Hampden Happenings

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT...

Principal’s Message

Hi All,

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held over the next two weeks. Teachers have sent home notes and available appointment times are listed on classroom doors. It is important that we are able to meet with you to discuss how your child is progressing. The purpose of interviews is to share with families their child’s current achievement levels in reading and spelling and to discuss goals and strategies for improvement. In addition we will discuss queries around social behaviour and home learning.

THRASS Charts—This week we have sent home photocopied and laminated versions of the upper primary THRASS charts for students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Please ask your children to show you how they use their THRASS charts at school to help them with their spelling. We are seeing an improvement in students understanding of the relationship between letter names and sounds, different spelling choices and consistent patterns in spelling as we build more and more practice in using the THRASS charts.

Upcoming Dates — There are a number of events happening over the final weeks of the term, including the choral festival, disco, cross country, various sporting trials, and visiting school performances. Please run an eye over the upcoming events to ensure you are up to date on these and other events.

School Discos—Trials for the Calen District teams to compete at Mackay trials are being held in the coming weeks. Any students interested in trialling need to contact Mr Wilkie so I can forward their details to the district convenors. Please note the date and details of trials below. All trials are being held at Hampden State School from 3:30-4:30pm.

Good Friday
Under 12 Girls Netball—Wednesday 9 March
Under 12 Boys and Girls Soccer—Thursday 17th March
Under 12 Boys and Girls Touch Football—Thursday 14th April

Deadly Sports—This Thursday from 9-11am students will be involved in a Deadly Sports program.

The program will commence with a parade and introductions of the indigenous sporting people who have volunteered to lead our students through various sporting rotations which will follow the parade. Thank you to Mrs Perna, Mrs Gee and Miss Dittman for their time and effort in organising this morning.

Absences—There has been an unusually high level of absenteeism for this time of the year with a number of flu and bug illnesses doing the rounds. While it is important that students remain away from school during periods of illness it highlights the significance of ensuring students are not having additional absences when they are fit and healthy. Every day at school really does count. Please ensure you contact the school if your child will be absent from school.

Have a great week!

Shane Wilkie

Eighty percent of success is showing up’ Woody Allen

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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

April 2016
- Mon 11—First Day Term 2
- Thu 14—Touch Trials
- Sat 16—Calen P&C Push Cart Derby
- Mon 18—ANZAC Day

May 2016
- Mon 2—Public holiday
- Wed 4 to Fri 6—Open Day Term 2
- Tue 10 to Thu 12—NAPLAN
- Tue 24 to Thu 26—School Camp
- Fri 27—Whole School Disco 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 24 to Fri 15—District Sport
- Wed 27—Swimming

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Voting Day Cake Stall—Hampden School’s Tuckshop Ladies, will be running a cake stall on Saturday 19th March 2016 to coincide with Polling Day for compulsory voting for the Local Government Elections. To make this fundraiser a success, could we please ask if parents could donate baked goods and bring them to school on Friday 18th March.

Textbook Orders—classroom teachers have been approached by some parents regarding the need to purchase text-books as they have not been able to obtain a copy through the retailers in Mackay. If your student still requires a textbook, could you please complete the order form sent home with students last week (extra copies available from the office) and return to the school so that we can submit a bulk order online.

Tennis—for the cost of less than 2 cups of café coffee a week, your child can learn a skill they can play for the rest of their lives. Lessons are exclusive for students at our school and are conducted using the acclaimed National Hot Shots by Tennis Australia. Certified Coaches from Pioneer Tennis Inc. Racquets are also provided if needed. All junior receive a Hot Shots shirt for the year and become a Pioneer Member of Pioneer Tennis Inc for free. Contact Coach Lefty on 0409 201 789 for further details.

P&C Easter Raffle—Hampden P&C are seeking goodies for their annual Easter hamper. This can be in the form of Easter eggs, grocery items, party snacks, drinks, activity items, books, vouchers, decorations—basically anything you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated. We hope to make up 3-4 prizes as done in the past. These items can be dropped in the box at the school office or sent with your child to school.

ANZAC Day—this year ANZAC Day falls on the Monday of a long weekend. To help with catering for the ANZAC parade. Thank you to Mrs Perna, Mrs Gee and Miss Dittman for their time and effort in organising this morning.

