PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Week 8. With 14 more learning days until the end of the school year, I am still wondering where the year has gone. School officially finishes on Friday 9th December and it is important that children attend school each day and maximise their learning opportunities.

During this time of the year, our staff are extremely busy with assessment, marking and reporting. Nevertheless, I continue to encourage you to speak to your child’s class teacher if you have any questions regarding your child’s learning or behaviour at school. I would also like to acknowledge the large amount of work staff are completing at this time of year outside their normal working hours completing reports cards and continuing their everyday planning. We are planning to release report cards to parents on Monday 5th December.

2017 STUDENT LEADERS

The process for selecting our School Leaders for 2017 has been finalised and I would like to congratulate all the children who applied. We had 15 children apply for these positions and this was then reduced to 8 who made speeches to their peers. From this group of children the 4 successful candidates were elected. I was involved in the shortlisting process and was thrilled at the attitudes and eagerness by all of the candidates during the process. Each one of them displayed leadership capabilities and potential and I encourage them all to continue to strive to achieve their individual leadership potential.

POSITIVE REWARDS PROGRAM

This year we have seen a very successful embedding of our Positive Rewards Program and we will be continuing to refine and embed this process next year. From the latest round of data reviewed, it revealed that just over 87% of our children achieved or maintained a Bronze, Silver or Gold level of behaviour. Our school’s Strategic Plan has goals set around this focus, and we are certainly on track to achieve our 2018 target of having 90% of children at these levels. Even more pleasing is the fact that 60% of children at school achieve the highest 2 levels of behaviour (Gold or Silver).

The perception of how people view things was exemplified for me over the weekend when I read an online news report concerning ‘Schoolies Week’ which was headlined “Chaos at Cavill Avenue”. The headline drew my attention as to what trouble had occurred the previous night. When I read the article in detail, it mentioned that an estimated tens of thousands of ‘Schoolies’ were celebrating at the Coast and seven had been arrested for a fight in the mall. Even if there were just 10 000 ‘Schoolies’ on the Coast, the reality was 99.93% of them weren’t arrested. I sometimes wonder why we don’t celebrate and acknowledge the great attitudes of the majority of children rather than focus on the negatives of a small number.

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@hambledoss.eq.edu.au
- By printing and returning the completed slip below

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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.
DEPUTIES NEWS

Administration Team

Principal: Ross Kubler
Deputy Principals: Tanya Sutton, Peter Begemann
Business Services Manager: Teresa Callaghan
Head Of Differentiated Education: Tania Loneragan
P&C President: Amanda Cranston
Administration enquiries: admin@hambledoss.eq.edu.au

DEPUTIES NEWS

CLASSROOM VISITS:
MORE HAMBLEDON BUDDING AUTHORS!

Last week I shared some wonderful narrative writing from our amazing Year 1 authors and shared how impressed I was with their vocabulary building. This week I had the pleasure of reading some fabulous writing in Year 3.

3C has been very busy learning to write letters and, during my class visit, the children acted as teachers and taught me all about structuring a letter to effectively communicate a message. The children were also deconstructing a letter and identifying unfamiliar vocabulary.

It was very impressive having the children explain some of the more complex vocabulary used, such as ‘agisted’ and hearing how they could use the vocabulary in different contexts. Great writing 3C!

YEAR 1 AND 2 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our swimming program begins today with Year 1 and 2 children attending swimming lessons over the next two weeks. Final payments closed last week and I thank families for their support in ensuring that we were able to meet the timelines set by the pool and transport company. After reviewing final attendance numbers, there will be a change to the swimming timetable. Children in 1D will join the other four Year 1 classes throughout the day. If you would like to know the time your child will be attending swimming, please contact their classroom teacher.

Michelle Bussell, Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

Tanya Sutton, Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning

PREP ENROLMENTS

Prep is the first year of school and provides the foundation for your child’s education. From 2017, it is compulsory for Queensland children to undertake Prep prior to Year 1. Prep is a full-time program in primary schools. Children attend Monday-Friday, generally from 9am-3pm.

Children must be 5 by 30th June in the year they enrol. Check the table below to see when your child can start Prep.

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Enrolment age variations

Parents enrolling their child in school have the option of an early or delayed start. Enrolment age variations may be due to a child’s development and readiness, and could improve their ability to learn.

Delayed start to Prep

It is not compulsory for your child to attend the Prep year as soon as they are old enough—5 by 30th June in the year they enrol. You can delay their entry by 1 year if you feel they are not ready, but when they start school, they should still start in the Prep year.

