PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE:

THRASS Parent Information Morning—Wednesday 14 September 9:00am-11:00am: You should have received a letter on Monday with details of our THRASS information morning next Wednesday.

We are very excited to invite you into our classrooms to learn all about the great work we are doing with our THRASS literacy program around spelling. The session will begin with an overview of what THRASS is, followed by an opportunity to witness our teachers using this approach to teach our students spelling. The morning will conclude with some fun games and activities in class.

All families who return the attendance slip below will receive a free THRASS pack valued at $20 to use on the day and at home to support your child’s spelling and literacy development.

If you have not returned your note as yet or did not receive one you can either contact the office or download from the skoolbag app.

Medication—including cough lozenges—if students require medication for any reason, including cough lollies, they must be handed to the office or class teacher who can then identify if a medical administration form needs to be completed and organise for safe supervision of the medicine to be administered. There have been a number of incidences recently where children have been found with cough ‘lollies’ in their bags. Cough lozenges must not be at school without prior consultation between a parent and teacher.

Student Council Father’s Day Stall and Disco—Thank you to all those students and families who supported our two student council events last week. Both the Father’s Day Stall and the disco were very successful. It was a very well attended disco with a number of villains in attendance. The student council raised an amount which will be put towards an end of year special event.

Term 3 Reward’s Day—Our Term 3 Reward’s Day will be an in school event held next Friday. Each class will get to be involved in a couple of fun activities on the last day of term. At this stage we have 100% involvement as there have been only a few minor behaviour incidents this term. This is fantastic news and all students are to be congratulated on what has been an exceptional term both behaviourally and academically.

Pizza Party—There are less than two weeks to go for students to receive ‘Gotcha Tickets’ for positive behaviour deeds. Earned tickets contribute to their class total and it is a very close race. There are two classes within a handful of tickets of each other and another class just ahead in the race for the pizza party. We will do a final count next Wednesday with the leading class to get their pizza party on the last day of term.

School Notifications—Can families please be reminded to send a note or phone the school if your child is not to participate in a school activity such as swimming or PE. It can make organisation quite difficult when a child informs teachers at the last minute that they are not participating in an activity for a given reason. Secondly, a valid reason notified by the parent must be received to ensure students get access to all curriculum activities.

Shane Wilkie
**FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL**

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon

We have come to the end of a very busy and hectic term! Our class has been doing lots of assessment and I am very pleased with how well our students have done. We are all looking forward to sharing our room with our parents next week and showing them how much we have learnt about spelling with our Thrass morning. Have a great holiday!

**FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL**

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright

During these last few weeks of Term 3, we have been busy completing some of our C2C assessment items. We have also had to complete some online PAT testing for Maths, Spelling and Reading Comprehension. Some of the results have been very pleasing. We have a pretty busy final week next week with teachers attending PD, our THRASS morning on Wednesday, Arts Council Thursday and end of term Friday. Hope you all have a great holiday!

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

Next week we have a large number of assessment tasks to complete before our Reward’s Day activities on Friday. If you know your child is going to be away at all please let us know. Finally, we are still after old shoes for our technology unit. If students can bring them in before the end of term.

**P&C NEWS**

Hi all,

On the 27th of August we assisted in our first Mackay Beach Horse Racing Festival. It was a great day out at the Mackay harbour and we raised $670 for the school. I would like to thank all that assisted on the day. The winners of the P&C vouchers were Nadine Siemer and Des Kightley.

We are no longer required to assist on the September races however we have our last race commitment for the year on the Saturday 8th October. We have been asked to supply as many staff as possible so please try to support this last race meet and enjoy a day out with your fellow Hampden volunteers.

Also on the 27th was Bronwyn Wiseman’s retirement party. Despite the cold and Chris Perna setting fire to his table cloth a great time was had by all who attended. Thanks to Laurinda Volker, Rosie Dittman and Howard Frost for organising the event and to those who also helped out on the night. We wish Bronwyn all the best for the years ahead and thank her for her service to our school.

With a new month upon us I would like to thank Shane and Renée Wilkie and Lee and Juanita McKenna for looking after the school grounds for August. Lastly a reminder our next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday at 6.30pm. This is a week early due to the holidays. All are welcome.

“*My goal is to build a life I don’t need a vacation from*” Rod Hill

Cheers,
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President

**COMMUNITY NOTICE**

Electricity Safety Week 5-9 September

A safety reminder from Ergon Energy: Look Up and Live when working around your yard!

Know where the powerlines are on your property and be aware when moving equipment like ladders and poles so that you do not come in contact with overhead powerlines.

**Here’s some tips to help keep you and your family safe:**

- Beware of fallen powerlines. Accidents or high winds and flying debris in storms can cause damage to overhead powerlines and bring them down. If you see a fallen powerline, always assume they are ‘live’ and dangerous. Stay at least 10 metres away, warn others and call Triple Zero (000) to report them immediately.

- Water and electricity don’t mix. Bathroom, laundry and swimming pool areas are particularly dangerous, because water is an excellent conductor of electricity. Remember to always keep electrical appliances away from water and never leave an electrical appliance plugged into a power point where it could fall into a bath, basin or swimming pool.

- Use electrical appliances and equipment safely. Have damaged power points and cords replaced immediately by a licensed electrical contractor. Never attempt to do electrical work yourself as it is illegal and dangerous.

- Always remember to Look up and Live when working around your yard. Know where the powerlines are on your property and be aware when moving equipment like ladders and poles so that you do not come in contact with overhead powerlines.

Birthday Celebrations for September and October 2016:

Hayley—Prep: 17th September—6 years old
EJ—Year 5: 23rd September—11 years old
Michael—Prep: 27th September—6 years old
Joshua—Year 3: 29th September—9 years old
Rebekkah—Year 3: 29th September—9 years old
Amarni—Year 1: 3rd October—7 years old
Jye—Year 4: 3rd October—10 years old
Travis—Year 4: 3rd October—10 years old
Charlie—Year 6: 7th October—12 years old
Jayden—Prep: 13th October—6 years old
Ryan—Year 5: 16th October—11 years old
Lacey—Year 5: 17th October—11 years old
Claire—Year 4: 20th October—10 years old

AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 26th August 2016

Year P/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Andrew…….For always having a positive attitude towards learning and working hard in class.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Ashlee…….For trying her best in recalling difficult number facts.
Brianna…….For trying her best in recalling difficult number facts.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Wyatt…….For excellent contributions to poetry learning poetic devices.

FRIDAY 2nd September 2016

Year P/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Audrey…….For understanding and recognising the main idea of a text.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Travis…….For improvement in his No Excuse Spelling Words.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Dominic…….For always being a conscientious student.
Luke…….For his excellent results in his No Excuse Spelling Words.

Happy Birthday!
We hope you have a great day.
CiderDojo is a worldwide movement of free, volunteer-led, community-based programming clubs for young people. Anyone aged seven to seventeen can visit a Dojo where they can learn to code, build a website, create an app or a game, and explore technology in an informal, creative, and social environment. The understanding of programming languages is increasingly important in the modern world, that it’s both better and easier to learn these skills early, and that nobody should be denied the opportunity to do so.

CiderDojo Mackay Region will be one of twelve coding clubs in Queensland aimed at young people to succeed in the world of technology. The club will be opened on Saturday October 15 from 10.30am to 12pm and will run on a fortnightly basis at Calen District State College. Parents are encouraged to stay and learn code with their children. Your CiderDojo Champion’s name is Kiara. For more information email coderdojomkyregion@gmail.com or kkogo0@eq.edu.au.

Happy coding!