



# Hamilton State School

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## **PandC**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tuesday** of each month at  
3.15pm.

All are invited to attend.

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

Opened every day – See Eva,  
Melissa or Trish

## **FOR YOUR DIARY**

**October 21** Swimming

**October 21** 2pm Parents Meeting

**October 26** Prep Open Day

**October 27** Free Dress Day

**October 28** Swimming

**November 4** Swimming

**December 5** Christmas Concert

**“Free playgroups at Hamilton SS  
For all children 0-5, their Mums, Dads  
and other carers. Come and join in  
Mondays 9-11AM”**

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## **From the Principal**

Dear Parents and Community,

### **Attendance**

“Every day counts” has been the slogan that we have used in schools for a number of years around attendance. It is important that students are attending school each and every day and are at school on time and here for the entire day. Obviously there are times when there is no alternative for a variety of important reasons. We are teaching each and every day and as we progress through Term 4, classes will be doing pieces of assessment that your child may miss if they are away.

Some figures to think about: *A student that misses 10 minutes a day ends up missing 1.5 weeks of school in total in a year. A student who misses one day a fortnight ends up missing 4 weeks of school in total in a year.*

At the start of the year we set a goal to have 95% attendance in 2016, we are currently at 93.1% for the year to date. I would like to congratulate the following students who have 100% attendance for the year so far: Jas and Sanjit in Prep; Josh S & Ben D in Year 4 and Andy in Year 5. Well done!!

### **2017**

Our enrolments for 2017 are looking strong for Prep so far. If you know of anyone in the catchment that has Prep aged children please encourage them to contact us at the school. Also, if you know that you may not be returning in 2017 could you please let me know. I am currently in the process of looking at how the classes will be broken up next year. But obviously it all depends on numbers. If you have any questions about this please come and speak with me. No final decisions have been made at this stage.

Unfortunately we will be losing Miss Cobcroft at the end of the year. Miss Cobcroft has been a valuable member of staff for the past three years, but she has received a transfer. I am currently working with HR about a transfer into the school. As soon as I have this finalised, I will let you know.

### **Strategic Plan**

I am currently in the process of finalising our Quadrennial School Review. This process started earlier in the year with the school survey that I sent to all parents and has also more recently involved staff working as a group around some key priorities and vision for the school for the next four years. I would like to meet with any interested parents tomorrow afternoon at 2pm before our assembly, to get some thoughts and ideas about what parents see as important for Hamilton SS over the next 4 years. All parents are welcome, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and listening to your ideas.

### **Prep Open Day**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October we are holding another Prep Open Day from 9-11am. All parents with children starting Prep in 2017 are welcome to join us for the morning. If you have any friends or neighbours in the catchment area that have prep aged children feel free to pass on this information.

### **School Facebook**

Don't forget to like our Facebook page, we try to keep this updated with information and photos each week.

### **P&C Meeting**

Thank you to all the parents who came to our P&C meeting, I think we had around 14 parents, which is a great turn out for a small school. It is great that we have such a positive and proactive P&C!

Kind Regards,

Liam Bray

Principal

## **News from the P & C**

Welcome back to term 4.

We would like to congratulate Liam and his wife on the safe arrival of their son Ben and wish them the best with their family.

Some news from the Hamilton State School P & C.

Funds that have been raised from Fun Food Friday's, The Bunnings BBQ and the footsteps dance disco the P & C has contributed to the cost of new Literacy & Numeracy materials for our Junior school, the buses to and from swimming and extra funds to keep the chaplaincy program unchanged within our school.

The P & C contributions along with a grant secured by the school has meant that there has been no cost for swimming this year, great news for our families.

We have school uniforms in all sizes so please if your child is in need of new uniforms see Danielle on a Thursday or the office. We have second hand uniforms available for \$5 each.

### **Upcoming events**

#### **Free dress day**

Let's celebrate Halloween. Spray your hair, put on a scary mask or simply wear your favourite t-shirt and shorts. A gold coin donation would be kindly appreciated.

#### **Melbourne Cup BBQ**

We are no longer holding a BBQ at the Brisbane racing club on Melbourne cup day. This was a decision made by the club. Thank you in advance to all those people who were planning on helping on the day.

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## The Christmas Concert

This year the P & C we will be putting on dinner from 5.30pm. Any parents willing or able to contribute cooking would be kindly appreciated. Please speak to a member of the P & C if you are interested or able to help out with the Christmas concert.

Thanks for your help

Hamilton P & C

## Chappy News!

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

Hello Parents and Friends at Hamilton!

### Active Travel!

Don't forget our active travel day is TUESDAY! Remember you can walk, ride your bike, scooter or skateboard, carpool with another family or come by public transport. Even walking around the block counts too!

### Lunchtime Clubs

Our handball competition last week was a great day! Some serious skills were on show with Bella, Sofia and Patrick being the overall winners. Check out some pictures below!



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## **City Cluster Project “Mega Movie Night”**

*From Zane, Sofia, Patrick and Ashley:*

Last Friday night was our movie night at school with two movies, Ratatouille and The Lego Movie. Thanks to everyone for being there. Here are some responses from those who came.

Felipe said ‘It was surprisingly entertaining’

Stella said ‘It was really cool’

Hunter said ‘It was fun to hang out with friends’

Our principal, Mr Bray said ‘It was excellent. I loved the way teachers and students communicated’.

Well done to our student leaders for their planning, organising and running the night! Next week we are presenting our project at QACI to other schools and our mentors. It should be a great day!

## **Chaplaincy Fundraiser**

Please also see the attached flyer for a Chaplaincy fundraiser being run across Hamilton, Hendra and Northgate SS. For parents interested, it is a Shopping Tour on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November visiting at least 8 different stores across Brisbane. Some stores are exclusively open for the tour and include toy shops, clothing, accessories, jewellery and more. Seats are limited so please email me: [meganv@chappy.org.au](mailto:meganv@chappy.org.au) to secure your spot! Thank you to Cathy Milton and Position One for helping support chaplaincy and distribute these flyers to our community.

## **Trash and Treasure Stall**

St Luke’s Hamilton Uniting Church (across the road from school) wants to help support families in our neighbourhood and school chaplaincy. Here are more details about the Trash and Treasure stall this SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER in case you missed the flyer. 8am-11am.

**Trash & treasure “If you can use it, you are welcome to have it.” Items include Clothes, Books, Magazines, Kitchenware, Bric-a-brac.**

Free Tea and Coffee, Morning Tea. Some tables with items for sale. Donations welcome to support the wonderful work of Chappy Megan at Hamilton and Hendra State Schools.

Have a great week. 😊

Chappy Megan

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# Hamilton, Hendra & Northgate Chaplaincy

## Shopping Tour!



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