Hi All,
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope your children managed to have a great break over the holiday period and are ready for another jam packed semester of learning and extra curricular activity.

School Opinion Survey: Forms were sent home on Monday afternoon. The information that the school receives from the surveys is extremely important and is used to help develop our annual improvement plans. It is really important that we receive a good response rate so that the validity of the data can be trusted when making decisions about the direction we take for our school. If you require an additional survey code we have a few spares in the office.

Long Service Leave: As of today I will be absent from the school until Thursday 28 July. I am on long service leave for the next week to attend a family wedding in Melbourne and then having training in Mackay for a couple of days upon my return. In my absence Mr Howard Frost will act in the role of Principal and Year 4/5/6 class teacher. Many of you will know Howard from his time here as Hampden Principal for many years. His experience and familiarity should ensure that the school operates as per usual. While covering my absence Howard will also be undertaking plans for Bronwyn Wiseman's retirement dinner to be held in early September. Please start spreading the word of this upcoming event.

Removal of Sausage Trees: After a number of meetings, community consultation sessions and discussions with regional office facilities a decision on the Sausage trees located in the school playground was made at the final P&C meeting of last term. A motion to remove the two sausage trees located in front of the 2/3/4 classroom and playground was carried with a unanimous vote. Regional facilities will request quotes and the trees will be removed once these have been finalised. The playground committee will then use the cooler months of July and August to assess the shade requirements for the playground. Further playground committee meetings will be undertaken to make a decision on the installation of appropriate shade.

2017 Prep Enrolments: We are currently commencing our enrolment process for students commencing Prep in 2017. Any child who is born between July 1 2011 and June 30 2012 is eligible to enrol. Any families seeking early entry to Prep are required to meet with the Principal to discuss the suitability of early entry.

The school currently runs an affiliated Queensland playgroup each Friday morning from 9-11 organised by Mrs Barb Perna. The playgroup is open to any child aged 0-5. The school encourages any children who are commencing Prep in 2017 to attend playgroup as we will be developing a specific program for our Pre-Prep students to assist in their transition to school.

Term 3 swimming: Swimming will commence on Wednesday 27 July. Students in Year 4/5/6 will go swimming for the first 4 weeks. Students in P/1/2 and 2/3/4 will commence swimming from the 24 August. The cost for four 90 minute lessons is $39. Thank you to the P&C for once again supporting us by funding the bus transport.

Have a great week!
Shane Wilkie
FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready for lots more work. This week in our Homework for the Years One and Two, you will notice our Spelling homework has changed. Students have done this activity all of last term and are very familiar with how it works. Please feel free to see me if you have any further questions. I’ve seen an awesome increase in sight word knowledge of everyone this week and that is great, I hope it continues for the rest of the year!

FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright

A warm welcome back to all. I hope you have had a great holiday. I would like to take this opportunity in welcoming two new students, Ashlee Munro (yr 2) and Rebekkah Munro (yr 3), to our classroom. The girls along with their brother Ryan (yr 5) have come to us from Gympie. We began our Geography units this week and so far the students have found it enjoyable. We have also begun our English unit which is on poetry. The students are very keen to start writing their own poems. Homework went out this week, however for those on sight words, lists will go home next week.

Year 4/5/6: Katrina Munchow & Shane Wilkie

2017 South East Brisbane Camp: This week I officially accepted the quote offer from Macquarie Tours for our 2017 Brisbane and South East Queensland Camp. The P&C and myself have held a number of conversations about the numbers and year level of students, cost, fundraising options, and overall viability. At this stage to be cost effective we need to send 30 students which means all Year 4/5/6 students will be invited to attend. Further information will be sent home in the coming weeks outlining camp activities, transport and accommodation as well as fundraising options.

SPORTING NEWS

Calen District Northern Highway Cluster Athletics: Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 July
Students competing are required to be at Calen District State College at 9am on Wednesday 20th July and on Thursday 21st July at 8.45am. If your child is competing a note has been sent home earlier. You will need to arrange your own transport, however if you are having difficulties arranging transport please contact the office on 49 660 666. School uniform is to be worn, please bring hat, sunscreen and a water bottle.

SPELLING NEWS

THRASS

PHONEME: a speech sound – like the ‘k’ sound at the start of kitten

GRAPHHEME: a spelling choice – like c, k, ck, q, ch – for the ‘k’ sound in words (cat, kitten, duck, school, queen)

GRAPH: a single letter spelling choice – like k for the ‘k’ sound in kitten

DIGRAPH: a two letter spelling choice – like ck for the ‘k’ sound in duck

TRIGRAPH: a three letter spelling choice – like dge for the ‘g’ sound in bridge

QUADGRAPH: a four letter spelling choice – like eigh for the ‘a’ sound in eight

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Parents who wish their child to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 3rd August at the Marian Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm. For further information please contact: Charlotte Tomlin 49543863 Nola Agius 49585664.

