From the Principal

Dear members of our school community

What a fantastic place Hamilton State School is in which to work, learn, play and celebrate where all students are ‘switched on’ to learning, challenged and inspired.

As we head toward our final week of the 2015 school year, it has been a privilege to be part of the Hamilton School Community in terms of the events and achievements that have taken place this year.


And upcoming

Christmas Concert and Channel Ten Broadcast Volunteers Morning Tea Leaver’s Dinner

We are very much a unique learning environment where as a community we work together united in the pursuing of excellence for our students and their school. 2016 will see the continued strengthening of teaching and learning programs where each and every student is given the best opportunities to reach their full potential.

Thank you to all those who have purchased or sold tickets in our P&C Christmas Raffle. Please return tickets by the end of tomorrow. Prizes will be drawn toward the end of our Christmas Concert on Monday evening.

Please remember our P&C Christmas Concert celebration on Monday night from 5pm. Channel Ten are broadcasting from our school and food will be available from 5.30.

Lasagne, Three varieties of Ari’s Curry, Eva’s Chicken Curry and Rocky Road, Won Tons, Empanadas, Fizzy Spiders and Tea and Coffee will all be available for purchase. Please
bring along family and friends, a blanket and/or chairs and join with the school community in celebrating what has been an exceptional year at Hamilton School.

**Congratulations** to all students who have recently received Student of The Week Awards – Aurelle, Zain, Jamie, Hamish, Abhi, Ben, Shervin, Braedyn, Zach, Jireh, Lovepreet, Emily, Mayliss, Tahlia,

**Congratulations** to all students who have recently received Special Awards – Sophia, Brock, Gabrielle, Bailie

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Seth, Ben, Bethanie, Connor, Gabrielle, Tahlia, Abhi, Isaac

**Semester Two**
Student Reports will be sent home next Thursday. In addition to the report there will be information regarding classes and teachers for 2016.

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27 January 2016 - the day after the Australia Day public holiday. For a full list of the 2016 term dates and holidays in Queensland, visit the [calendar page](#) on the Education website.

*Please let us know should you wish your newsletter to be emailed. Paper copies will always be available at our office.*

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**Thanking you for your support**

**Scott Padgett**

**Japanese students seeking host family!**

Konnichiwa! Would you like to enjoy Japanese cultural experiences at your home? Here is a great opportunity for you! 20 Japanese students will visit Brisbane in March 2016. And they are looking for families hosting them at home. Would you be interested? The students who had Japanese students before had a lot of great experiences together (e.g., sports, shopping, cooking, etc). They are visiting Virginia SS (not Hamilton SS, sorry) but this is going to be a great experience for you.

If you have any inquiries, please send an email to sensei (tnona15@eq.edu.au).

Thank you and arigato.
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CHAPPY NEWS

Our Spelling Bee final is being held today - listen out for the results next week on assembly for our Junior and Senior spelling champions. It is a tough competition!

The last Active Travel breakfast is on next Tuesday for 2015. Come along for ham and cheese croissants from 8.15am. Mums and Dads are welcome to come to celebrate a fantastic effort of Active travel this year.

Lastly, the winner of the Active Travel pizza party is the 1/2 class! Well done to all students on being safe and enthusiastic Active Travellers.

Thank you for a wonderful year at Hamilton! I love being the Chappy at your school.

**HOST FAMILIES**

**REQUIRED for JAPANESE STUDENTS**
Shimonoseki Secondary School (from Yamaguchi)
14-15 yo
Arrival Date: 9th Mar (Wed) 2016
Departure Date: 15th Mar (Tue) 2016
Attending School: Virginia SS

**Host Family Requirements:**
- No other Japanese person staying with the family
- Provide 3 meals per day
- Own bed, but can share a room
- Over 18’s hold a Blue Card or willing to apply through us
- Safe travel to & from school

Families with children in ANY GRADES are welcome to host

**1 student per family, 6 Nights**

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