Principal’s Message

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NAPLAN: Last week we received the 2016 NAPLAN results for our Year 3 and 5 students. While NAPLAN is just one piece of point in time assessment we can be very proud of our students and their results which reflect the hard work of our school community. A quick snapshot of the data shows:

- 100% of Year 3 students at or above national minimum standards in all areas
- Above Australia and Queensland in mean score and upper 2 bands for Year 3 Numeracy
- Above Queensland in mean score and upper 2 bands for Year 5 Writing
- Our best spelling results in both Year 3 and 5

Our goal moving forward is further improving our reading and spelling so that we have every student achieving above national minimum standards and giving all students the opportunity to reach the upper 2 bands.

MRS WISEMAN’S RETIREMENT: Bronwyn’s retirement will be held on Saturday 27 August. Tickets are now available from the office for $30. Ticket price includes food and entertainment. A cash bar will operate on the night. Bronwyn has contributed to the education of students at Hampden for over 30 years. Her retirement dinner will be a night to reflect upon her achievements and thank her for this wonderful contribution.

PARENT INTERVIEWS: Will be held this week and in week 6. If you have yet to schedule an appointment please do so as it is really important that we meet with all families to share your child’s individual goals for reading and spelling and to catch up with you about their learning.

READING AND SPELLING SUPPORT PROGRAMS: The staff and I have been working recently on developing small group intervention support programs in reading and spelling for students who require a boost in these areas. Mrs Michelle Leeding will be employed from our Investing for Success funding to relieve Ms Rosie Dittman who will work alongside Mr Wilkie to support students to develop their reading and spelling. Parents of students who will be involved in these programs will be contacted to be given an overview of the programs aims and strategies.

SAME DAY ABSENCE NOTIFICATION: As Mr Frost informed you in the previous newsletter, there has been a change in DET policy around student absences. Schools are now required to notify parents of a student absence on the same day that it occurs. Thank you very much to those parents who have been vigilant in informing the school when their child is absent from school. We understand that people lead busy lives and will at times forget to contact the school. Our school process is to mark all rolls by 9:30am. The administration staff will notify teachers of any absence notifications that have been received. Administration staff will then make contact with families of students with unexplained absences. We’d like to thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we establish this system.

NED SHOW YO-YO SALES: (price list included in newsletter) Last Friday we had a very entertaining show provided to the students about positive behaviour, resilience and getting along. The show was provided free of charge. However Yo-Yos are now on sale from the office and proceeds from this will be used to ‘pay it forward’ so that other schools can also view the show at no cost.

Have a great week!
Shane Wilkie
Parent interviews have begun this week and it has been good to share positive results with parents. The Prep children have taken home a note about their Geography project and they are very excited about it. Please remember that Homework, including yellow Thrass booklets for the Year 1’s and 2’s, is due every Friday. Over the last couple of weeks, we have had quite a few students who have not been returning their Homework to be marked.

Our poetry unit is definitely beginning to come together. Students have written some great alliteration which they then presented to the rest of the class. Last week I attended a Spelling PD in Mackay with guest presenter Misty Adoniou from University of Canberra. Throughout the day she provided practical ideas around the teaching and learning of spelling. It was a great PD and can honestly say that we as a school are definitely incorporating her ideas into our own classrooms. Sometime at the end of this term Shane has organised a THRASS information session for parents which I believe will be very beneficial.

These interviews are scheduled for weeks 5 and 6 and a covering letter accompanied by an appointment schedule have been sent home. Please return this schedule at your earliest convenience so your appointment can be confirmed.

Parent-Teacher interviews are a very important means of maintaining the two-way communication channels which deliver the best outcomes for the students.

This semester for technology students are designing and creating a prototype show that can be used to complement the Hampden school uniform. As part of this unit we will be exploring a range of different footwear. Students are asked to bring in any old pairs of shoes they may have that we can use as part of our learning.
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Please bring forward any ideas you may have for the playground.

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Next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday the 16th August. Please come along and be active in our schools direction. All are welcome.

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Cheers,
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President

Birthday Celebrations for August 2016:

Isabella— Year 2: 12th August — 8 years old
Jack—Year 4: 18th August—10 years old
Billy—Year 2: 22nd August—8 years old
Montana —Year 3: 24th August — 9 years old

AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

Principal’s Award Winner: Tahlia Paskins
For achieving two new records and displaying good sportsmanship at the Calen Athletics carnival.

FRIDAY 29th July 2016

Year PY/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
No award presented.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Damian…….For his wonderful participation during class discussions.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Connor…….For his sizzling starts and creative writing.

FRIDAY 5th August 2016

Year PY/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Liam……..For always doing his best in class.
Dylan……..For always doing his best in class.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
No award presented.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Ryan……..For his focus, effort and contribution during class.

P&C News

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School Happenings in Pictures!

NED Show Pictures

The NED Formula

Ever give up (focus & persistence)

Encourage others (kindness & shared learning)

O your best (diligence & excellence)

General Messages

“The Wiz”

The year 4/5/6 class have been invited to attend the performance of “The Wiz” at Mirani State High School next Friday 19th August at 11 am. A note will be sent home with further details shortly.

NED Show Yo-Yos Now Available for Purchase

Yo-Yos are now on sale from the office from tomorrow Friday 12 August and next week. Refer list for prices and colours available.

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

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