From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

Thank you all for your support in our Book Fair last week. Due to the great support the school has earnt just over $300 worth of books to keep.

Book Week

Next week we will be celebrating book week, the theme is Australiana. There will be Reading activities throughout the week and a dress up day on Wednesday 31st August. Please come dressed up as your favourite Australian book character.

Newstead House

Next week the year 1/2 class will be going on an excursion to Newstead House. The students will be participating in many activities with a focus on History. The day will consist of a series of activities that let children experience the similarities and differences between homes today and homes in the past. Features of buildings, household objects, household tasks, historical re-enactment and stories about home life are used to enable children to distinguish old from new, and to learn about life in Brisbane in the 1800s.

Parent Teacher Interviews

We will be having parent teacher interviews in the next couple of weeks. A note from your child’s teacher will go home soon, so please keep an eye out for these. These ‘3 way conversations’ with teacher, parent and student are a very valuable way of knowing how your child is progressing and areas that they may need support with.

Kind Regards,

Liam Bray
Principal

Reminders

Payments due

Footsteps dance payment and permission slips are now overdue, please pay ASAP if you haven’t already paid. Extra copies of permission slips are available at the office or on our website if required. All students are participating as part of studies in the curriculum area the Arts.

Payment for the Year 1/2 excursion to Newstead House is due by Friday 26th August.

Please pay via BPoint or Cash to the school office. BPoint details are found on the invoice that went home at the start of this week.
Consent forms

Just a reminder to please return your consent forms ASAP if you haven’t already returned them. Due to Hamilton State School now being on Facebook we need new consent forms signed. If you require another copy please see Melissa in the office.

Absences

Please remember to call the school office or advise your class teacher, before school starts, if your child will be away or arriving at school after 9.30 am. If your child has arrived after 9am, please make sure you sign them in at the office. At 9.30 am if your child is showing up as an unexplained absence in the system, the school will then contact you for a reason for the absence. Please ensure if you have a change in contact details, the office is advised of the new details, so we are able to contact you if required.

2016 Premier’s reading challenge

The Premier’s reading challenge finishes this week. If your child was participating in this, please make sure their list of books they have read, are returned to their class teacher by Friday.

Other News

Cricket session

QLD Cricket and the Brisbane Heat will be running a cricket session on 15th September. This will be held at 2nd break for any students who are interested in attending.

Newsletters emailed

If you are not currently receiving the emailed newsletter and would like to, please see Melissa in the office to provide your current email address. The email is currently only going to the email addresses we currently have in OneSchool.

Chappy News!

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

Hello Parents and Friends at Hamilton!

Active Travel Booklets

We’ve had lots happening within the last two weeks with Active Travel! Firstly our new Active Travel booklets arrived and were sent home with students last week. Please have a look at these with your child as we really want to remind students the importance of safety whilst actively travelling. There are activities to do and information for families too.

New Scooter Racks

Our new scooter racks have been ordered for the school and will be arriving soon! We would love it if all students were able to use the racks provided and these new scooter racks will hopefully allow students to put their scooter away safely. Your help in assisting your child to put their scooter/ bike in the racks properly would be great too!

Scooter Skills

Tuesday we had scooter skills. Thankfully the wet weather held off and it was a fantastic afternoon for our students. Students learnt the importance of checking their scooters are safe to ride, where to ride safely, how to stop and slow down, and how to cross the road safely. Remember: STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK before you cross, and walk your scooter across the road. A big thank you

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Thank You to the Brisbane City Council who generously donated funds for our students to participate for free and the co-ordinators of the program. Check out some photos below of our great time!

In celebration of our scooter skills and August the Active Travel scooter month, next Tuesday 30th August we will have a “BLING your SCOOTER” day. Your child can add streamers, balloons or anything they’d like to their scooter for the day for their chance to win a cool prize!

Lunchtime Clubs
Just remember that we have the handball competition at the end of the month and touch football games each Friday! All students are welcome to participate if they wish.

Chappy Mailbox
Thank you to the students who have sent me letters recently, I have been very lucky to have so many thoughtful students giving me mail. Don’t forget the mailbox is available for students to use at any time.

Week 9
In week 9 of this term I will be away on camp with Hendra SS. During that week I can be contacted by my email on the website. It is still yet to be determined whether the weekly breakfast will be on, but I will let you know closer to the time.

Craft for Christmas Concert- Term 4
Nicki and I are planning ahead for our school Christmas concert at the end of the year. Once again we are hoping for our students to create some craft to sell on the night as a fundraiser. We would love your help for us to prepare for the craft and collecting some supplies. If you are able to donate/collect egg cartons, googly eyes or pipe cleaners, we’d like to hear from you! Additionally if you think you might like to volunteer your time to help out, that’d be great too.

Enjoy a fantastic week.

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Call 1300 657 014 or visit us at Hamilton Walk, 485 Kingsford Smith Drive, Hamilton, and let one of our consultants do the rest.
Regular school attendance
Information for parents and carers

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school.
Principals decide if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:
- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as haircuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?
You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the School know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child has been absent from school within two school days of their return. If possible, advise the school beforehand.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
- won’t get out of bed in the morning
- won’t go to bed at night
- can’t find their uniform, books, school bag ...
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven’t done their homework
- watching TV
- have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- it’s their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help
- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school?
You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

Every day counts – Is your child at school today?
www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

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