity to remind children of the importance of our school values, particularly ‘Be Safe’ and ‘Be Respectful’ to ensure that learning is maximised and that all children have the opportunity to participate in a safe environment. Although the program is facilitated outside of our school grounds, our school’s behavioural expectations and demonstration of our school values are still expected. As previously communicated, swimming payments close today.

AUTHORS OF THE FUTURE

Earlier this term I had the pleasure of meeting with a group of Year 1 children who, as part of their guided reading, had written and illustrated their own books. This wonderful activity demonstrated the important link between reading and writing and gave the children the chance to showcase their writing finesse. Not only did they produce fantastic stories, they used a range of strategies from 7Steps to Writing Success to enhance their writing. All of the children explained their use of ‘Sizzling Starts’ to engage the reader as well as their use of high level and interesting vocabulary. I would like to share how proud I am of the amazing writing they achieved and know that one day I might just be reading a book at home and see their name as the author!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

As you know, the end of the year is approaching us incredibly quickly! Every student who is recognised at Bronze, Silver or Gold will have the opportunity to attend an end of year celebration day.

For our students in Prep –Year 3, there will be a “Jumping Castle” day here at the school. The castles will be fully supervised and classes will rotate through on a timetable. For our students in Years 4-6, the day will be spent at Sugarworld Water Park. Classes will walk to the park from school and again, will be fully supervised throughout the day. Permission letters and details about each event are being sent home separately.

In our last round of the Positive Recognition Program, we had 87% of our children receiving Bronze, Silver or Gold recognition under the expectations set out in the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. This is great to see and we hope that in the current round of recognition which is just being finalised, these figures will be even greater.

We continue to set high expectations for all of our students. Students are expected to be respectful, follow reasonable instructions and use the explicitly taught PB4L strategies to solve problems. At Hambledon State School, we continue to work with students and parents to provide support in helping all of our students make every day a success.

Peter Begemann, Deputy Principal Student Engagement and Welfare

On Saturday the 26th November, the school choir will be performing Christmas carols at Mt Sheridan Plaza to accompany Santa’s arrival. We will be performing from 10:30am to 11:00am on stage at centre court. If your child is in the choir, please have them return the permission note to the school office by Thursday 24th November. If your child was absent last Friday and missed out on a permission note, please send them to the music room to collect one. We look forward to this opportunity and would love to see our Hambledon community supporting us at this event.

Sheree Howell, Music Teacher
Kid’s Corner

SCHOOL NEWS

**Student of the Week**

Prep
Tyson, Nicholas, Nicola, Destiny, Evetta, Mia, Soraya, Rodney

Year 1
Amelia, Haywen, Titus-Amos, Samuel, Ralph, Rhianna

Year 2
Lily, Brandon, Rani, Nicholas, Levi, Lavinia, Deby-Melina, Josephine, Coby

Year 3
Hayley, Ellie, Class of 3C, Ainoama, Sara, Amber

Year 4
Ella, Montana

Year 5
Corbyn, Ella, Blake, Emily, Ethan

Year 6
Ailu, Lachlan, Gada, Raphaela

**HAPPY GRAMS**

Prep
Scott, Alex, Cooper, Callum

Year 1
Seth, Dene, Toni, Dexter

Year 2
Jaylen, Tyrhysa, Samuel, Jade, Mia, Manaia, Mia, Zahra, Joel, Aden, Lily, Sophia, Mikaylah, Qudrat

Year 3
Brodie, Ethan, Brooke, Leah, Laura, Stevee, Ethan, Aidan, Lincoln

Year 4
Dayne, Jamie, Marina, Rhys, Dustie

Year 5
Gweneth

**HONESTY**

Acknowledgement
Jesse, Ella-May, Zahra, Abbigail, Edward, Kobi, Erin, Hannah, Jaylen, Patience, Charlie

**PREP E’S NEWS**

Bowser, the dog, is missing. Prep E are helping his owner, Sam, find him.

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**LEARN-TO-SWIM REMINDER**

FOR YEARS 1 AND 2

Permission slips and $45 payment need to be returned to the office by Monday, 14th November 2016.
The next P&C Meeting will be Tuesday 15th November 2016 6:30pm in Staffroom

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

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**BENTLEY PARK COLLEGE - JUNIOR SECONDARY TRANSITION**

Transition day for current Year 6 students is drawing close! Have you enrolled your child for 2017? If you are intending to send your child to Bentley Park College for Year 7 in 2017, please ring Miss Maha on 40408130 to make an appointment for an enrolment interview as soon as possible.

Did you know that Bentley Park College has an Enrolment Management Plan (EMP)? Our catchment area can be found at [http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/](http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/). Simply type in Bentley Park College or your address into the search box on the left side and the website will locate the area for you.

Letters have been sent to those students who have completed their enrolment interviews confirming their attendance for Transition day on Wednesday 30 November 2016. It is recommended that students arrive at school by 8.45am and assemble at the Stadium where the day’s activities will be introduced. Parents are welcome to stay for this assembly. Students will be dismissed at 3.00pm.

The P&C will have uniforms on display in the stadium from 8.30am – 9.30am and will have the Uniform Shop open from 8.30am-3.30pm. The Uniform Shop will also be open the week prior to school from Monday 16 to Friday 20 January 2017, from 8.30am – 3.30pm and Saturday 21 January from 10am-2pm.

In 2017 Bentley Park College will continue to phase in our new uniform. Whilst the original uniform is still acceptable to wear in 2017, Year 7 students are encouraged to purchase the new 7-9 Junior Secondary “maroon” shirt.

We look forward to welcoming twelve Year 5 students from Hambledon SS, Isabella SS, Whiterock SS and Bentley Park College who will be going ‘head-to-head’ in the “Bentley’s Best” Challenge on Thursday 1 December 2016. Last year’s inaugural winners Hambledon SS are keen to take out the title again – but will they rise to the challenges put to them in Robotics, Mathematics, Spelling and Science? Stay tuned…

All year levels from P-12 will commence school on Monday 23 January 2017.

Tanya Findlay, Deputy Principal Student Services 7-12

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Ring by 8:00am if you can’t make it!

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