**AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**Principal's Award Winner:**

Matilda—Being the expert when writing topic for reading groups  
10/2/2017

**Year Prep/1 Hampden Hero Award Winner:**

Braya….Following directions quickly & being a helpful class member  
Year P/1/2 : 23 Feb

**Year 2/3 Hampden Hero Award Winner:**

Brianna……For having a positive attitude to her learning  
Year P/1/2:  27 Feb

**Year 3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:**

Joshua….Great work in English Comprehension  
Year 2/3/4 : 18 Feb

**Year 5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:**

Sienna….For confidence in sharing “quick Writes” to class  
Year 4/5/6 : 5 Feb

**Year Prep/1 Hampden Hero Award Winner:**

Liam…..for being a helpful class member and always following directions  
Year 4/5/6 : 19 Feb

**Year 2/3 Hampden Hero Award Winner:**

Audrey….Supporting other students to complete their THRASS activities  
Year P/1/2:  27 Feb

**Year 3/4 Hampden Hero Award Winner:**

Sam…..Showing strong leadership skills in Reading Groups  
Year 5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:  
Liam…..Positive focus and attitude during class time  
Year 5/6 Hampden Hero Award Winner:  

**Birthday Celebrations for Feb 2017:**

Tahlea-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

**Principal’s Message**

Hi All,

Hope you and your children have settled back into the school year and starting to get back into the routine of day to day school life. We have made a very successful transition to our four class model.

**Drink bottles**—On Wednesday the school lost power for the majority of the day. As a result we were required to use portable water for toilets and handwashing and bottled water for refilling students drink bottles. Given that it was only week 3 there were a significant number of students without water bottles. We live in an extremely hot region of the world and the recent summer temperatures mean every child should have a drink bottle at school every day. Please ensure you are providing your child with a drink bottle for school each day.

**2017 Support Provisions**—As part of our 2017 priority to ensure every child is having their individual learning needs meet the school has developed a range of additional programs aimed at supporting students learning needs across a variety of English and mathematics areas. These programs are both intervention and extension in nature. If you child is currently engaged in a support provision program you will receive a note next week about this. If you have further questions please contact the school.

**Medical Exclusions**—There has been a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth and head lice identified at the school. As infectious conditions there are exclusion periods which accompany such cases in order to prevent the further spread. In today’s newsletter we have included a copy of the infectious conditions which has details about the exclusion periods. Please keep for your reference.

**After school playground procedures**—Please be reminded that the use of the playground after school is not endorsed by the school. Once children have been released by their teacher into the care of their parents the school can no longer accept responsibility for actions or incidents involving students under their parental care. If you choose to allow your child to play on the playground they must be directly supervised. There have been a number of incidents recently due to children not being directly supervised. Miss Dittman is the adult on supervision duty of bus students and those remaining to be collected by their parent/carer. No student yet to be released will be allowed to play on the playground. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

**Attendance—Every day counts**!—We have made a pleasing start to the year in terms of attendance with a number of days already with 100% across the entire school. There is significant evidence which demonstrates that absenteeism has a direct effect on future success not just in work but in life in general. Every day really does matter! If you child is absent please contact the school with a reason. Please understand that if you leave a message without a genuine reason for your child’s absence they will be marked as unauthorised.

**Grip leadership conference**—Next Tuesday the six School and House Captains will attend the Annual Grip Leadership conference at the MECC. Students must return their permission notes by Monday in order to attend. This is a great opportunity for them to set up their 2017 leadership team goals.

**Student leaders induction ceremony**—On Friday 17th February we will officially induct each of the 11 members of the school leadership team during our official induction ceremony. All School, House and Leaders will receive their certificates and badges and publically acknowledge their responsibility as leaders to the school community.

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

Bank: CBA    BSB: 064707    A/C No: 00090298

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Our P&C Meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month  
www.hampdens.eq.edu.au
Welcome back to 2017. I hope everyone enjoyed their time spent with family and friends over the holidays. It’s great to see our returning students and very pleasing to see many new faces. Hampden school has a strong culture of embracing new students so I trust these families will feel most welcome to our community.

P&C Annual General Meeting
Tuesday the 21st of February
We will be electing the P&C Executive positions at the next meeting so we encourage all parents to come along and take an active role in our school P&C. Membership forms are available from the school office. All are welcome and I urge anyone who wants to have a say in the direction of our school to come along to our meetings.

I would like to extend this opportunity to thank Chris and Barb Perna and their family for their enormous efforts towards ensuring our grounds have been maintained over the holidays even though they no longer have students attending our school. The Perna family have always gone to great lengths to support both Hampden and our community and both are the richer as a result.

“The life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.” Dennis P. Kimbro

Cheers,
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FROM THE LOWER & MIDDLE SCHOOL

Prep/1: Olivia Gordon
A huge ‘thank you’ to everyone who attended our classroom information night, it was great to see so many people there. Please remember to contact me if you do have any concerns or questions. Our first library borrowing was on Thursday. Books are due back every Thursday so we can borrow new books. Wilson has begun his home visits and everyone is excited to have him visit their house. The Year Ones have taken home a note as part of their History unit. If this could be filled out and returned before next week it would be much appreciated.

FROM THE UPPER SCHOOL

Year 3/4: Theresa Morgan
We have had a great week in our new classroom, we have been doing a lot of learning, our bookshelves are filling up and we have had a lot of fun. We have started reading our class novel ‘Rowan of Rin’ and this will form part of our English assessment. Our class is looking for children’s novels and board games, so if you have any gathering dust at home and you would like to find them a new home, please keep us in mind, we would love to add to our class collection.

Year 5/6: Katrina Munchow & Shane Wilkie
Thank you to those parents who attended our parent information session on Tuesday afternoon. For those of you who were unable to attend we will send home information pertaining to our units for this term and the procedures for our classroom.

Home learning commenced this week and is due each Friday. If you have any concerns or queries about the home learning please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Munchow or Mr Wilkie at anytime.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MARIAN MARKETS
Church Grounds Marian
Saturday 19 February - 8.00am – 12 noon
A huge variety of great stalls
Sausage sizzle & refreshments available

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid-year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828.

Parents who wish their child to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (Communion) are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 8th March, at the Marian Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm. For further information please contact:
Charlotte Tomlin 49543863