Principal’s Message

Hi All,
Welcome back to 2017. I trust that you had a chance to spend some quality time with the family over the holiday period and are ready to get back into the daily routine of school life.

New and returning staff—I would like to officially introduce and welcome Mrs Sandra Conroy to our school. Sandra has taken on the role of Music and Arts teacher, Sandra will work at Hampden on Monday. We also officially welcome Mrs Theresa Morgan onto permanent staff. Theresa has worked in the school on a casual basis but will now undertake a permanent position. I am also very pleased to announce that Lisa Nielsen will return to her role as HPE teacher, working each Monday at Hampden.

Enrolment Numbers—Currently the school has 83 enrolled students who are attending regularly. Should enrolments stay above 78 we will be able to transition to a 4 class model as of Wednesday 1 February. The 4 class model will be:

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Olivia, Kharla, Theresa, Katrina and I have worked in consultation with other staff members to ensure the new classes are formed to suit each student’s needs. We were prepared for this likelihood and have in place already the required arrangements in terms of curriculum, teaching, learning and supervision. Details of class lists will be sent home early next week.

Student Free Day Program—The staff and I undertook a very ambitious student free day program last week where we outlined and developed our key priorities for 2017:

- English—reading, writing, spelling
- Learning goals and feedback
- Individualised learning

In 2017 we are striving to ensure every single student makes at least a year’s progress. We will do this through a clear focus on providing each child with access to the Australian curriculum, differentiated to meet their individual learning needs using effective pedagogical practices.

Behaviour Policy —

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

We use a whole school flow chart approach when dealing with minor and major behaviour incidents and this has been included in today’s newsletter for your reference.

All students will commence each term with 50 points. Generally, minor incidents will result in the loss of 5 points and major incidents will result in the loss of 10 points. The school holds a Reward’s Day program at the end of the term for all students who meet the set out criteria and have a minimum of 25 points.
Principal’s Message (continued)

High 5 Strategy—The High 5 Strategy is a tool to support students in dealing with conflict between each other. The High 5 is based upon a hand and has 5 strategies to support students in conflicting situations. The 5 steps are: Ignore, Talk Friendly, Talk Firmly, Walk Away and Report. We explicitly teach these strategies to the students throughout the school year and ask you to reinforce them with your children at home.

School Uniforms—Due to our increase in enrolments we have had some minor supply issues regarding uniforms. New shorts and skorts have now arrived. For those families after additional uniforms, Gurney and Frost sports shirts are due in the next 3 weeks and a large order of Hampden school shirts has now been placed. There are some second hand uniforms still available.

Cross Country Training—The school cross country will be held on Friday 17 March. We will commence training next Monday. All students are encouraged to participate and we also invite families to come along to support and help. The more adults we have out on the track, the safer our students are. We encourage students to bring a spare shirt for running in and a spare pair of shoes if possible. Training starts at approximately 8:25am each morning.

Tuckshop—At this stage we are still seeking interested parties to take on the 2017 Tuckshop coordinator role. Chloe, who has done a magnificent job in the role during 2016 will not be renominating for the position at the upcoming P&C AGM due to her increased work commitments. Chloe has advertised her willingness to support any interested person who may be interested in nominating for the 2017 position and is happy to help set up the tuckshop prior to the 2017 AGM. If you are interested please see Chloe or let a member of the school P&C executive aware of your interest. We will keep you updated as to when tuckshop will commence for 2017.

Back to school working bee—A big thank you to all those families who helped out on the weekend prior to school returning to get the grounds looking fantastic. What I hoped would be just a quick tidy up ended with the school being weeded, gardens mulched, trees trimmed, rubbish removed and general maintenance being taken care of. A special thanks to the grounds care executive team leader, Chris Perna and his family for all their additional work throughout the holiday period.

Evacuation Drill Policy—As per the Department of Education and Training requirements we will hold an evacuation and lockdown drill each term. In order to prepare your children for these we like to inform our community of the Term 1 drill dates. An evacuation drill will be held on 16 February and a lockdown drill will be held on 23 February. Students will be made aware of when the first drill will be occurring.

Drop Off, Pick Up and Bus Procedures—Please be reminded that any students being dropped off after 9am or collected prior to 3pm must be signed out from the office. In addition, if your child is a regular user of the bus and a change to this routine is to happen, the school must be informed. Students cannot be released into the care of another adult without formal permission being supplied by the parent or caregiver. Without notification we are required to follow the normal bus/collection procedures.

As of term 1, 2017 all schools are required to follow the Same Day Absence Notification procedures. The parent/carer of any student not in attendance with a reasonable excuse must be contacted by the school. Please be aware that our office staff will make contact with you if your child is absent from school and we have not been informed.

