Principal’s Message

Hello “Old Friends”,

It’s great to be back at Hampden again after three and a half years, and I’m indebted to Shane for requesting that I should be the person to replace him for the duration of his leave.

The warmth of your welcome and the enthusiastic greetings from your children have been both amazing and greatly appreciated. Thank you! Already I have met several new parents as well, and I’m also busy trying to remember the names of the “new” students I have not previously known.

I can’t let this opportunity pass to congratulate those currently volunteering to maintain the grounds. The whole school looks fantastic and displays a real pride and sense of ownership of your school. It’s great to see the sense of community, with a capital C, is still flourishing here at Hampden in so many ways.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY: How are you progressing with the completion of these surveys? Since becoming “electronic” these annual surveys from Education Queensland are much quicker and simpler to complete than the original paper versions. Please ensure you spend the short time required and complete your survey so the school has valid, reliable data to base its forward planning on. Please contact the office if you require an additional survey code.

SWIMMING INSTRUCTION: Swimming will commence this coming Wednesday, 27 July, for the students in Year 4/5/6. Students in other classes begin on 24 August. Invoices were sent home earlier this week.

PETIT EARLY LEARNING CENTRE BUS SERVICE SURVEY: Renee received a needs survey from the Marian Day Care centre for a bus service that would collect students from local schools to attend such a service. Hampden was not on the list of schools available to tick. Renee made a note on the form and returned to the centre. Shane will contact the centre and would like as many families as possible to also contact the centre to express their interest (Phone: 4806 3750). This could be a great opportunity if we pursue it.

WHITSUNDAY VOICES: Once again this year the children were treated to a wonderful literary learning experience! Thank you for allowing your children to be a part of this unique opportunity. Attached to this newsletter you’ll find a story written by Hannah (Year 5) as a pre-festival competition entry. Hannah’s story was awarded “Highly Commended” by the judges from a field of almost 200 Year 5 and 6 entries. It’s so good I thought you’d enjoy it just as much as I did, so I’ve included it for you to read. Please also note the thoughts of some of our other Year 4-7 students about what they enjoyed, and what they learned while at Whitsunday Voices this year.

SAME DAY NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES:

An important notice from the Qld Department of Education and Training

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training and for the Queensland Government. Today, the report “When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh—a report into Queensland’s children missing from out-of-home care” was released and the Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school.

I’m sure that most parents are vigilant in notifying the school when their children are unable to attend, but now it is important to notify the school as early as possible, preferably by 9.30 am. This will negate the need for the school to contact you as required by this new policy.

I look forward to seeing you at the Rock Pop Mime on Saturday night, and I believe Shane will be returning in time for this event also.

Have a great week!

Howard Frost
FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon

It has been a busy start to the term, with assessments and new activities in the classroom. A quick reminder that Library borrowing is every Thursday and students need to bring a suitable bag to hold their books. We have been picking ‘good fit’ books to read. These are books that students can read by themselves, with a maximum of 5 mistakes made on a page. A lot of our class members have found the ‘Dr Suess’ books really good for this and a lucky class member gets picked every day to read some of their book in front of the class. Please remember swimming starts soon and to help make things easier for everyone – please label everything!!

FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright

Just a reminder to students that homework books need to be handed in each Friday for marking. Friday is also our library day so please ensure you return your books. Can you please also check that the books are from our library, as on occasions we have books brought in from the mobile library.

SPORTING NEWS

CALEN DISTRICT SPORTS: As you know the wet weather threw a real spanner in the works this week resulting in the program needing to be completed here at Hampden this morning. As soon as the final results are known and “age champions” decided, a special sports newsletter will be sent home and presentations awarded.

Children selected to compete in the upcoming Mackay District trials will be notified as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

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.

THERMOMIX RAFFLE

Tickets will be available at the school office from Tuesday 26 July or at the Kuttabul Boar Comp.

$20 per ticket or 3 for $50

Limited tickets will be sold—only 200 available

All money raised will go to the Hampden State School P & C Association
Hi all,

A nostalgic P&C meeting was held on Tuesday night with Mr Frost filling in for Mr Wilkie in the Principal’s chair. It is great to see Mr Frost back at Hampden and we hope he enjoys his stay with us. Several topics were covered in the meeting including, the School camp next year and fundraising for this, looking to include a new interactive whiteboard in the Prep/1/2 room, supplying a starter pack including a uniform for the new Prep enrolments and Mrs Wiseman’s retirement celebrations. A reminder, the P&C meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm and all are welcome.

Our next big fundraiser will be at the Big Boar Comp at Kuttabul Hotel on Saturday, July 30th, where our fundraising committee will be selling slushies, fairy floss, running a cake stall and a raffle. Please assist our school by providing some baking for the cake stall or by purchasing a ticket in the raffle. Contact Sarah Speadborough if you are able to assist.

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.” Albert Einstein

Cheers,
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President
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