From the Principal
Dear Parents and Community,

Parent Information Sessions
Thank you to the parents who attended our parent information sessions. These are a good opportunity for each class teacher to give parents an overview of the curriculum and routines in their class. We will hold parent / teacher interviews later in the term. These interviews will give you a chance to hear from the teacher about how your child is progressing. This is also a good opportunity for you to raise any questions or concerns you may have.

You Can Do It!
This year we are implementing the You Can Do It! (YCDI) program. This is a widely used program that aims to help develop social and emotional intelligence in the children. YCDI’s mission is to strengthen the five social and emotional skills and values (the “5 Keys”) which all children need to manage their own learning, behaviour and emotional well-being including: Confidence (work, social), Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. Unique among educational programs, YCDI emphasises the importance of teaching children different “Ways of Thinking” and “Habits of the Mind” that help them to develop in each of these five areas.

As we introduce this program to the students, will focus on a different key each term and I will be putting some information about the different keys in the newsletters throughout the year. In Term 1, our focus is on the key of Organisation.

Organisation
Organisation means setting a goal to do my best when learning something new. When I have a project or activity to complete, it means thinking ahead about the steps I have to take to be successful. Organisation means planning my time so that I’m not rushed and having all my supplies ready.

Examples of Organised Behaviour
Making sure I understand my teacher’s instructions before I begin work
Having all my school supplies ready
Having a neat desk and school bag so I can find everything
Planning when I’m going to do my homework so I have enough time
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**Planning My Time**

Thinking about how long each part of my work will take to get done and making sure I plan enough time to get it done.

**Setting a Goal**

When learning something new or trying to do something better than before, setting a goal can help me to be more successful.

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YCDI uses characters to help build the language and concepts, with Organisation, there is the character ‘Oscar Organisation’. I have attached a 4 step guide to organisation that comes from the program that you may want to read through and use at home.

Each Friday afternoon all students will participate in a YCDI lesson, that will focus on a particular key and Habits of the Mind. Students will be broken into 3 groups in P-2 and 3 groups in 3-6.
**P&C Meeting**

The date of our first P&C meeting has had to change. It will now be held on Friday 17th February at 8:15am in the office. Apologies for any inconvenience. All parents are welcome to join us for this. New parents are more than welcome to be part of the P&C as well.

Kind Regards,

Liam Bray  
Principal

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**Fundraiser for Breast Cancer**

Alex Huggard and his mother Kirsty are doing the woman’s day walk for Breast Cancer on Sunday the 5th March. They are walking 5km and hoping to raise $200 for the cause.

The Link to donate is:

http://www.fundraiseformater.org.au/Kirstyhuggard

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**Instrumental Music News**

Welcome to 2017 for all new and continuing students. Letters were given out this week to all students having lessons. There are forms that need to be signed and returned. All lessons commence next Thursday 16th February. Please email me at lshep3@eq.edu.au any time if you have any questions. I look forward to teaching your child and making some good music together this year.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Lynne Shepherd (Band)

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**Chappy News!**

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

Hello Parents and Friends at Hamilton!

I hope you have all enjoyed the first couple of weeks at school this year, especially our Preps and new students. For those of you who are new to the Hamilton school community, I’d like to take this opportunity to say welcome and to introduce myself. My name is Megan Valler, but you will most likely hear me called “Chappy Megan” and I am the school chaplain. My role is to work alongside staff to help support students and families as a role model and mentor. While at school I also organise some fun activities, and listed below are some of the exciting things that will be happening this term.

**Lunchtime Clubs**

This year lunchtime clubs will be run on Tuesdays and Fridays and will change every term. Students have already given me some great ideas and based on their suggestions I will be setting up Table Tennis on Tuesdays and Soccer on the oval on Fridays. Our wonderful sports captains will also be organising outdoor games on Wednesdays and Thursdays. These lunchtime clubs’ activities will provide students the opportunity to join in organised games every day if they wish to. 😊
Chappy Mailbox
The Chappy Mailbox is up and running for 2017! Each class has a new mailbox to receive class letters and replies to the mail they send me. 😊 Within the first week I received quite a few colourful pictures and letters and students should receive a letter back this week, if they haven’t already! This mailbox system is a fun way for me to interact with the students and provides an avenue for students to ask for support and help if the need arises.

Classroom Visits/ You Can Do It
Another way I am able to provide support to students and staff in our school is by classroom visits. By regularly visiting classrooms I can get to know the students better, and I can work alongside students and teachers. I really enjoy this time, especially as I get to see all the students at Hamilton and be updated by the teachers. On Fridays I will be working with the Prep-2 students (alongside the teachers) with the You Can Do It program. This program is an exciting opportunity to help our students achieve and develop social skills with the focus this term being on organisation.