Have a great week
Shane Wilkie

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

TERM DATES: Term 1 for 2017 is ten weeks in duration and starts on Wednesday 23 January and finishes on Friday 31 March.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS: The school office is open four days a week from 9:00-3:00pm Monday—Friday. CLOSED WEDNESDAY

STUDENT ABSENCES: At Hampden State School we believe ‘everyday matters’ and place a high value on consistent attendance. Parents of children who are absent should phone the office’s student absence telephone 4966 0688, notify via the Hampden Skoolbag phone app or provide a signed note to the school explaining the reason for the absence as soon as possible.

MEDICATION: Under no circumstances may a staff member administer medication to a student solely on advice from a parent. This includes over the counter medications such as Panadol, cough lozenges etc. This is permissible only if the medication is accompanied by written advice from the child’s doctor and a chemist’s label stating name, date, doctor, dosage, etc; AND a signed and dated permission form is provided by the parent or guardian, and approved by the Principal.

SCHOOL BANKING: Student banking is available through a Youth Saver account with the Commonwealth Bank. Application forms are available from the office. Banking days are Thursday.

LIBRARY: The school’s library will reopen from week 2 and students will be able to borrow items from this date.
FROM THE LOWER & MIDDLE SCHOOL

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon

Congratulations on making it through the first week! It has been a very busy few days, as I’m sure you all know. The Preps have been amazing at settling in to school life. Library borrowing will begin next Thursday and Home readers will go home next Monday. Our classroom information session will be held in Week 3, however, if you have any questions about our school routines, please do not hesitate to see me.

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright

A warm welcome back to you all I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Chelsey and her family to our school and our year 3 class. Chelsey has arrived from Marian SS and has settled well into our classroom.

As usual we have got straight into learning and have already completed some spelling pre-tests, started our Maths units and Mental Maths activities. I’m sure we will get busier as the term continues. If you need to contact me for any reason please feel free to come and see me in the classroom or I can be contacted by school phone or my email kwrig77@eq.edu.au.

I look forward to working with your children this year.

FROM THE UPPER SCHOOL

Year 4/5/6: Katrina Munchow & Theresa Morgan

The Year 4/5/6 class has settled into the new school term very quickly. We have welcomed four new students into our class and it has been great to see our school community make our new students feel comfortable.

Our class has quickly established our routines and have started on our first units of Maths and English. We look forward to a great Term One.

GENERAL MESSAGES

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING COMMENCES MONDAY 30TH JANUARY AT 8.25 AM
PLEASE BRING OLD SHOES AND A SPARE SHIRT

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JUNIOR GOLF SIGN ON & OPEN DAY

PIONEER VALLEY GOLF CLUB
SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY
8AM TO 12NOON

Large inflatable waterslide
Chipping & Putting comp.
Family Ambrose comp.
Water games
Sausage sizzle
Lucky door prizes

COME AND TRY!
LOADS OF FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Brothers Netball Club

Mackay

SIGN ON DATE:
Saturday 28th
January 1.00 pm

LOCATION:
Mackay Netball Courts
Undercover Area

ONLINE SIGN ON IS AVAILABLE (and preferred)
PRIOR TO SIGN ON DAY, FOR FURTHER DETAILS EMAIL
brothersnetballclubmackay@gmail.com
BETTE 0438251153 • MELISSA 0408737696

AGES: 5-OPEN
DIVISIONS:
(NetSetGo to Premier League)
Mackay Netball will have new divisions.
AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

Principal’s Award Winner:
Every fortnight one student is chosen from the whole school to be presented with the Principal’s Award, in recognition of their efforts in striving to achieve. In 2017 a focus will be those students who demonstrate the qualities of the school rules, Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be a Learner.

In addition to this fortnightly award, one student from each roll class is presented with a weekly Hampden Huge Effort award to acknowledge their efforts in relation to classroom learning.

FRIDAY 27th January 2017

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Kurtis…….. Working independently in class.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Matthew…….. Positive attitude for the start of year six.

Birthday Celebrations for Jan-Feb 2017:
Samuel — Year 4/5/6: 4 Jan — 9 years old
Blair — Year 2/3/4: 14 Jan — 9 years old
California — Year P/1/2: 21 Jan — 5 years old
Shelby — Year 4/5/6: 23 Jan — 10 years old
Tahlia-Lea — Year 4/5/6: 5 Feb — 10 years old
Hayden — Year 4/5/6: 15 Feb — 11 years old
Daisy — Year 2/3/4: 17 Feb — 9 years old
Andrew — Year 2/3/4: 18 Feb — 7 years old
Kaiden — Year 4/5/6: 19 Feb — 9 years old
Henry — Year P/1/2: 22 Feb — 5 years old
Luella — Year P/1/2: 23 Feb — 5 years old
Hunter — Year P/1/2: 27 Feb — 5 years old

Happy Birthday!
We hope you have a great day.

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WELCOME 2017 PREPS

For EFT/Direct Deposit Payments, our School’s Bank Account Details are . . . .
Bank: CBA  BSB: 064707  A/C No: 00090298

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