**General Messages**

**P&C Easter Raffle**—the Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 21st March and could all tickets and money please be returned to the office before this date.

**Tuckshop Change of Day**—tuckshop will be moved to Thursday this week instead of Friday due to the short Easter week. This change is for this week only and orders will need to be in no later than Wednesday morning.

**Tuckshop Egg Prize**—the tuckshop has an egg special glass jar full of Easter eggs. For a gold coin donation you can enter your guess as to “how many eggs are in the jar”. Entries will be accepted right up until Thursday. The winner will be drawn after Tuckshop on Thursday. Good luck!

**Tuckshop Cake Stall**—thank you to everyone who donated items for the cake stall held at Hampden during the elections on the weekend. Through these kind donations approximately $360 was raised.

**123 Magic & Emotion Coaching**—123 Magic is a behaviour management program for parents and other carers of young children aged 2-12 years. 123 Magic is easy to learn and it works. Parents can learn the program one day and start the next. It is easy for both parents to remember and it eliminates arguing, yelling or smacking. Refer to flyer enclosed with newsletter for dates and locations of the program.

**Grounds Care**—thank you to the families who have volunteered their time by putting their name on the Grounds Care Roster. The roster will go home at the end of this week. Our April team is Scott and Julie McLean with Barry and Laurinda Volker. If you could please collect a key from the office.

**Second-hand Uniforms**—the school has accumulated a pile of second hand uniforms. If anyone is interested in purchasing these items, please come to the office! All items are $5 each.

**School Holidays**—holidays commence on Friday 25th March 2016 and school will resume for Term 2 on Monday 11th April 2016.

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**Principal’s Message**

Hi All,

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term One. I would like to start by thanking everyone for their support during what has been a challenging term at times. I believe that although we have had to reduce our number of classes and been affected by a number of unforeseen circumstances it has still been a successful term. Overall, student behaviour has been very good this term, student engagement in our core priorities of spelling and writing has been excellent and we have had a number of events which have been well received by our students. Next term is another busy one and hopefully a little smoother.

**Coles Landcare Community Garden**

Last year I was approached about applying for a grant to establish our community garden. The garden now requires some love and care to bring it back to life. Students in Years 5 and 6 are interested in doing this but require the support of the community to help them with planting, weeding and the general care. If you are interested in having a garden bed to manage with students please see Shane as soon as possible. There is a small amount of funding available to purchase seeds and seedlings on the proviso that the gardens are cared for. We are unable to maintain the gardens without community support.

**Deadly Sports**

Thank you to Mrs Gee, Miss Dittman and Mrs Perna for organising yesterday’s Deadly Sports event. Thank you to all the local indigenous sports people who gave up their time to come and lead the sports. The students had a great time.

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to all students who participated in Friday afternoon’s Cross Country and Fun Runs. It was a great effort by all runners in very warm conditions. A special congratulations to Frost for taking out the trophy for a second consecutive year and to each of the age level medallists. We will announce the team to progress to the Seaford District Cross Country team later this week. Thanks to all those staff and families who came along to help out and support.

**Easter Hat Parade**

We will hold our Easter Hat parade this Wednesday afternoon from 2:30pm. We will have a short final parade for the term prior to the parade and conclude with drawing the Easter raffle. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible.

**Last Day of Term—Thursday 24th March**

Students will be participating in the Fun with Maths activities with their class at different times throughout the day. Students in Prep/1/2 will do their Fun with Maths activities in the final session of the day and we would like to invite parents and families to come along and help them with their activities. If you are available please come and meet students in the undercover area from 1:40pm. There will also be Reward’s Day activities held on Thursday by each class. At this stage all students will participate in Reward’s Day activities.

**School Holiday Watch**

Please keep an eye on our school during the holidays. Their will be a number of events which have been well received by our students. Next term is another busy one and hopefully a little smoother.

