



# Hamilton State School

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## **PandC**

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**

**Oct 16** Swimming and Water Safety Program commences

**Oct 12 – 14** Senior

Students to Kindilan Camp

**Oct 19** Pupil Free Day

**Oct 22** Seniors to BlueCare

**Oct 26** Road Safety presentation at assembly

**Oct 28** 96.5 FM Radio Day

**Oct 29** PandC Halloween Dress Up Day

**Oct 30** World Teachers Day

**Nov 4** P and C

**Nov 16** Raw Art -TBC

**Nov 26** Principal's Meeting -two days – Marburg

**Dec 7** CH10 Weather Cross Christmas Concert 6.30- 8pm

**Dec 11** Last Day Term Four

**\*School Banking\***

## **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.**

We have had a number of new enrolments this term not only for our 2016 Prep class but also for our existing classes. Emily, Leon, Mariah, Abbey, Jobe and Parnell we welcome you and your families to the Hamilton School Community and congratulate you on making Hamilton School your school of choice, a school where we 'grow' lifelong learners.

Iain Brownlie, a final year Education student will be spending the next four weeks in our senior class. Welcome Iain.

OUR SENIOR CLASS is off to CAMP on **Monday** for three days. This year we are venturing to Kindilan Outdoor centre at Redland Bay. We will be participating in activities including Kayaking, Rafting, Low Ropes, High Ropes, Environmental Activities, Bush Walking and Orienteering.

Over the course of the three days we will be working:

- ☺ To develop teambuilding skills
- ☺ To work on cooperative learning
- ☺ To provide opportunities for problem solving
- ☺ To encourage students to be resilient and persistent
- ☺ To have a go and build confidence

We look forward to sharing our experiences and learnings on our return.

NEXT FRIDAY our PREP TO YEAR SIX Swimming and Water Safety Program commences at Stafford Heights State School. **I am asking that all students from our two Senior Classes be ready to depart at 8.45 am sharp.** Late students will need to report to Mrs G in our year 2/3 class and will be supervised by our teacher of Japanese until our return at 11am. Our junior class will depart at 10am and return at 12.30pm. Our program will culminate in a Mini Carnival in week five.

### Students will need:

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Swimming Cap
- Sunsafe Shirt (this may be either a rash vest or a T-shirt)
- Goggles (Optional)
- Plastic Bag to carry wet swim wear after lessons.



Some of our senior students spent their recent break in Japan. This trip was coordinated by our LOTE teacher Tsune Nonaka who accompanied the party. Experiences shared thus far have been incredible and we look forward to regular additions to our newsletter describing some of the highlights. Thank you Tsune and congratulations to the students who attended on their outstanding ambassadorship for the Hamilton State School community.



We continue to ensure that we have a ‘line of sight’ between all that we do at Hamilton and our School Improvement Agenda. This agenda has not changed since my appointment to Hamilton and subsequent work with all staff in its formulation. Each element is interrelated and interconnected and directly contributes to improved learning outcomes. At this week’s P&C meeting I again presented our School Improvement Agenda elements and this month unpacked each element giving examples of ‘what you will see’ in terms of quality teaching and learning at Hamilton State School. I welcome questions and comments on our elements and ‘artefacts’ as follows:

#### *Consistent and Whole School Practices*

- The Explicit Teaching of Reading
- ‘tracking’ progress in Mathematics - Number
- Writing and Spelling 2016

#### *Curriculum*

- The Australian Curriculum
- Consistent Whole School Planning Processes

#### *Value Added Collaboration*

- Rich Professional Development and Growth
- Pedagogical Consistency

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### *Diagnostic Data Collection*

Questions we ask our students	Questions teachers ask of themselves
What are you learning? How are you going? How do you know? How can you improve? What will you do to get help? What is your goal?	What am I teaching? Why am I teaching it? How will I teach it? How will I know when the students have learned it?

### *Personalised Learning*

- Behavioural Targets
- Feedback and Feedforward

**Monday 19 October (Week Three)** is a pupil free day (PFD) in our region and **school will be closed** for students on this day. Teachers from Hamilton are attending a conference at Windsor State School. The conference is titled *Teachers as Leaders of Learning*. Apart from various workshops Dr Neil Carrington, CEO of Act for Kids will be speaking to us around the question “Are You Leading the Learning in Your Classroom?”

On Tuesday 3 November our P and C are undertaking a ‘SAUSAGE SIZZLE’ Melbourne Cup fundraising opportunity at Gallopers Hotel. We are asking for parents to volunteer as little as an hour of their time to help sell sausages between 10am and 5pm. Please see me as soon as possible if you are able to assist.

School resourcing is based upon the number of students enrolled. It is imperative that we know in plenty of time if you are not going to be attending Hamilton School in 2016 and similarly if you know of any families who may have Prep aged students for 2016 or who are already at school and thinking of joining our uniquely fantastic Hamilton School Community.

**Congratulations** to all students who have recently received Student of The Week Awards.

**Congratulations** to all students who have recently received Class Awards.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**...Alisdair, Emily, Bella, Shayan, Armaan and Elisha.

#### **School Banking**

Parents who are interested in having an account for their child/ren please let the school know. Joni Mohd has volunteered to coordinate this program.

*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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**Scott Padgett**

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## **CHAPPY NEWS!**

I hope everyone had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break ready for Term 4!

### *Active Travel*

Active Travel is continuing again this term with more opportunities for students to get prizes and celebrate active travel at Hamilton. Our school P&C have been successful in their application for money to help promote active travel in our school through the Lord Mayor's Initiative Fund. More details about how we will use this money will be in our next newsletter. ☺ Additionally, on the 26<sup>th</sup> October we will be having a road safety presentation on our assembly. All families are welcome to attend.

### *96.5 Radio Family Morning*

This month is a busy one with the radio station, 96.5 broadcasting their show at our school on WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> October! Come along for a \$2 breakfast and lots of free fun activities! The broadcast starts from 6am and finishes at 9am. Our P&C are helping me co-ordinate the breakfast and a raffle with all the money going back into our school community. Please, if any parents are able and willing to help me on that morning, particularly with the breakfast, I'd love to hear from you. A flyer will be attached, and this event will be advertised to our wider community via a letterbox drop.

### *Chaplaincy Fundraiser*

There is currently a Chaplaincy fundraiser being run at Estee Lauder factory outlet (Park Rd, Milton) on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to buy \$10 ticket to help support my work at Hamilton, or know more information, please see me or email me at [meganv@chappy.org.au](mailto:meganv@chappy.org.au)

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