Principal’s Message

Hi All,

Book Fair: Thank you for the school community’s amazing support of last week’s book fair. We had sales in excess of $1400 which is an excellent effort given our student numbers. Photos from the Monster dress up day can be found later in today’s newsletter. Congratulations to each of the competition winners.

Central Queensland Principal’s Conference: Last Thursday and Friday I was in Gladstone for the 2016 CQ Principal’s conference. There were a number of learnings that I took away from this year’s conference which I will continue working on throughout the year. However I would like to share with you one key thing that I want to be our main focus for the remainder of the year. It is about having a sharp and narrow focus on our key priority, which must be about student learning.

2016 Priority:

WHAT: To increase the reading and spelling achievement of every student by at least the equivalent standard measure of 1 year’s improvement.

WHY: Our children deserve choices in their lives. To successfully access the curriculum children must be fluent readers and writers.

Playground Committee Update: We really need to make some decisions regarding the plan for the playground update. To review, the following is a draft plan of what had been suggested.

1. The removal of the two sausage trees due to the associated health and safety concerns
2. Agreement of design and positioning of shade shelter to counter loss of trees
3. Design and plan steps to upgrade the edging of the playground prior to delivery of new sand.

The committee will meet again prior to this month’s P&C meeting at 6:00pm with a view to create a timeline for actions. We encourage as many people as possible to attend and provide their views and suggestions. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute please either contact Shane or Scott in person, by phone or via email.

GOTCHA Tickets: Over the coming 3 weeks we are going to trial a ‘GOTCHA’ ticket system to celebrate positive behaviour. While we are extremely satisfied with the success of the points system as a consequence for poor decision making around our school rules we feel it equally, if not more important to acknowledge positive behaviour. Staff will be issued with a book of raffle tickets while on duty. Staff may issue GOTCHA tickets to students for making positive choices.

Students will then deliver their tickets to the draw box located in the office. Each Friday 2 winners will be drawn and receive a tuckshop ice block voucher.

SCHOOL Happenings in Pictures!

General Messages

Zoe Burns

Road Works: Bruce Highway at Kuttabul

May 2016

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) wishes to advise that road works to widen the shoulder of the Bruce Highway are due to commence between Marian/Hampden Road and Hampden State School. Works will be carried out on the Bruce Highway from Tuesday 30 May 2016 to Friday 2 July 2016, weather permitting.

The works will include widening the existing shoulders of the Bruce highway and provide channelised right hand turning lanes for Walters Road and Tannum Sands.

Limited delays are expected. Please observe signage for the changed conditions.

TMR thanks you for your patience whilst these essential works are being delivered.

If you require further information, please contact the Mackay office on 4951 1593.

For EFT/Direct Deposit Payments, our School’s Bank Account Details are ....

Bank: CBA       BSB: 064707       A/C No: 00090298

Hampden State School

2880 Bruce Highway, Kuttabul 4741

CO/- Post Office, Kuttabul 4741       (07) 4966 0666       0491 210 088

Student Absence (07) 4966 0688       admin@hampdenss.eq.edu.au

Our P&C Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month

www.hampdenss.eq.edu.au

2016 Priorities

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

Upcoming Events

June 2016

• Wed 1—Sport Schools
• Wed 1—Home Ice Cream
• Thu 2—Frisbee—CQ Principal’s Conference
• Fri 3—Arts Link
• Sat 11—MECC 52
• Storey Treehouse
• Sun 12—IQA PetPEP School Visit
• Tue 14—High Jump, Discus and 800m
• Wed 15—Sport Schools
• Wed 15—Home Ice Cream
• Fri 17—Sports Day
• Mon 20—NAIDOC Week Activities
• Mon 20—THRASS Classroom Activities
• Thu 23—Show Holiday
• Fri 24—Red Nose Day
• Fri 24—Term 2 Ends
• Wed 29—Home Ice Cream

July 2016

• Mon 15—Term 3 Starts
• Wed 13—School Photos
• Wed 13—Home Ice Cream
• Thu 24 to Fri 15—Whitsunday Voices Festival
• Thu 21 to Fri 22—District Sports
• Wed 27—Swimming Commmences
• Wed 27—Home Ice Cream

ARTSLINK PERFORMANCE

Friday 10th June at 9.30am

True Culture with Gubbi Gubbi Dance

True Culture is an Aboriginal Australian program presented in partnership with Gubbi Gubbi Dance.