Have a great Easter!
**FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL**

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon  

It has been a very hectic term—one with lots of changes in routine and getting used to our school environment. I would like to say how proud I am of everyone in our class—they have all done a fantastic job of settling in and adjusting to everything that has happened this term. All students have been completing assessments over the last couple of weeks and they have done really well and I can see their confidence has improved since the start of the year. Next term will be just as busy, but hopefully with our routines in place, the students will find it easy to settle back into school. Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

**FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL**

Year 2/3/4: Kharlia Wright  

Our term is quickly coming to an end. We have all been working hard to complete our various assessment pieces. A huge thank you to parents who attended our parent/teacher interviews—if you were unable to attend and would like to see me in regards to your child’s progress, please don’t hesitate in contacting me. Reminder for Year 2, that we have our Easter Hat parade on Wednesday afternoon. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter and look forward to seeing you all back in Term 2.

Year 5/6: Katrina Munchow & Shane Wilkie  

Yesterday notes were sent home to students in Year 5 and 6 regarding this year’s camp. Students need to return their intention of attendance slips by the end of the week, so we can confirm numbers with Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre. Mr Wilkie and Mrs Munchow will attend the camp with students from 22nd to 24th May. The camp will be a great opportunity for students to develop their confidence, resilience and team cooperation skills. Please return slips to the office.

**SPECIALIST NEWS**

On Monday the 14th March, 18 of our students attended the 24th Mackay Regional Choral Festival. Students from years 3 to 6 participated in two whole-group rehearsals on Sunday and Monday and then performed a repertoire of songs as part of a combined choir, made up of hundreds of students from across the region. Our talented students spent weeks learning a number of songs which they then rehearsed with Guest Conductor, Jenny Moon, who had travelled up from Brisbane for the event. I am very proud of the dedication and commitment of these students as they gave up not only their lunchtimes, but also their own personal time outside of school to practise. They performed beautifully at the concert and represented Hampden with pride. A round of applause for all involved! Keep up the great work, Hampden!  

Miss Walz

**EDUCATION QUEENSLAND NEWS**

Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge  

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Hampden State School? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in. To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking and much more. You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student. Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

- For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the on-screen process.
- For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.

**AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Principal’s Award Winner: Charlie  

I would like to congratulate and thank Charlie for his wonderful leadership in writing a letter to Bunnings Mackay asking for their support in developing our Buddy Bench area. Thanks to Charlie’s initiative and leadership the school has acquired a Buddy Bench through the generous donation of Bunnings. The Student Council will now begin plans to establish an appropriate site for the bench.

**FRIDAY 11TH MARCH 2016**

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:  
Blair ...............For his effort in class spelling activities.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:  
Hannah ............For her amazing creative writing and perseverance.

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.

**FRIDAY 18TH MARCH 2016**

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:  
Heidi ............For an awesome effort in reading.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:  
Lacey ............For an awesome effort in reading.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:  
Jorja .............For completing 1000 sight words.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:  
Jorja .............For an awesome effort in reading.

**P&C NEWS**

Hi all—  

Well the end of Term has arrived and I’m sure there are plenty of excited students looking forward to the Easter break. I’m also sure there are plenty of excited parents in disbelief it’s actually the Easter break. Firstly a big thank you to all the helpers who cooked, prepared and sold the delicious treats on polling day. The playground committee had it’s first meeting on the 15th March and looked at soft-fall options and shade ideas for when the sausage trees are removed. If you have any ideas for the playground please see Shane, Rex, Lisa or myself. The ANZAC Day working bee will be held on Sunday 17th April 2016 and all are welcome. Be sure to bring a hat and if you are able a shovel, rake, wheelbarrow etc. All children are welcome and are encouraged to jump in and help with all suitable activities. We are still also looking for volunteers for the race day on Saturday 30th April 2016 and the set up day on Friday 29th April. To assist the Mackay Turf Club to plan their staffing, we need to let them know our volunteer numbers, so if you are keen and want a fun day at the races while helping out the school please see Rex or Julie preferably before School breaks. Hope you all have a fun and safe Easter holidays.

Cheers  
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President

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