From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome back to Term 3, I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable couple of
weeks away from school and that the children are all ready and fresh for another busy term.
There are a number of events and activities coming up, please keep an eye on the date
claimer and the school website. Most of you should be aware that I was appointed as the
permanent principal at the end of last term. I’m very much looking forward to continuing
the work we do here.

Student Absences

The Queensland Government have recently made changes to the way schools are to deal
with unexplained student absences. Now, the school must contact a parent or guardian the
same day as an unexplained absence. It is important that if your child is to be away from
school or late arriving, that you inform the school by either by ringing the office or
contacting the class teacher directly. Parents will be contacted by phone after the class
teacher has done the roll.

School Assembly

So far this year we have held our school assembly on a Thursday afternoon from 2:40pm –
3:00pm. You may have noticed that I have had to miss some of these throughout the year. I
do not like missing these, unfortunately Thursday is the day that the department holds
most principal meetings and it is also the day that the City Cluster of principals meet on a
regular basis. With this in mind, I have spoken to the staff and the P&C and I would like to
change our assembly day to **Friday afternoon, 2:40pm – 3:00pm**. While I can’t guarantee
that there won’t be a clash with Friday afternoon, I do believe it is less likely to happen. I
apologise for an inconvenience this may cause. If you have any concerns about this, feel
free to speak with me.

School Website

We are keeping the school website as up to date as possible, making sure that we have
upcoming events and activities and news items available for the community to see. You can
also download the QSchools App that links directly to the website. The school will also have
a Facebook page very soon. We will be able to use this to keep you updated with events
and news, as well as being able to put simple reminders out.

Before and after school

Just a reminder that the PCYC operate before and after school care for our students. There
is no supervision of students before 8:30am and after 3:00pm. We ask that Prep parents do
not drop students off before 8:30am, unless they are going to before school care. Also, we
have a number of older students staying back after school unsupervised before walking or
riding home, these students need to be heading home by 3:15pm. It is fine for students to play in the grounds after school if their
parents are supervising them.
School Opinion Survey

Today you will receive the 2016 Education Queensland School Opinion Survey. We have recently done our own internal survey and I have already been using the information you provided with that to help shape our next Strategic Plan. This survey is very similar in nature, however it is conducted centrally by Education Queensland in all schools in the state. All the details on how to complete the survey are on the attached sheet. I thank you in advance for completing this survey conducted by the department.

NAIDOC Day

All students will be walking to Hendra SS next Wednesday 20th July to participate in NAIDOC Day celebrations. Could we have all permission forms and tuckshop orders returned to the school by Monday.

P&C News

The P&C is holding a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Albion on Saturday 6th August, if any parents are able to help please speak with a member of the P&C. They will also be having a ‘Milo Morning’ Monday 18th July. All students will be able to have a cup of warm Milo before school, at no cost.

Kind Regards,

Liam Bray

Principal

Chappy News!

Chappy Megan is at school Tuesday (7.30am-4pm) and Friday (12pm-3.30pm).

Hello Parents and Friends at Hamilton!

Active Travel

Next week we are having a special breakfast to celebrate the start of the new school term! It will be English muffins with cheese and ham. I can’t wait. All students are welcome to join us for a yummy start to our Tuesdays.

By all reports the Road safety assembly was a hit last term and there’s more happening in August. Today a note went home for students to sign up to do scooter skills and safety training at school in August. Please return these as soon as possible so we know numbers. At this stage the first 40 students can sign up for FREE! Additionally, if your child doesn’t have a scooter, there is an option to tick “borrow a scooter” on the forms.

I mentioned late last term that I created some new Active Travel booklets. These were completed in Term 2 but we are waiting for them to be printed. Please look out for these books and take some time to read them/ do the activities with your children. 😊 Remember every Tuesday is Active Travel Tuesday and in July the winning classes will be the most BIKE riders!

Scooter/ Bike Racks

You hopefully will have noticed that our scooter and bike racks have been moved from under the walk way. It was a safety hazard and to encourage more students to use them on active travel Tuesdays, and throughout the week they have been moved outside the 1/2 class. I think they look great and it is wonderful to see how many students use them every day!
**Lunchtime Clubs**

We kicked off Term 3 with drawing. It was lovely to have so many students come upstairs and then send me lovely pictures that they drew. We do have a new lunchtime club on Tuesdays starting next week. The votes have been counted and drum roll... The winner is a handball competition. Throughout the term we will be practising on Tuesdays for the final competition to be held towards the end of term. Some of the students are still keen to continue Touch Football on Fridays so that will be at 2nd break on Fridays. Hopefully at the end of term we’ll have a friendly competition against Hendra and show off our skills. J

I hope you all had a fabulous holiday and look forward to seeing you around school this term.

Chappy Megan

**At the end of term 2 the Surf Lifesavers came and gave a presentation to the children.**
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