Active Travel Tuesdays
Today was our first Active Travel day for 2017!
If you were at Hamilton last year you will notice that this year will look a little different to the previous year for Active Travel. Our focus this year is encouraging active behaviours alongside travelling actively to school. In term 1 the first Tuesday of the month (7th February and 7th March) will be our FREE Active Travel breakfasts with toast raisin toast and juice served from 8.15am for students and families. Each other week for term 1 we will be running around the oval to practice for Cross Country in the last week of school and all students are welcome to participate.

Throughout the year the Year 6 leaders will also be helping me (Chappy Megan) to collect the Active Travel data in class (how they travelled to school) and hand out prizes (on assembly), as well as encouraging student participation on our Active Mornings. The Year 6's are very keen and I am looking forward to working alongside them.

Remember, the more times your child actively travels, the more chances they have to collect prizes! You can Actively Travel to school by: walking (whole or part of the way), scootering, riding your bike or skateboard, carpooling with another family or taking public transport. Please let me know if you have any questions about the program.

Please come and say hi to me at any time or at the front gate after school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Have a fantastic week!
Chappy Megan

‘Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) offers juniors up to and including year 12 tennis fixtures on a Saturday afternoon at the Queensland Tennis Centre and the University of Queensland during school terms. For more information, please visit our web site at www.gbjt.org.au or phone Mrs Peta Davis, Secretary on 3374 0516.’

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!
Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828.

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Simply mention Hamilton State School when booking your travel and Flight Centre Hamilton Harbour will take care of the rest. Your friends, family and associates can also do the same. For every referral booking made with Flight Centre Hamilton Harbour, they will donate a percentage to Hamilton State School.

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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.

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HAMILTON STATE SCHOOL
Dear Parents and Pupils,
Our first term of tennis coaching for 2017 is commencing on Saturday 11th February.
(7 weeks) 1st TERM FEE $140

If you are a new pupil, please fill in below the necessary enrolment form and return with the fees to the tennis coach at school. Certified coach, Sandra Field, mobile 0456601197, will be coaching the pupils. Fees must be paid by the second lesson.

COACHING PROGRAM 1ST TERM -

COACHING TIMES: Sat. 11February to- 25 March 2017 (7 wks) $140 term
Preps,Year 1/2 Saturday Beginner 8.15-9.15am
Year 3 to 6 Saturday Beginner 9.15-10.15am

AWARDS: End of year certificates & party.

FANCUTT JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB tournaments are held at Reeve St., Ascot for children from beginner to player level. Hot Shots Tournaments (no travelling) are on public & pupil free days. A few vacancies are available. Playing tournaments using skills developed in coaching is excellent for tennis improvement. Superleague External fixture teams for 2017 year started. Organize your own team.

TENNIS RACKETS We offer quality rackets at competitive prices with free expert advice on selecting the right weight, balance and grip size.

SPECIAL RACQUET OFFER: Students signing on this term are entitled to buy a JUNIOR RACQUET-VALUE $40 at the discounted price of $30 (Inc.GST).

ENROLMENT FORM HAMILTON STATE SCHOOL – 1ST TERM,2017
[ ] Yes, please enrol my child in the Fancutts/Hamilton State School tennis coaching. Signature of Parent or Guardian.................................................
EMAIL:..............................................................
[ ] Enclosed please find my cheque payable to “Fancutts” for $140.
Class Time: Saturday at School Courts: 8.15-9.15am & 9.15-10.15am

NAME......................................................................Gr.....Age....D/Birth....................
ADDRESS..............................................................Phone................................
[ ]If you wish to purchase a racket?  [ ]If you wish to play Fixtures/Tournament/Superleague?

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Enter the enchanted wonderland of the 2017 Sand Safari Arts Festival presented by Streets Ice Cream as Surfers Paradise transforms into a precinct of art inspired by sand and sea from 10th-26th February.

This year, Sand Safari will bring sea mythology to life through sand sculptures of mermaids, Fusedion, sea creatures and more at the annual Australian Sand Sculpting Championships along the foreshore and across the coast with the Sand Trail.

The championships will see 9 of the country’s most talented sculptors, as they intricately carve life-sized masterpieces inspired by the theme ‘Mermaids and Mythical Creatures’ over three days from 10th-12th February.

The awe-inspiring creations – each carved from 10 tonnes of sand – will then remain on display on the iconic foreshore until Sunday 26th February. There will also be an interactive sculpture exhibition where you can have your photo taken among the display.

