Hello everyone and welcome to the second last newsletter for the year. As you read this we have 16 school days remaining. We will be working right up to the last day of school as we finalise assessments and ensure we provide every student the support required for continued learning.

Report Cards: Students will be issued and handed their report card on Thursday 8 December. If you would rather collect it yourself or have it posted please let your child’s teacher know prior to this date.

Reward’s Day: We are currently in the final stages of planning for Friday 9 December. Students will travel by bus to the Mackay Indoor Sports Centre where they will participate in a range of indoor sports in age appropriate groups with umpires provided. We will then travel to the Mackay Council Bluewater Lagoon (pending approval) or another suitable swimming location for a pizza lunch and a swim. The student council will cover the cost of the indoor sports using funds raised at the last disco. The school will cover the cost of the pizza and sporting schools funding will contribute to the transport costs. A permission note will be sent home once we have final confirmation.

Camp Information Evening: Thank you to all the families and students who attended the camp information evening. The staff felt that it was a very successful evening and we hope we provided you with the information you required. We are now at the stage of booking flights so it becomes imperative that we can confirm the final numbers for those attending. As a school we want every student who wishes to attend to do so. If finances are a concern please contact the school so that we can make arrangements to support you with a suitable funding plan.

2017 End of Year Concert & Awards Presentation—Wednesday 7 December: The evening will see us farewell our graduating Year 6 students and acknowledge their achievements, award academic and encouragement awards across all year levels, sing carols, students performing piano recitals, concert performances and a visit from Santa. The BBQ will be in operation from 5:30pm prior to the official commencement at 6:30pm. As the evening is a celebration of the students’ achievements, a decision was made at the P&C meeting to commence the sale of alcohol at the bar following the official ceremony at 8:30pm as was the process last year.

2017 Annual Implementation Plan: As a school 2017 will be the third year of our 4 Year Strategic Plan developed in 2014 as part of the School Planning, Reviewing and Reporting Framework. At last Tuesday’s P&C meeting I reported as to how we are progressing towards the achievement of this plan and presented a draft version of the 2017 Annual Implementation Plan following our staff meeting last Tuesday. At this stage there are 3 key priorities.

1. Australian Curriculum: English—embedding our reading, writing and spelling frameworks
2. Collegial Culture— further developing our expert teaching team through collaboration
3. Goal Setting and Feedback— establishing an explicit process for providing feedback to students and families

Within each of these key areas there will be a number of actions which further support the plan. We will provide greater details as the plan is finalised.

Have a great week!
ShaneWilkie
FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL

Prep/1/2: Olivia Gordon

Last Friday the pre-preps joined in for some Science fun as we experimented with different types of materials that we could construct a roof with. There was lots of discussion and testing of our materials and the fun will continue this week. This week will be our last week of Library borrowing, so please return all books by the end of next week. Homework continues for another 2 weeks, so please keep up the home reading and high frequency words!

FROM THE MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL

Year 2/3/4: Kharla Wright
For the next few weeks students will be eagerly practising for their end of year celebrations with our Arts teacher Miss Walz. From the sounds of things that have been happening on Tuesday mornings it is going to be another great presentation. By the end of this week we should have completed all our assessment with report cards outlining student achievements being sent home in the last week of school.

Year 4/5/6: Katrina Munchow & Shane Wilkie
Interschool sport continues tomorrow with students travelling to Seaforth for the second week of matches. Students will depart Hampden at 1:00pm and play until 2:30pm, returning home for the end of the school day. All students must have a hat, water bottle and great attitude. The reports from week 1 were excellent so let’s keep it up.

P & C NEWS

Hi all,

We had our final P&C meeting for 2016 on Tuesday night with a number of topics discussed. Shane gave us an overview of the draft 2017 school plan, we covered rewards day, enrolments for 2017 and the need to develop a plan for the distribution of the P&C funds. If you would like any further information from the meeting please see Shane or one of the P&C executives.

Our school will be supporting the “Adopt a Family” Christmas charity. More information is included in this newsletter, help us support this worthy cause and bring some joy to a needy family this Christmas.

Finally, we will be having a “Thank you” afternoon at the school on Sunday 4th December to recognise the great work done by so many volunteers who have contributed to our school. There will be free drinks and a sausage sizzle so please come along and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with other Hampden families. A flyer will be sent home soon with further details.

Cheers,
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COMMUNITY NOTICE

BE PART OF SOMETHING LIFE-CHANGING
The Qld Government is giving parents and carers free access to evidence-based parenting support through the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. Join us on Facebook to get quality parenting information, and visit www.triplep-parenting.net to see what programs are available. More seminars and group sessions coming soon.

SET YOUR KIDS UP FOR SUCCESS IN 2017
We all want our kids to do well at school – and in life! Set your kids up for success by learning how to positively parent. Find out how to encourage kids to be respectful, make good decisions and feel positive about themselves. And it’s all free! Why not do Triple P Online over the holidays (Teen version coming soon)? You can register online 24/7.

NEW PARENTING MAGAZINE OUT NOW
Want to know if Triple P works for real Qld families? What sports are available for kids and teens? What teenagers are REALLY thinking about? And why it’s important for parents to take time out? Read Triple P’s latest parenting magazine here.

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Birthday Celebrations for November & December 2016:

Lincoln—Year 3: 21st November—9 years old
Dylan—Year 1: 22nd November—7 years old
Audrey—Year 1: 24th November—7 years old
Connor—Year 6: 12th December—12 years old
Ruby—Year 1: 25th December—7 years old

VOLUNTER TUCKSHOP CONVENOR REQUIRED

This will be Chloe’s last term in her role as volunteer tuckshop convenor. A big thank you to Chloe for all her hard work! We are now seeking a new volunteer tuckshop convenor to commence in Term one 2017. Duties of this position include organising the menu, ordering and doing the shopping, organise the tuckshop volunteer roster, collecting and collating orders. If you are interested please contact Chloe on 0474 074 749 or the school office. Full training can be given during this term by Chloe. Tuckshop will be finishing for 2016 in Week 9 ending 2 December.

Happy Birthday!
We hope you have a great day.
GENERAL MESSAGES

Thank you for supporting School Banking!

We would like to thank all of our students who have taken part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year. Not only does the program reward children for saving regularly, but it is also a great fundraiser for our school.

Keep an eye out for our 2017 Back to School launch in Term 1 next year where you’ll find out about our new theme, new rewards and the Grand Prize competition!

Our final School Banking day for 2016 will be Thursday 8th December. If you wish to order a reward item for your child this year please ensure that your redemption slip is filled in and returned prior to this date. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2017.

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