Hi All and welcome back to the final term of 2016. I hope you managed to have some family time over the September holiday period and that our students are refreshed for a busy term. I know it is cliché but it’s hard to believe that we are just a couple of months out from the end of the year.

As always Term 4 will be jam packed with a range of curricula and extra-curricular activities.

THRASS Parent Information Morning

A massive thank you to the 25+ families who attended our THRASS information morning in the last week of Term 3. It was so great to have you in our classrooms and joining us in our learning. The feedback was really positive and I know that all of you got something from the morning. For those of you unable to attend we will hold other THRASS events in the future.

We have been invited by Melissa Caruana, Master Teacher at Calen District College, to attend a follow up THRASS information morning being held next Wednesday from 9:00-10:15 at Calen by THRASS Accredited Teacher, Pete Petros. I am planning on attending this session so please come along.

Arts Council

Students will have received a permission letter for this Term’s Arts Council performance. We are aware that it is very close to the previous term 3 performance, but due to touring dates this was unavoidable. This will be the final performance for 2016 and there will be no further performance payments required for 2016.

2017 Brisbane Camp

Next week all students in Years 4/5/6 in 2017 we receive a note with details about next year’s Brisbane camp. We have paid deposits for camp and the letter you receive next week will allow you to secure your child’s spot on the 2017 Brisbane camp. Please keep an eye out for the letter and return it to school as soon as possible indicating your child’s attendance.

2017 Enrolments & Prep Transition Program

Thank you to all those families who have completed enrolment forms for 2017 and expressed an interest in attending our pre-prep transition program. The program will commence in week 3 on October 21 and is open to any child commencing prep next year, regardless of where they plan to attend school. The program is held at the same time as playgroup each Friday from 9:00-11:30am.

If you know of any families who are seeking a great school for their children please recommend Hampden to them if you believe that we can offer their child a great education. Word of mouth is a powerful advertiser.

Petit Early Learning Centre Before and After School Care Program

For those families seeking before and after school care for their children, Petit Early Learning Centre in Marian now has a small mini bus which can collect and drop off students from Hampden who wish to be involved in their out of school hours care program. A number of Hampden families have secured places in this program and I would encourage anyone seeking such a service to contact the centre as soon as possible as spots are limited.

Have a great week!
Shane Wilkie
Welcome back to Term 4! It’s hard to believe that this year is nearly over. This term will be even busier than last term, as we will be starting our Pre-Prep program in a few weeks. The students wrote letters to the pre-preps last term to help them feel more comfortable about starting school. Everyone is looking forward to helping them settle in to our school. Just a quick reminder that homework will start next week. Everyone has been doing a really great job practising their reading at school and it’s great to see the improvements made. Have a great term.

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon

Welcome back to our last term for 2016! Again we are in for a very busy term and am sure it will go as fast as the others. Just a reminder to students that they need to be practising their ‘No Excuse Spelling’ words. They will continue to be tested every 5 weeks from when they get their new lists. If your child is having any difficulties with learning their list of words, please don’t hesitate in seeing staff.

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright

Due to the public holiday on Monday there was no homework issued this week. Homework will commence in week 2 and continue through until week 9. Students are expected to have homework completed and handed in on Friday. On most occasions homework will be checked on Friday or over the weekend by one of the teachers. In term 3 the standard of homework was very good. Please encourage your child to continue with this great work.

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

The benefits of kindy

Kindergarten is a part-time educational program for children in the year before school. Enrolment in a Queensland Government-approved kindergarten program will help your child make friends, develop a love of learning and be better prepared to start school.

What you child will learn

In a kindy program your child will participate in play-based learning.

They will be supported to:

• use language to communicate ideas and feelings
• make friends, share and play with others
• become more independent and confident
• develop self-discipline
• express themselves through art, dance and dramatic play
• engage in problem solving activities

What kindy costs

Kindergarten fees vary depending on the service.

Contact your preferred kindy for details about their fee structure.

Low or no cost kindy

Low or no cost kindergarten is provided to eligible families who:

• hold a current Australian Government Health Care Card (or have a child who does)
• are a foster family with a current Australian Government Health Care Card
• identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does)
• have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

For further information contact Grant Webb via grant.webb@det.qld.gov.au.

Playgroup will re-commence this Friday the 7th of October from 9 am to 11.30 am. Come and join in the fun as we make bug eye headbands, collage dragonflies and look at different items through magnifying glasses and much more! See you tomorrow!
AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS

09/09/2016
Matthew
Planning and organising
Monday movement

Principal’s Award Winners

09/09/2016
Paul
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Monday movement

FRIDAY 9th September 2016

Year P/1/2 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Darcy………For a huge improvement with his HIGH frequency words.

Year 2/3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Blair………For his effort in organising himself for learning.

Year 4/5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:
Charlie………For producing great creative writing.

Happy Birthday!
We hope you have a great day.

Birthday Celebrations for October 2016:
Charlie—Year 6: 7th October—12 years old
Jayden—Prep: 13th October—6 years old
Lacey—Year 5: 17th October—11 years old
Claire—Year 4: 20th October—10 years old

P&C NEWS

Hi all,
Welcome back everyone to the last term of the year. I hope you all had an enjoyable, relaxing and safe break over the last couple of weeks.

Another month has flown by and I would like to thank Peter and Kim Rowley and Vinny Vanderpoel for looking after the school grounds over September.

“Work and microwave minutes are definitely longer than normal minutes.” Unknown

Cheers,
Scott McLean
Hampden State School P&C President

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**CoderDojo** 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.

CoderDojo 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 CoderDojo Champion’s name is Kiara. For more information email coderdojomkyregion@gmail.com or kkogo0@eq.edu.au.

Happy coding!

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**Mirani SHS Year 7 Transition Dates**

Year 7 Parent Information Evening: Tuesday October 11 – School Tour 5.30pm, Information Session 6.00pm

Ylead for Year 6 students: Wednesday October 12 at MSHS

Orientation Day: Wednesday November 30 at MSHS

Enrolment Interviews: Monday November 21 – Friday December 2

**Important:** It is essential to make an appointment for an enrolment interview for your child to transition to high school.