When should I call ‘000’? Ring Triple Zero (000) if:
- A crime is happening now.
- When your life or property is in immediate danger.
- When the event is time critical, for example a fire.

Getting police to the scene of any incident quickly will increase your safety, reduce the loss of evidence and allow consideration for deployment of the police dog to track the suspects. Start this process by calling Triple Zero (000).

Any other matters that need to be reported to police post-incident and when no suspects are not likely to be in the area anymore can be reported to Policelink on 131 444.
Hi all,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful break over the past 2 weeks.

During the last playground committee meeting it was decided to wait for the sausage trees to be removed so we can evaluate what shade remains over the playground before a decision is made on suitable replacement shade structures. We are also looking at replacing the edging around the top and bottom playgrounds due to the old edging being either dislodged, rotten or buried. We plan to use one edging, which is yet to be decided on, to bring consistency to the playground. If you have any thoughts or ideas please bring them forward.

Many thanks go out to the army of volunteers who gave their time and patience to help on the Mackay Cup race day. This is always the biggest race day on the Mackay Turf Club calendar and this year was no exception with around 4000 race goers through the gate. But as usual our team rose to the occasion and made the day yet another successful event for the Mackay Turf Club while raising over $2700 for our school. We have received some very positive feedback from the new management team at the Turf club and they look forward to working with Hampden on upcoming events.

A very big thanks must also go out to Frank Perna, Ben Perna, Tom Clive, Mason McGill and Jacob Munchow for their help with both the setup day and the race day. These generous people are former parent and students of Hampden who gave up a day of their holiday to help our school.

“Work hard in silence, let success be your noise.” Frank Ocean

Cheers,
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President

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**Awards and Celebrations**

**FRIDAY 27th May 2016**

- **Year PY/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:** Jayden——For an improved effort in behaviour and following directions.
- **Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:** Nathaniel——For always trying his best and having a positive attitude.
- **Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:** No award presented—on camp.

**FRIDAY 24th June 2016**

- **Year PY/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:** Rusty——Always working to the best of his ability.
- **Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:** Brianna——For completing her sight words.
- **Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:** Matthew——For amazing commitment and focus during the technology unit.

**FRIDAY 10th June 2016**

- **Year PY/1/2 & 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:** No awards presented
- **Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:** Hayden——For always being a supportive class member.

**Birthday Celebrations for July 2016:**

- Savannah——Year 3: 3rd July — 9 years old
- Keira——Year 3: 14th July — 9 years old
- Jack——Year 1: 15th July — 7 years old
- Jonathan——Year 4: 20th July — 10 years old
- Paul——Year 5: 22nd July — 11 years old
- Clancy——Year 5: 25th July — 11 years old

Happy Birthday! We hope you have a great day.

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**P&C News**

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Congratulations to Rosie, Barbara and Karen on successfully completing their Certificate IV in Education Support.

**GENERAL MESSAGES**

Marlene Senini

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**Concerts!**

You are invited to come and support Hampden State School as they perform their Rock Pop Mime entry! Next Saturday, 23rd July 2016, 25 of our students (along with our props assistants) will be performing their entry, ‘The Jungle Book’. The night will start at 6:30pm at the Botanical Garden’s Amphitheatre. Bring along a picnic blanket, a chair and the whole family to enjoy a night of free entertainment provided by the Primary and High schools from around the Mackay District. Food and Drink will be available on the night or you can bring your own (No Alcohol). Our students have been working hard and cannot wait to perform!!!  

Good Luck Team!  

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**Kungurri Hill Climb**

Who will be the 2016 "King of the Hill" at this year’s Bullet Bikes “KUNGURRI HILL CLIMB”?  

JUNIORS classes will run on Saturday 30th July  

12 Noon Start – FREE ADMISSION SATURDAY ONLY

SENIORS will run on Sunday 31st July  

8 am SHARP Start  

Gates open @ 6 am  

RIDERS: Contact Glen Laycock on 0408 792 944 for competition and registration details.  

SUNDAY is a Great Day for Spectators  

Sunday ADMISSION: Adults $6 & School Age $3.  

Please No Dogs; No Glass or BYO Alcohol

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Catering available both days by Dows Creek Hall Committee.  

Camping available at Dows Creek Hall grounds – 0417 728 117  

Proceeds to hall maintenance and Childhood Cancer

You can find Kungurri Hill Climb on the Mirani Mt Ossa Rd – Look at road signs at rural number 1619.

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**For EFT/ Direct Deposit Payments, our School’s Bank Ac-**

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