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.

Welcome Fasal, Peyton-Jane, Aiden, Jack, Meadow, Ocean, Georgia, Edom, Lincoln, Riley, Elijah, Jashanpreet, Alice, Jordan, Brooklyn, Abbey, Jobe, Parnell, Princeton, Sofia-Lorren, India, Jasper, Mariah, Emily, Leon and their families to the Hamilton State School Community.

Last week these 2016 Prep students and their families enjoyed a great Open Morning at our school. It was the third formal opportunity for 2016 Prep students to visit this year. All our 2016 Preps were engaged in learning opportunities that enabled not only confidence building in terms of starting at ‘big school’ after Christmas but also enabled our Early Years team of teachers and support staff to begin to gather information of where students are at and consequently start to plan learning sequences now in order to quickly and precisely move students forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank all our families who attended, it was fantastic personally to meet parents and carers who are eager to start the invaluable 13 year learning partnership with their child’s teacher and school community. Thank you to Mrs Buckingham and Mrs Glowrey for their organisation of the morning supported by Mrs McCauley, Mrs Flanagan and our parent helper on the day Michael Bentley.

Thank you Kate Collingwood and Ray White Ascot who kindly donated our FIRST PRIZE IN OUR 2015 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - A PTP CYCLE.

We have some other donated prizes for our raffle and we are seeking support from other local businesses and families. All Christmas Raffle donations can be left at the school office. Raffle books will be coming home shortly.

What a fantastic ‘96.5 RADIO MORNING’ last Wednesday. The radio station broadcast its breakfast show from our school and our Chaplain supported by hard working P&C supplied a $2 breakfast. Many members of our community were here for an early start and I thank all that joined us and helped on the day. Congratulations to Nora, Charlotte H, Jireh, Alanna, Bella, Caitlyn, Anastaciya, Hope, Teaghan and Charlotte T who sang ‘Blue Moon’ fantastically on air.
Channel 10 is our next media organisation broadcasting from our school and this will be as part of our Christmas Concert and P&C Dinner on the evening of 7 December.

Last week there was a special school focus on ‘SAFETY’. On Monday we had a road safety presentation and throughout the week I reminded students on issues surrounding ‘STRANGER DANGER’ and the importance on ‘WALKING TOWARD SOMEONE THAT CAN HELP’ immediately once we feel unsafe in the presence of not only a stranger but in fact if similar feelings arise in the presence of someone that you already know. ‘Day for Daniel’ was on Friday and we had a P and C Free Dress and Day for Daniel last Thursday with the $117 raised going to the Morcombe Foundation. Thank you to Nicki Anderson for her assistance on the day and to the Gilhooly family for their donation of hair spray.

Last Friday once again our senior students spent an afternoon with our senior community members adjacent to our school at Blue Care Aged Facility. The focus was to start preparations in terms of decorations for our Christmas visits and singing throughout December.

Thank You to the following partners for your ongoing support for Hamilton State School

Brisbane Airport Corporation
Kate Collingwood - Ray White Ascot
Caltex – 645 Kingsford Smith Drive
Thank you to Brad Gilhooly, our PandC President who last Tuesday coordinated a Melbourne Cup ‘SAUSAGE SIZZLE’. Thank you also to parents and PandC members who supported him on the day. We raised in excess of $700.

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.

Congratulations to all students who have recently received Student of The Week Awards – Stella, Jake, Caitlyn, Shayan, Griffin.
Congratulations to all students who have recently received Special Awards – Felipe, Jireh, Mayliss, Alexys, Lewis, Zain, Leon, Mariah, Braedyn, Abhi.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Josh, Shervin, Charlotte, Jamie

Thank you to those parents who have returned their School Banking forms to the school. A reminder that if you are interested in having an account for your child/ren please come and collect a registration form from the school office. Joni Mohd is our volunteer coordinator for this program – Thank you Joni!

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
Chappy News!

Active Travel TUESDAYS 8.15am
Our first active travel breakfast for this term kicked off this week. The morning was a fantastic success with lots of students filling their tummies with toast and juice. We will continue to serve a FREE breakfast each Tuesday morning from 8.15am until the end of term. A big thank you to the teachers and teacher aides who gave up their time to help me. 😊

Christmas Craft Club THURSDAYS 8.15am
Starting next week on Thursdays we will be running a craft club to make decorations and Christmas items to sell at our school Christmas concert. We’d love to see students here from 8.15am for the next 4 Thursday mornings to help with this project. 😊 A big thank you to Nikki Day and Nicolette Smith for their willingness to co-ordinate this project with me.

96.5 Radio Family Morning
Thank you to the families who came along and celebrate in the radio morning. I had a great time and I saw lots of smiling faces, especially when Miss Cobcroft and I were boxing in the ring! Thank you to the parent, staff and community helpers for your support. It was awesome!

Vegie Garden
It has been a busy term so far and I haven’t had much opportunity to work on our vegie garden. If there are any parents willing and able to help with the maintenance of the garden, I’d love to hear from you! So, if you are a keen gardener, or could help with watering in the mornings or afternoons please let me know.

Have a great week!

Chappy Megan