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 move toward the half way mark of our final term we are continually provided with celebratory opportunities at Hamilton School.

We seem to be having either general daily enrolment enquiries, Prep enrolments for 2016 or new enrolment from other schools. Hamilton State School is a ‘good’ school moving to ‘great’ and consequently families are making contact to find out more in terms of the high quality teaching and learning programs laying the crucial foundations for lifelong learning for all students.

I am excited to announce that this week we received final approval for our tennis court refurbishments. Our tennis court area will be resurfaced and re-fenced complimented with some additional designated activities areas and new basketball back boards. Work will commence soon and it is planned that the area will be completed before Christmas.

Next Wednesday is ‘96.5 RADIO DAY’. 96.5 will be broadcasting their breakfast show from our school grounds and our Chaplain, Megan supported by our hard working P and C have organised a $2 breakfast for the entire school community. Please come along and be part of this fantastic morning. Please also invite neighbours and friends. 96.5 have also organised many activities and ‘treats’ for the day.

Next Thursday 29 October we are inviting all 2016 Preps and their families who have enrolled at Hamilton to ‘A MORNING IN PREP’. Mrs Buckingham and Mrs Auchter - Glowrey along with Mrs Flannigan and Mrs McCauley will coordinate a series of activities that will give our 2016 students and opportunity to feel much more comfortable in starting ‘Big School’ in January. The morning will run from 9.30 to 11am and I also ask that you remind families that may have as yet not enrolled their child for Prep 2016 to make contact with our school office to let us know they are coming or even just ask them to turn up on the day.

Our term four Swimming and Water Safety Program commenced last week and will continue to run each Friday. Students are to be congratulated on their organisation and efforts both in and out of the water. The feedback from Mrs Jardine who is coordinating our program was outstanding in terms of our participation and commitments to improve.

For Your Diary

Oct 16 Swimming & Water Safety Program commences
Oct 22 Seniors to BlueCare
Oct 26 Road Safety Presentation at assembly
Oct 28 96.5 FM Radio Day
Oct 29 P&C Halloween Dress Up Day
Oct 30 World Teachers Day
Nov 4 P & C
Nov 16 Raw Art - TBC
Nov 26 – Principal’s meeting – 2 Days Marburg
Dec 7 CH10 Weather Cross Christmas Concert 6.30-8pm
Dec 11 Last Day of Term Four

Ongoing:
‘SCHOOL BANKING’ registration forms at school office.

Please note: from now on assembly is on tuesday afternoons @ 2.30pm.
Next Friday our senior class will once again visit the Blue Care Aged Facility in Oxford Street. Our ‘Senior Partners’ not only thoroughly enjoy our visits but look forward to the next. I wish to congratulate our Senior Students on the example that they set for Hamilton school on these occasions.

Whilst on the subject of our Senior Students, Mrs Nicholls, Chappy Megan, Mr Brownlie and myself spent a fantastic three days away last week on camp at Kindilan Outdoor centre at Redland Bay. Students are currently preparing a ‘CAMP NEWSLETTER’ that will be distributed to all families outlining the many highlights and unique experiences faced during our three days away. Once again the example that all students set for not only Hamilton School but for themselves was outstanding and each student is to be congratulated on their efforts.

Last Tuesday we held our weekly assembly as students were not at school on Monday. It was fantastic to see both our Junior and Senior Choirs use the opportunity to perform to a bigger audience. Both choirs were outstanding and I thank Mrs Bryant, our music teacher for all her coordination of our music program here at Hamilton. Consequently we have moved our weekly assembly to Tuesday afternoons at the same time of 2.30pm. I hope to see many families at our assembly next Tuesday.

Next Wednesday morning 28th of October some students have been asked to participate in the Choir Performance on this day. We have sent a note home today with these students. Parents and students please ensure that you return the completed permission form to the school prior to this event. Thank you.
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CHAPPY NEWS!

It was great to be on camp with the 5/6 class last week and join in lots of the great activities. I am back at school this week ready to get into the swing of things again! I hope you are as excited as I am about all the wonderful events that will be happening between now and the end of the year.

96.5 Radio Family Morning

Come see the 96five Family Show, Liam, and Robbie and Romeo the Radio Dog as they take their breakfast show on the road with the Family Show School Excursion to our school on WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER! They’ll be broadcasting live from 6am-9am and there’ll be loads of other fun family activities including a jumping castle, sporting games, freebies and of course a coffee cart for the parents! Parents from the school will be helping me run a fundraising breakfast and raffle so come along for some yummy food too. It’ll be a great community event, so please invite others along for a great morning! Any parents who are available to help in the morning, I’d love to hear from you.

An exciting opportunity has been given to the senior choir to perform on the radio broadcast morning. A letter will go home to those students/ families with the information this week.

Active Travel

Next week, on Monday 26th October, we will be having a road safety presentation on our assembly. All families are welcome to attend. Booklets promoting active travel and safe travel around school will be sent home with students soon after.

Starting in week 5 I will be running an active travel breakfast every week! We will be serving FREE toast, juice (and maybe some extra yummy things) to students and families on TUESDAYS. A special breakfast in the last week of term will be an opportunity to celebrate the fantastic work of students and families actively travelling to school on Tuesdays.

Chaplaincy Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped support the chaplaincy fundraiser over the weekend. Your donations allow me to continue my work at Hamilton SS.

Have a great week!

Chappy Megan

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