Returning to Sand Safari for a second year are sand & sea themed art installations throughout Surfers Paradise by international artists Luke Egan (Fifty Lekker) & Pete Hamilton (Pedro Embrassar). From mesmerizing flying squid to oversized octopus and hanging jellyfish, Surfers Paradise is guaranteed to be truly octo-pied throughout February.

But the fun doesn’t stop there. There will be plenty of fun activities where children can give sand sculpting a go in mini workshops along the foreshore or get creative with sand art and coloured sand activities. From the Surfers Paradise foreshore to other locations throughout the Gold Coast, this free event will have something for the whole family!

**2017 Australian Sand Sculpture Championships**
Dates: February 10 – 12, 2017
(Location sculpting February 10-12, winner announced February 12, works displayed until February 26)
Location: Surfers Paradise foreshore
Cost: Free

**2017 Sand Trail**
Dates: February 8 – 26, 2017
Location: Various locations from Coolangatta to Logandale
Cost: Free

**Inflatable Sea Sculptures**
Dates: February 10 – 26, 2017
Location: Multiple locations throughout Surfers Paradise
Cost: Free

**Sand Art Activities and Workshops**
Dates: February 10 – 26, 2017
Location: Surfers Paradise Foreshore
Cost: Small fee applies for materials

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Get involved in the School Banking program.

Hamilton State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is every Friday. Each week you need to bring your bank book to the office and place in the admin shoot. Bank books will be returned to children after money has been deposited.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Teaching Organisation

Step 1. Have Conversations with Your Child about What it Means to be Organised

1. Find a time to discuss with your child about how important it is to be organised in his/her approach to school and how disorganisation is a big blocker to doing one’s school. Say: “I think it is important to understand what it means to be organized and why organization can help you to be successful in schoolwork and other activities. You see, if you are always losing things, not knowing what homework to do, running late, and forgetting to take things to school and from school to home, you will be extremely stressed and find it hard to do your best.”

2. At the beginning of a school term, remind your child how important it is to be organised. Say: “When I start something new, I have found that if I have all my equipment ready for me to work, I get off to a flying start. Doing this helps me to be organised. Let’s see how organised your school materials are.”

3. To prevent your child from getting behind in a school project or when he/she is running late and, thereby missing out on participating in an activity, say: “Let’s see if we can spend a bit of time working out a weekly schedule of things you have to do, how long they will take to get done and when you will do them.”

4. It can be helpful to discuss with your child the goals he/she has for what he/she wants to achieve in the coming school year, term and in different classes or subjects. Say: “One of the reasons to be organized is that it helps you to achieve your goals. And a great goal to have is deciding to do the best you can rather than just to get by. When you achieve the goal of doing your best, you are successful. Let’s have a look at what your goals are for your different classes/subjects.”

Step 2. Describe Examples of Organised Behaviours to Practice

Select two or three examples of confident behavior that you want your child to practice to help him/her to become more organised:

Say: “Here are some different things you can do to become a bit more organized (select two or three from the following list), why not practice doing them this week: having all school supplies and homework ready to take to school, having a neat enough desk, locker and schoolbag to locate things when needed, record your teacher’s instructions for homework accurately, make a schedule ahead of time as to when he/she will do homework or study for exams, put things away in designated places in bedroom, use a watch/clock to keep track of time and where he/she should be and what has to be done, write a list of things to be done for the coming week and assign priorities to them (1, 2, 3), use list to check off tasks that have been accomplished.

Step 3. Discuss Ways to Think that will Help Your Child to Be Organised

1. When you learn from your child that he/she has an assignment due in a few days or weeks, say: “One way of thinking you can have that will make it harder for you to be successful is “When is the very latest I can start.’ A more helpful way to think that helps get anyone to get organized to get a job done on time is to think about how long the project will take to get done and to plan enough time to get it done.”

2. When your child is about to begin a new project or task, say: “You know, setting a goal for what you want to achieve can help you to be successful. Think about what you want to learn and the level at which you want to achieve (e.g., mark, getting on a team, scoring goals).”

Step 4. Things to Say to Acknowledge Your Child’s Organisation

When you catch your child being organized, say: “You are organised.” “Doesn’t it feel good to be organised!”? “Being organised is helping you to be successful” “You planned well. You finished on time!” “You really planned well!” “When you are prepared, you do a good job.” “I bet it makes school easier when you have everything ready.” “You are really keeping your schoolbag/backpack clean and neat.” “I see you are planning ahead so that you do not need to rush your work at the last minute.”

You Are The Key To Your Success
"YOU CAN DO IT!"

Persistence
Getting Along
Confidence
Organisation
Resilience