Michelle Bussell, Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning
2017 SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS

Last Wednesday, elections for the 2017 School Student Leader positions were held. This involved students in Years 4-6 and staff members, casting their votes. Fifteen students from Year 5 had initially submitted an application. From the fifteen, the eight final candidates were shortlisted (through panel interviews). The week prior to elections saw our eight final candidates very actively campaigning throughout the school. Overall, it was a very intense process for our candidates and one which I know has enabled them to develop many new skills along the way. Unfortunately, we can only have four School Student Leaders and after ballot papers were counted, our new School Student Leaders were established. A huge congratulations can be given to our 2017 School Student Leaders: Olivia 5A, Hussein 5A, Grace 5B and Kyle 5B. I have no doubt that these 4 students will commit themselves wholeheartedly next year and I am very much looking forward to working with them.

Sharon Begemann, Teacher and Event Organiser

INDIGENOUS STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2017

Pictured: Timika, Jessie, Maylifa

Congratulations go to Timika, Jessie, Maylifa and Jariah being elected as our Indigenous Student Leaders for 2017. Our extended thanks go to the Indigenous Parent Reference Group members who assisted in the selection process. Also an acknowledgement goes to all students who applied; you all did an amazing job.

We look forward to some great things happening at Hambledon State School 2017.

Teri Teale, Community Education Counsellor

YEAR 6 FAREWELL CEREMONY

As the year draws to a close, we are working hard to organise the Farewell Ceremony for our leaving Year 6 students. The ceremony will be held at 9.30 on Thursday 8th December in the Hambledon School Hall. Below is an outline of how the ceremony will run. It is anticipated that this ceremony will conclude at approximately 11.00 am.

Thank you for returning the RSVP forms already sent so we may work out appropriate seating for the morning. We look forward to seeing our students and family members on this special morning.

FAREWELL CEREMONY OUTLINE

9.30 - Year 6 students and teachers, parents, administration and special guests to be seated.
9.35 - Year in review
9.50 - Awards and trophies to be presented by special guests
10.10 - Students’ awarded with certificates
10.30 - Slideshow to showcase the year
10.40 - Cutting of the year 6 cake
11.00 - Conclusion of ceremony

Peter Begemann,
Deputy Principal Student Engagement and Welfare

CHOIR

The choir will be performing at the Prep-2 and Year 3-4 assemblies this week to practice in the lead up to their public performance at Mt Sheridan Plaza this Saturday 26th November at 10:30am. Notes were sent home last Friday about our upcoming performances at Ravizza and Fogarty Park Christmas Carols events. Please return all permission notes by Friday 25th November to the school office. Attendance to ALL rehearsals is required if students want to take part in these events.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Expression of interest forms to learn a string instrument in 2017 will be handed out today to students in Year 2. Students who have already handed in their expression of interest forms to learn a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument in 2017 will have an interview with instrumental teachers Ms Pols-Molford and Mr Christo this week. All successful students will be notified in Week 9. If your child has hired a school instrument in 2016, it needs to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Sheree Howell, Music Teacher
**NEWS FROM 2F**

What a busy year it has been for 2F! We are very excited to share all the things we have been doing in our classroom! English, Maths, History, Health and Science have all been fun and we learnt a lot but we wanted to share our creativity with you!

In Technology and Drama, we have been representing events and characters from a familiar story ‘The Gingerbread Man’! We have enjoyed recreating all the ACTION scene by scene, and character by character!

In the play we are using our voice, costumes, props and whole-body acting to show the audience our version of this story. We are hoping our acting skills will get us the part when we audition for our assessment.

We got to do it all again with a diorama, but we had to carefully plan how we made our characters! The tricky part was getting them to stand up on their own! Sometimes, the legs fell off, and we had to try again but we are resilient. We made sure that we took time to complete a detailed Production Plan. Here is one of our plans with a labelled diagram and safety reminders!

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**Student of the Week**

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**HAPPY GRAMS**

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**HONESTY**

Trinity, Chloe, Ella-May, Mikayla, Ella, Charlie, Amy, Ethan, Tahlia, Leela
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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TUCKSHOP TERM SPECIAL

Sushi
(order TUESDAY to eat WEDNESDAY)

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

$4.00
Available Daily

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TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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

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HAMBLEDON VACATION CARE

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Additional cost $25.00

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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:

Check for wet weather option at: Edmonton Carols by Candlelight 2016.