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Shane Wilkie
FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL
Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon

Thanks to the parents who have seen me regarding an interview this week—I enjoy sharing positive stories from our classroom. We have been doing lots of writing in class and have displayed it in our book corner for you to enjoy. With the holidays fast approaching, it is important to remember to keep up with our usual school routines, especially having students taking responsibility for their belongings and completing morning jobs by themselves. Enjoy the rest of the term and keep an eye out for notes about our Easter Hat Parade in the last week of school.

FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright

We have been working hard and have finally completed one of our English writing assessments. Some of the students were able to share their stories with other classes in the school, it is great to see the enthusiasm from these students.

Just a reminder that we have parent interviews this week. Again, if any of the times sent home are not suitable please contact me ASAP.

Year 5/6: Katrina Munchow & Shane Wilkie

Last week students completed their first Spelling Unit Post test and I am pleased to report that every student demonstrated improvement from their pre-test (our first class target is for 100% improvement from pre-post test). Our goal moving forward is to get even more confident at selecting the correct spelling choices when correcting misspelt words. Using our THRASS charts to help us with identifying the correct phonemes during home learning will help improve this.

SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 11 March 2016

Starts 6:00pm and finishes 8:30pm
$5 entry (includes free sausage on bread and softdrink)

Come dressed as a superhero. Families of students welcome to stay. There will be a dance competition and games. Chips, lollies and drinks will be available for sale.

KIDDING ABOUT FOR DROUGHT—BOOYAL CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

Drought relief joke DVD produced by the Booyal Bunyips from Booyal Central State School. Over the past 12 months students from Booyal Central State School, made a drought-relief fundraising joke DVD called ‘Kidding About For Drought’. They were supported by The Academy For Young Entrepreneurs.

Along with the Bunyips telling jokes, they also received contributions from several country music artists and TV stars, students from some other schools, staff, parents and others in the community. All profits will be donated to the QCWA’s Public Rural Crisis Fund and directed, on our behalf, to drought affected graziers in Western Queensland.

More information is available on the Booyal Central State School’s Facebook page and at www.booyalbunyips.com
Visit the “BooyalBunyips” website to order copies of the DVD, or payment sent by cheque or money order to Booyal Central State School, MS 71, Booyal QLD 4671 Tel 07 4126 0177.

AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

Principal’s Award Winner: Vanessa and Talitha

A big thank you to these two students for leading the way in supporting the development of our school recorder players. Thanks to these two girls, we now have growing number of accomplished musicians who confidently play the National Anthem on parade each week.

FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2016

Year PY/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Darcy .......... For being a responsible, helpful and organised class member

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Travis .......... For his valued contributions in Maths.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Sienna .......... For her creativity and imagination in complex sentence writing.

FRIDAY 4th MARCH 2016

Year PY/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Billy ............ For spotting the problem in the narrative story during reading groups.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Joshua .......... For his effort in the written English task.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Remen .......... For brilliantly crafted writing pieces.

Birthday Celebrations for March 2016:

Madalyn—Year 1: 8th Mar – 6 years old
Matthew—Year Prep: 8th Mar—5 years old
Charli—Year Prep: 17th Mar—5 years old
Brianna—Year 2: 10th Mar—7 years old
Slater—Year 3: 13th Mar—8 years old
Ruby—Year 2: 20th Mar—7 years old
Sam—Year 3: 26th Mar—8 years old
Nathaniel—Year 3: 28th Mar—8 years old
Georgie—Year 5: 24th Mar—10 years old
Clare—Year 5: 8th Mar—10 years old

Happy Birthday! We hope you have a great day.

P&C News

Hi all—

I hope everyone is enjoying the great “farmer’s weather” we have been having lately. It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of the first term and there are plenty of upcoming events to support our school.

We will have the polling booths again for the Regional Council Elections on Saturday 19th March. This is a great time to dust off Grandma’s baking recipes and support our cake stall. If you are able to help please see the kind Tuckshop boss ladies.

ANZAC day is fast approaching and so our school will be on display once again. We will have our annual ANZAC day working bee in the weeks leading up, so if you can lend a hand to help prepare our school and grounds for everyone to see, it would be greatly appreciated. The day is yet to be confirmed.

Look out for the annual fundraising Easter Raffle that will be out soon.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 6:30pm. All are welcome, so be sure to return your membership form this week so it can be accepted at the meeting.

Cheers,
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Hampden State School P&C President

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“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted”  Aesop