From the Principal
Dear Parents and Community,

I would like to welcome you all to a New Year at Hamilton State School and offer a very warm welcome to our new families, especially our new Preps. Our student numbers are currently sitting at 97, our final staffing and funding allocations are taken on our enrolment numbers on day 8. After that day we are able to finalise our teacher aide hours and other staffing needs.

I would like to welcome Mrs Melissa Berning who is our Year 1/2 teacher. We will have Mrs Leica Beevers working with us as a support teacher for Literacy & Numeracy. Leica is also our EAL/D teacher so she knows the school and students very well.

We will continue to send the newsletter out fortnightly, from week 3 it will go home on a Thursday, so please keep an eye out for it in your child’s bag and take note of the upcoming events.

Don’t forget to like our Facebook page and keep an eye on that for what is happening at the school. Our school website will also be regularly updated with news items and events.

Student Leadership – 2017

Next Thursday 2nd February we will have our Leadership ceremony at 9:00am to present our Year 6 students with their badges. We will have Morning tea for the students and parents following the ceremony. Our school leaders are:

School Captains – Anastaciya Mauloni & Andy Lam
School Vice Captains – Ruby Lines & Shervin Nodeh
House Captains – Bonney – Baelee Mohd
               Hinkler – Ryan Nicholson
House Vice Captains – Bonney – Lovepreet Sing
               Hinkler – Noel Stiller
School Support Leaders – Fraser Smith & Joseph Dickson
Peer Support Leaders – Seth Vickers & Matej Ginovski
Parent information sessions

Each class will be holding a Parent Information Session on **Wednesday 8th February**. The times are:

- Prep: 5:00pm
- Year 1/2: 5:20pm
- Year 3/4: 5:40pm
- Year 5/6: 6:00pm

P&C

On **Tuesday 14th February at 3:15 pm**, the P&C will be holding its first meeting. All parents are welcome to join us for this. New parents are more than welcome to be part of the P&C as well. It is vital that the school has a positive and active P&C that works to support the school and your children.

Have a wonderful weekend, I hope that you have heard many positive stories from your children after their first week of school for the year.

Kind Regards,

Liam Bray

Principal

LOTE JAPANESE

Dear Parent / Carers

I (Sensei) am planning to have an online integration program with Japanese schools using a software, I Connect so that our students can enjoy real time communication with Japanese students. That would be beneficial for both Japanese students and our students.

**Q1: What are benefits for students to participate in this program?**

**A1:** It can:

- Increase motivation to learn languages
- Increase cultural awareness
- Obtaining new ideas and global perspectives
- Making new friends
- Keeping touch with buddies
- Enhancing communication skills
- Etc.

**Q2: Is the program safe?**

**A2:** YES. The software is secured because:

- It is authorised by Education Queensland
- Password protected (new password will be provided each time)
- Only those students Sensei admits can enter and join the program.
- Outside people who are not authorised cannot enter and join the program.
- Teacher (sensei) can supervise every single participant’s action on line.
- No cost and no need to download the software
- No need to register

**Q3: What can actually students do on the program?**

**A3:** Students can:

- Listen and speak to others online with permission from the teacher (sensei)
- Show and see each other with permission from the teacher (sensei)
- Take a vote to conduct a survey
- Asking and answering questions
- Sharing information
- Introducing themselves, etc.

**Q4: Who can join this program?**

**A4:** Anyone who is interested in the program.

I am planning to start the program for those who are interested in the program.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me Sensei (tnona15@eq.edu.au) or Mr Bray.*
Visit by Registered Nurse for Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child’s educational, physical and social development. Vision screening is therefore vital in early childhood, particularly for conditions such as 'lazy eye', which if not detected early can lead to blindness.

A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school on 9th February to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children. If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and return this to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child’s screening.

Please note that if your child has had a vision assessment in the past 12 months it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. If this is the case, please complete the consent form and indicate that you do not wish for your child to participate, and ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews recommended by your eye health professional.

Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program
Child and Youth Community Health Services
Children’s Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

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