



# Hamilton State School

*Learning For Life*

*We are Safe*

*We are Respectful*

*We are Responsible*

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## **PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

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

All are invited to attend.

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

Opened each Thursday  
from 8.30am – 9am

## **FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Mar 9** Student Leaders  
Induction Assembly

**Mar 11** P&C AGM

**Mar 19** Hamilton SS  
Birthday

**Mar 20** Harmony Day  
Celebration

**Mar 21** Harmony Day

**Mar 25** Prep/1 to Nudgee  
Beach Environmental Centre

**Mar 23 – April 1** Parent  
Teacher

**Mar 31** Multicultural Day

**April 2** Last Day Term 1

**April 20** Term 2 Begins

## **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.

Congratulations to our students for remembering our school's three values '**Safety, Responsibility and Respect**'. This year at Hamilton we will focus on our 'expectations matrix'. Teachers will work with students on 'what it looks like' in terms of **Safety, Responsibility and Respect** in all areas of the school, namely - across the Whole School, within Learning Environments, in the Playground, at Eating Times, within and around the Toilets, during Transition, and on Excursions. With the whole school consistent around expectations contained within the matrix we will provide the best possible foundations for teachers to provide quality teaching and an environment for all students to reach their full potential.

At 10.30 am next Monday 9 March we will be holding a **Leaders Induction Assembly**. At Hamilton State School we have two School Captains and Two House Captains. On Monday these four students will be presented with their **Leaders Badges** and address the assembly. A morning tea will follow this assembly for all parents who are able to join us along with our senior class.

On Tuesday, along with 19 other schools, four teachers and myself attended a workshop with Lyn Sharratt. Lyn is a professor at the Ontario Institute for studies in Education at the University Of Toronto. We spent the day considering 14 'PARAMETERS' that have been identified as key drivers that have been found to be important for schools to become places where high student achievement is expected and delivered year after year .

**THESE 14 PARAMETERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS:**

**1. Shared Beliefs And Understandings.**

- a. Each student can achieve high standards given the right time and the right support.
- b. Each teacher can teach to high standards given the right assistance.
- c. High expectations and early and ongoing intervention are essential.
- d. Teachers and administrators need to be able to articulate what they do and why they teach the way they do.

**2. Embedded Literacy/Instructional Coaches.**

**3. Daily Sustained Focus On Literacy Instruction.**

**4. Principal Instructional Leadership.**

**5. Early And Ongoing Intervention.**

**6. Case Management Approach: Data Walls, Case-By-Case Meetings.**

**7. Professional Learning At School Staff Meetings.**

**8. In-School Grade/Subject Meetings: Collaborative Marking Of Student Work.**

**9. Centralized Resources.**

**10. Commitment Of District And School Budgets For Literacy Learning And Resources.**

**11. Action Research/Collaborative Inquiry.**

**12. Parental And Community Involvements.**

**13. Cross-Curricular Literacy Connections In Each Subject Area.**

**14. Shared Responsibility And Accountability**

At Hamilton our task now is to ask ourselves 'WHAT DOES EACH OF THESE LOOK LIKE AT OUR SCHOOL?'

From this task I believe we can continue to ensure that we strive to improve performance for all students

On Thursday and Friday last week I attended the 2015 Principals' Conference. Every state school in the state was represented. The two days provided an excellent opportunity to hear about the latest research undertaken to identify characteristics of effective education systems. The Principals' Conference focused on equipping principals to be system players who: collaborate to respond to challenges, critique, question, support each other and share effective practices. Hamilton State School is part of the City Cluster of schools. Our teachers and I meet regularly to share expertise and knowledge in a collaborative framework providing opportunities for best teaching practice to support improvement in learning outcomes for all students.

*PARENT TEACHER DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN WEEK EIGHT. THIS IS IN TWO WEEKS' TIME. DETAILS AND 'PREFERRED TIMES' INFORMATION WILL GO HOME NEXT WEEK. THIS TERM THE NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE A 'THREE WAY INTERVIEW'. THREE WAY BECAUSE WE INVITE STUDENTS TO BE PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSION AND SHARE THEIR CURRENT LEARNING GOALS.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY STELLA G, ETHAN S, CAITLYN AND HAMISH G AND ANABELLA T!**

What a fantastic place Hamilton State School is in which to work learn play and celebrate.

Thanking you for your support

Scott Padgett

## *Multicultural Day*

*Tuesday March 31 2015*

*Come and celebrate all the cultures we have at Hamilton State School*

*Please bring a plate for our shared buffet*

*This is a great opportunity to meet other families and contribute to the life of our school*

*African Cultural Show starts at Noon*

*Games and activities all day for all the family*

## CHAPPY NEWS

Hi Parents and Friends at Hamilton!

As the term goes on there are always lots of things going on!

### ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL:

Firstly, I just want to thank parents for encouraging their children to participate in "Active Travel Tuesdays". This week we had 56 students in our school actively travel to school by walking (part or the whole way), cycling, by scooter or skateboard, bus, train or ferry or carpooling with another family. It was a fantastic response and a great start! If your child does actively travel on Tuesdays they will be eligible to get a stamp and after 6 stamps, your child will win a prize. It is a great initiative and we'd love to see families continue to actively travel to school, particularly on Tuesdays.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March is National Ride2School Day. National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity for Australian students and school communities to embrace a healthier start and to try walking and riding to school. The purpose of National Ride2School Day is to show school communities that riding to school is an easy and fun activity. It is a chance to celebrate and prove it can be done.

As a Brisbane City Council Active Travel School we already encourage our students to actively travel but on National Ride2School Day, the rest of the nation will join us! Join other kids across Australia to actively travel on 13 March. It's a great way to get fit and healthy. Your child will also arrive alert, more attentive and ready to learn. Remember that when riding a bike you are required by law to wear an approved helmet securely fitted.

### CHAPLAINCY BBQ:

A few weeks ago I mentioned that there is a chaplaincy fundraising BBQ on the 14<sup>th</sup> March at Masters Tingalpa. If there are any parents willing and able to help out on the day that would be much appreciated! All money will go towards chaplaincy at Hamilton SS.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Chappy Megan