Invoices have been sent home, please return payment by Friday.

MACKAY GYMNASTICS FUN DAYS

For: Boys and Girls aged 5 to 12 years

On: Wed 29/6; Fri 1/7; Wed 6/7; Fri 8/7

Time: 9.30am-11.00am

Where: At Mackay Gymnastics, Snow Wright Court, Andergrove

Cost: $16.50 per participant

Bookings required, please call 49420032 or email admin@hampdenss.eq.edu.au

ATTENDANCE TIPS

If your child is unwell, please contact the school so that we can arrange for them to see the School Nurse. It is very important to encourage your child to attend school every day. Admission to school is crucial for their learning and overall health and well being.

Random acts of kindness: Give a hug, say ‘thank you’, be kind and friendly.

For more information please refer to the school’s Attendance Tips at the front of your child’s school book bag.

We have more information in todays newsletter for the upcoming Principal’s Conference on Wednesday 15 June. The successful applicant will have a training period commencing Thursday 16 June, with take up duty from Thursday 14 July.

Have a great week!

Shane Wilkie

ARTSLINK PERFORMANCE

Thursday 16 June to be held on Tuesday 14 July.

Applications will be asked to submit a CV/Resume to the school by Friday 10th June with interviews to be held on Tuesday 14th June. The successful applicant will have a training period commencing Thursday 16th June, with take up duty from Thursday 14th July.

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FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon
Our class has a very busy end of term. We will be having visits from Fire Education and Pet Prep, as well as attending Under 8’s day at Seaforth, Sports Day and Rewards Day. Enjoy these last couple of weeks after a very busy term. Term 3 is going to be just as busy. Enjoy your holidays!

FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright
Over the last few weeks we have been working hard getting through our units of work and assessment. Students have been trying their best and I am sure they are looking forward to a good break. It was great to see students show interest in the Bookfair last week. Many of them came away with a number of new books and resources. Again congratulations to Jorja (yr 2) for her winning entry in the Bookfair competition.

Year 4/5/6: Katrina Munchow & Shane Wilkie
Over the final three weeks of school we will be focussing on improving our behaviour. The current level of respect, responsibility, safety and learning is not up to the standards Mrs Munchow and Mr Wilkie expect. While it is coming to the end of the term this is no excuse for the significant drop off in these areas. We will be enforcing consequences upon those students who are unable to make the right choices during ALL classes.

SPORTING NEWS

Hampden Sports Day: Our annual Gurney versus Frost Sports Day will be held on Friday 17th June. In order to run an efficient program, the 800m and discus events for 9 year olds will be held on Tuesday the 14th from 9:00am and High Jump will be held for all students as part of HPE lessons. We encourage as many parents as possible to come along and support on both days.

AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

Principal’s Award Winner: No Award winner this week du to Mr Wilkie being on camp and at the CQ Principal Conference. This week I am looking for students who follow our school rules in the playground:

BE SAFE
BE RESPONSIBLE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE A LEARNER

FRIDAY 27th May 2016

Year PY/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Rusty .................For always doing his best and helping others.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Tahlia ............For always trying her best.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner: James .............For his great use of spelling strategies

FRIDAY 3rd June 2016

Year PY/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner: No Award Presented

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Keira ...............For her consistent self-motivation in both school and home learning.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner: Clancy ..........For always working diligently and with a positive attitude.

Birthday Celebrations for June 2016:

Vanessa — Year 5: 10th June—10 years old
Kallyn — Year 5: 6th June—10 years old
Jorja — Year 2: 14th June—7 years old

Happy Birthday! We hope you have a great day.

P&C NEWS

Hi All,
On the weekend of the 28th May our army of volunteers again assisted Mackay Turf Club with the Amateurs race day. It was another successful day with just over $2000 dollars raised for our school. A massive thanks to all those who assisted on the set up and race days and to the newcomers who had their first day with us. Congratulations to Beth Kable and Laurinda Volker who were the first recipients of the gift vouchers proudly donated by the P&C as thanks to those who give their time.

The funds raised will be used by our school for such things as playground upgrades and subsidies for interactive white boards, transport to school based activities just to name a few.

Please keep in mind July 2nd to assist at the Mackay Cup. This is our biggest event on the race calendar and a great opportunity to raise considerable funds for the school.

Thanks to Lisa, Chris, Chook and Kim for keeping the school grounds in fantastic condition over the last month.

“Life is too short to remove the USB safely”

Cheers,
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President

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