Leaders Induction Parade

Kuttabul Kids Playgroup . . . meet every Friday morning at the Hampden State School in the Library, from 9:00am to approximately 11:30am. If anyone has any children’s dress up costumes that they no longer need and are happy to donate to the Playgroup, could they please leave them at the school’s office.

Safety Circus . . . Students in year 3, together with their parents, carers and family are invited to attend the Safety Circus Performance which will be held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at Marian State School from 11:30am.

Write4Fun . . . The 2016 Schools Writing competition is NOW OPEN! Write4Fun encourages students to read and write short stories, with competitions that are EASY to enter! School students across Australia will battle it out for the great cash and prizes on offer. Including a $1,000 cash first prize with $500 awarded to their school and $500 to the winning student. The quickest and easiest way to enter is online at www.write4fun.net. There is no theme and entries can be on any topic and in any style. Entry is FREE and the closing date is Thursday 31st March 2016.


Student Forms . . . Over the term this year you should have received Medical Forms, Internet Forms and Media Consent Forms. If you have not already returned these three completed forms, can you please do so. If you need another copy, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Whitsunday Voices . . . students are invited to submit entries for the 2016 Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival Short Story Competition. Students are free to respond to a theme or topic of their choice and there is no limit to the number of entries allowed by each student. Thanks to Friends of Mackay Libraries, there are very generous cash prizes and assistance. Entries will be judged by a panel comprising representatives from Friends of Mackay Libraries Incorporated. The winners will be announced at the Whitsunday Voices Festival Launch on Wednesday 13th July 2016. The full list of winners and their short stories will also be published on the Whitsunday Voices website. Entries must be: (1) word-processed on one side of paper with 1.5 line spacing; (2) original; (3) stapled and attached to an entry form; (4) within the set word requirements (please put a word count at the end of the story). It would also be helpful if any identifying details (such as the entrant’s name and school) do not appear on the story itself and only be included on the entry form. Entrants will receive confirmation via email of the receipt of their entries, though unfortunately entries cannot be returned. The closing date for the competition is 3pm on Friday 27th May, 2016. All entries must be received by this date to be considered for judging. If you have any questions about this competition please feel free to contact Samantha Bennington on 4969 2041 or email sbe@was.qld.edu.au. Thank you for your assistance in the celebration and promotion of literature!

A Life-Changing 90 Minutes . . . Free Triple P—Power of Positive Parenting Seminar with Professor Matt Sanders. Ever wondered ‘why does my child do that?’ Find out how to get more of the behaviour you like—and less of the behaviour you don’t like! Wednesday 2nd March, 6:30pm at Mackay North State High School Hall, Valley St, North Mackay. Come early for tea & coffee—seminar starts promptly at 6:30pm. Proudly hosted by MP Julieanne Gilbert.

Calen Sporting Trials: The school has invited the P&C to provide Outside School Hours Care as part of our core program to help support school wide implementation. We are also looking at ordering THRASS charts which can be purchased at a discounted rate to be used at home to support reading, spelling and home learning.

Safety Circus: Tomorrow, 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 permission notes and 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 grandparents and younger siblings to come along.

Calen Sporting Trials: Sporting trials for students to represent Calen District at Mackay Sporting trials in Netball, Soccer and Touch will be held at Hampden State School over the coming weeks. If you wish to trial for any of these sports please keep an eye out for permission forms which will be sent home in the upcoming weeks.

Outside School Hours Care: The school has invited the P&C to provide Outside School Hours Care as part of an initiative to improve school and community services. Currently we are assessing the needs of the community in terms of school aged outside hours care through a survey. Please return these as soon as possible so we can evaluate if this is something worth pursuing. If you require another survey please contact the office.

Shane Wilkie

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2016 Priorities

 Spelling—Using THRASS
 Reading—embedding high level reading strategies
 Writing—Developing text structures and language features in genre writing

Upcoming Events

February 2016
• Tue 23–GRIP Student Conference
• Wed 24–PUT Safety Circus Marian 35

March 2016
• Wed 2–PPP Seminar
• Fri 4–OSHC survey due
• Mon 14–Arts Link
• Mon 15–Arts Link
• Fri 19–Science
• Sat 20–14-Choral Festival
• Fri 26–X Country
• Fri 26–Fun with Maths
• Fri 26–Last Day of Term 1
• Fri 26–Good Friday
• Fri 26–Whitsun entries close

April 2016
• Mon 11–First Day Term 2
• Sat 16–Calen P&C
• Sat 16–Carn P&C
• Sun 17–Calen P&C
• Mon 25–ANZAC Day

May 2016
• Wed 2–public holiday
• Wed 4 to Fri 6–Hum Day Stall
• Tue 10 to Thu 12–NAPLAN
• Fri 24 to Thu 26–School Camp
• Fri 27–Whitsun entries close

June 2016
• Fri 10–Arts Link
• Thu 23–Show Holiday
• Fri 24–Term 2 Ends

July 2016
• Mon 11–First Day Term 3
• Wed 13–School Photos
• Thu 15 to Fri 15–District Sport
• Wed 27–Swimming
FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon

The first few days of our new big class have gone pretty smoothly. We have had lots of discussions about following directions quickly and being organised for class. Parents can help by making sure children are at school and have done all of their jobs (lunchbox away, sight words, pencil sharpened) before the bell goes. This helps our classroom run on schedule and ensures no-one is missing out on valuable learning time. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to do sight words in the morning, the timetable will be displayed over the next couple of days. This week we also have a special visitor—Jesse is doing work experience in our class and the children are enjoying having an extra adult to help out.

FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright

It was a little busy last week with us being shuffled around into our new rooms. Thank you to the students and parents who helped out with the moving of my resources and also ‘spring’ cleaning areas for me to fit all of these items in. I must admit it has been a smooth transition with all students eager to continue with their learning. In regards to the curriculum, I will continue on from where Ms Dos Santos finished up and our home learning will also remain the same for pretty much all students. Please if you have any concerns or queries, don’t hesitate to contact me.

Year 5/6: Katrina Munchow & Shane Wikie

This week we received confirmation of a booking availability for our Year 5/6 camp at Kinchant Dam in May. This local 3 day camp will be an opportunity for students to participate in a variety of adventure challenges aimed at building leadership, teamwork and resilience. Students will attend on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Costs and activities are being established at the moment and an initial letter for parents of students in Years Five and Six will be sent home in the coming weeks.

SPECIALIST NEWS

24th Regional Choral Festival News from Ms Walz

This year the festival is taking place at 7:30pm on Monday the 14th March 2016 at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre. There will be two whole group practices before the performance on Sunday 13th March and Monday 14th March. The Sunday Practice will be from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the MECC Foyer. The Monday practice will be at the MECC from 8:45am-12:15pm. Students will then return to the MECC by 6:30pm on the Monday night to warm up. The performance concert will take place from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Students will be participating in weekly practices during school & lunch times and have music and lyrics to practise with at home. Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to and from the rehearsals. There is a cost of $10 per child to take part which includes their entry fee. Tickets will be on sale soon for $24.50. Permission slips have been sent home and need to be returned if participating. This is a wonderful chance for our students to perform in front of an audience alongside their peers and I would really encourage students to make the most of this excellent opportunity.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE SURVEY

A survey is being conducted through the school to assess the need for an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service. OSHC programs can provide care for school aged children before school commences, after it finishes and during holiday periods. These programs are of great benefit to both children and families, as parents can work or study while the child is enjoying the benefits of a safe and stimulating environment. The programs provide breakfast, morning and/or afternoon teas and opportunities to participate in activities like art/craft, drama/dance, sports, indoor/outdoor games, cooking, socialising, homework and excursions, all with caring and nurturing educators. Fees are reduced in line with Child Care Benefit (CCB) entitlements which are determined by Centrelink using families’ assessable income. In addition to CCB, families are also entitled to the Child Care Rebate (CCR) on their out of pocket expenses which can be paid directly to the service or reduced fees or through quarterly reimbursement into the families’ nominated bank account. Your assistance in completing this survey would be much appreciated. Please return the survey to your school office by Friday 4th March 2016.

AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

Principal’s Award Winner: Dominic Perna

Dom received the first Principal’s Award for his efforts in supporting our new Prep students adjust to school life.

Dom’s friendly and helpful nature allows our young students to feel safe around the older kids. It also means they know they have someone they can ask for help when they need something. Thanks Dom for exhibiting the qualities of a Hampden student so wonderfully.

P&C News

Hi all—at the last P&C Annual General Meeting I requested that I not be nominated for a position on the executive committee. Due to other responsibilities, I felt I could not offer the position the time it deserved. It was a hard decision for me, which took me over six months of deliberation to come to, but I am pleased in the knowledge that I am leaving the presidency in very capable hands of Scott McLean. I know Scott will do a great job and know him to be open and honest, very approachable and I personally hold him in the highest regard. Can we all get behind Scott and congratulate him on his appointment of P&C President. I would also like to thank Sarah Spradborough who has been the role of Vice President and Paula Perma and Laurinda Volker who have kept their positions of Secretary and Treasurer. I would like to thank Shane Wikie for his support over the last 12 months and thank all the members of the P&C who help out and volunteer to ensure the continued support of our school. As a P&C we sent home membership forms which need to be filled out and returned ASAP, so that we can get the insurance and paperwork organised for the new year. Can we all complete the forms and return them to the office before the next P&C Meeting. Cheers, Rex Munchow (Hampden State School 2015 P&C President)

P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)—welcome to a new year and my first address as the new P&C President. I am looking forward to continuing the great work of Rex Munchow and hope I am able to fill the big shoes left by Rex. Last Tuesday the Hampden P&C held its AGM with a good attendance from parents. All executive positions were filled and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the retiring executives for their enormous efforts. Theresa Morgan for the groundscrew, Lone Watkins for three years as our Tuckshop Convener and finally Rex Munchow for four years as our P&C President. The contribution made by these people is unmeasurable and I’m sure they will continue to be active in our school community. I would also like to welcome the new parents to these roles—Chris Perma will cover the groundscrew; Jody Kelleher and Chloe von Fahland as Tuckshop Convener and Sarah Spradborough as Vice President. All other executive positions remained as they were so thank you to all those who have taken an active role in our P&C. It’s never too late for anyone wishing to be part of the P&C and membership forms are available at the school. All are welcome and I urge anyone who wants to have a say in the direction of our school to come along to our meetings.

Cheers,
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President

“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.” Dr. Seuss