Parents who wish their child to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (Communion) are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 24th February, at the Marian Catholic Church Hall at 7.00pm. For further information please contact:

Charlotte Tomlin 49543863
Nola Agius 49585664

HOUSE FOR RENT — located at Ball Bay on Cape Hillsborough Road, 3 bedroom house with office, air-conditioned, near new kitchen, small lockable shed, set on 2.5 acres which is cared for by owner, fenced yard for pet. If interested, please contact owner on 0422 382 256 to discuss rent.

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Dear All,

Open Classrooms—Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended last week’s parent information evenings. It is important to us that we are able to share with you the routines and structures of our classrooms as well as outlining the key curriculum tasks we are working on. If you were unable to attend and would like to meet with your child’s teacher please contact the school to make an appointment.

2016 Priorities—In 2016 the school has 2 main priorities: Improving the spelling achievement of all students and increasing the number of students who receive an A, B or C in English writing tasks. In addition we will continue to embed the excellent work we achieved in 2015 in raising reading achievement.

Day 8 Numbers—Unfortunately due to a significant drop in enrolments this year there has been a change to our total staffing allocation. I have held discussions with all staff and we will proceed with the same 4 classes that we have started the year with. We are using school funds to maintain 4 classes as we believe this is the best for our students at this stage and to ensure we can continue with the implementation of our strategic agenda as planned. The 6 months of school funding will also provide a transition period should we require a move to 3 classes in semester 2. I have made an application to the departmental funding for the same 4 classes. The school will proceed as normal. If you have any further queries I will be present an information and question session at next Tuesday evening’s P&C meeting.

2016 Leaders Induction Parade and Grip Leadership Conference—We will officially induct our 2016 Student Leaders at an Induction Ceremony at parade on Friday 19th February. This will be a very special occasion for our student leaders as they are presented with their badges, leadership certificates and good luck cards. It is so important to us that we are able to share with you the routines and structures of our classrooms as well as outlining the key curriculum tasks we are working on. If you were unable to attend and would like to meet with your child’s teacher please contact the school to make an appointment.

Year 3 Safety Circus Excursion—On Wednesday the 24th of February at 11:30am Year 3 students have been invited to attend the annual safety circus performance at Marian state school. Year 3 students have received free passes for themselves and their families to attend. Mr Wilkie will attend with students but we require some help transporting students to the event so we are encouraging parents, grandparents and younger siblings to come along.

School Mobile and Facebook—The school has invested in a new mobile phone and established a Hampden Facebook page to assist in the communication between home and school and further promote our good work. On Monday you should have received an updated media consent form which includes the addition of Facebook. Please complete these with any details pertaining to your permission, sign and return to school as soon as possible. As a school we have already taken the step of removing surnames from any published student and images used on Facebook will not identify students. I will provide further information about the Facebook page at the P&C meeting and information about appropriate use will be sent home when the page goes live next week.

Principal’s Message

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Skane Wilkie

February 10 2016

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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS IN PICTURES!
**FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL**

**Prep: Olivia Gordon**

We have all started to settle into our class routines very well. Homework and sight words are well under way and everyone should have received their ‘Home learning book’ by now. Please remember to return these every Friday to be updated. You may have seen our Science experiment outside the Library. We have been looking at plants and what they need. The students were very excited when some of our beans actually sprouted! Please remember that if you are able to help out with sight words before school it would be greatly appreciated.

**Year 1/2: Kharla Wright**

Well how quickly is this term flying! Over the next week and a half we will be working on our first English assessment, which will have the children completing a spoken presentation of their favourite book/s. Sight words began this week and it has been great to see all the children coming in and completing their one minute test before going off to play. Some of the children will also receive their No Excuse words this week to begin practising. Please if you have any spare time in the mornings, your help in sight words would be greatly appreciated.

**FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL**

**Year 3/4: Jenny Dos Santos**

The students were very excited when some of our children coming in and completing their one minute test before going off to play. Some of the children will also receive their No Excuse words this week to begin practising. Please if you have any spare time in the mornings, your help in sight words would be greatly appreciated.

**Year 5/6: Katrina Munchow & Shane Wilkie**

2016 Senior Shirt Order forms were sent home last week. Please return these to school with payment as soon as possible so that we can process the orders to ensure students receive their shirts early in the year. A reminder that Home learning is sent home each Monday and to be returned on Friday. Students can do home learning at

**GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS:** There has been a change to the school’s office hours and for 2016 the office will be attended Monday-Thursday from 9:00am -3:00pm and closed on Friday.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:** Attached is a medical form if you need to update your contact information or your child’s medical details. Please return forms with updated information to the office.

**BOOKCLUB:** Bookclub orders are due back at school by Friday 12th February.

**EMAIL NEWSLETTER:**

If you would prefer to have the newsletter emailed to you could you please complete the attached form. If you choose to have the newsletter emailed you will not receive a paper copy. We want to be an environmentally friendly and sustainable school.

**TUCKSHOP:** Tuckshop is held every Friday. The tuckshop menu is sent home with children each week. The Tuckshop Coordinator makes up a roster of parents who volunteer to work in the tuckshop and a copy is sent home to parents. Tuckshop orders and money in an envelope or zip lock bag should be placed in the tuckshop boxes in each classroom by no later than Thursday morning.

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**AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**Principal’s Award Winner:**

Every fortnight one student is chosen from the whole school to be presented with the Principal’s Award, in recognition of their efforts in striving to achieve. In 2016 a focus will be those students who demonstrate the qualities of the You Can Do it program; Confidence, Getting Along, Persistence, Resilience,

**FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2016**

**Prep/1 Hampden Huge Effort Award Winner:**

Hudson …. For awesome work in Math!

**Year 1/2 Hampden Huge Effort Award Winner:**

Turill …. For demonstrating excellent classroom behaviour.

**Year 3/4 Hampden Huge Effort Award Winner:**

Mitchell …. For completing all learning tasks with confidence and independence. Well Done!

**Year 4/5 Hampden Huge Effort Award Winner:**

Kallyn …. For persistence in writing lessons—working into morning tea to complete.

**Birthday Celebrations for Feb 2016:**

Tahlia-Lea — Year 3/4: 5th Feb—9 years old
Dylan — Year 5/6: 5th Feb—11 years old
Hayden — Year 5/6: 13th Feb—10 years old
Daisy — Year 1/2: 17th Feb—8 years old
Andrew — Year 1/2: 18th Feb—6 years old
Kaiden — Year 3/4: 19th Feb—8 years old

Happy Birthday! We hope you have a great day.

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**P&C NEWS**

**P&C Meeting and Annual General Meeting**

The 2016 P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) and first meeting will be held on Tuesday the 16th of February. A number of executive and committee positions are vacant and we encourage everyone to consider nominating to undertake one of these roles. Working with and supporting your child’s school is not only rewarding but also really appreciated.

**Bus Committee AGM at 5:45pm**

The bus committee meeting will be held at 5:45pm on Tuesday 16th February prior to the P&C AGM and ordinary meeting. Please come along, have your say and support our school services.

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**Cheers,**

Rex Munchow
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