This Friday  4 December at 10.30am

The school has scheduled an appreciation morning tea this Friday 4 December to acknowledge and thank the many parents and volunteers who work in our school and support classroom, specialist and school-wide initiatives. Parent volunteers are warmly invited to come to our appreciation morning tea hosted by the staff on Friday 4 December at 10.30am in the staffroom and courtyard. RSVP to the school office on 9598 1412 or via email Hampton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Year 4 Invention Convention

Last Thursday the BER space was abuzz with scientific inventions, contraptions, laughter, trials that worked and some that didn’t and mums, dads and grandparents looking, questioning and learning with their children about Newton’s Laws and which specific law applied to the contraption in front of them. Our Year 4s were given a challenge: with help and support from home they needed to devise and construct a working device that enacts one or more of Newton’s laws. The results were extraordinary! We had cranes, musical instruments, Christmas decorations, toys and in fact any model that had moving parts.

The overriding parameter for this unit was that the child needed to be in the ‘driver’s seat’ with planning and construction. It was apparent that our children were well supported from home. However it was equally apparent that every child could describe the relevant law applicable to his or her device.

First Law of Motion:  Every object in a state of uniform motion tends to remain in that state of motion unless an external force is applied to it. This we recognize as essentially Galileo's concept of inertia and this is often termed simply the Law of Inertia."

Second Law of Motion: Acceleration is produced when a force acts on a mass. The greater the mass (of the object being accelerated) the greater the amount of force needed (to accelerate the object).

Third Law of Motion: For every action there is an equal and opposite re-action.

I extend my congratulations to the Year 4 students, who all embraced this challenge and scientific inquiry with relish. I am confident that their conceptual understanding of some of the laws of physics has increased noticeably. Sincere thanks go to the teachers - Michelle, Deb, Melissa and Anne who set the scene for this inquiry and challenged the children to be courageous with their learning and investigation.
Holly Lambeth from 2C Coral Gums Matilda Brown 2A – Flowering Gums, Isabelle Nicholls from 2A – Flowering Gums and Olive Tuppen from 2C - Coral Gums organised a special fundraiser for our school on a Saturday recently which involved a stall containing lots of home-made items including: muffins, lollies, toys, doll’s clothes, jewellery and plants. The stall operated for two hours and generated $46 in profit. The girls each received a small sum from the profit and donated $31 to the school. They agreed that they would like this money to be spent on Library books. I extend my sincere thanks to Holly, Matilda, Isobel and Olive who showed great initiative and support for our school.

Gratitude from a Grandad
Last Wednesday outside the Library I fell on the concrete pavement in Ludstone Street inflicting a gash to my right forehead, bruises and abrasions. Immediately children, parents and staff members rushed to my aid. I was directed to the school’s First Aid room where Heli cleaned my wounds and recommended an examination by a doctor. He inserted two stitches in my forehead and bandaged my abrasions. I am recovering now, but want to record my appreciation to the people who came to my aid – particularly the children who asked if I needed help and some immediately contacted adults to come and help. I particularly want to record how marvellous and caring Heli was. Hampton Primary School obviously encourages its children to have a sense of compassion to help those in need – and act on it.
Thank you all very much.
Peter Morris

House Swimming Carnival
Yesterday the House Swimming Carnival for children in Grades 3 to 5 was conducted at the Klim Swim Centre. There was much excitement and enthusiasm prevailing at the pool with children enjoying the opportunity to represent their house and try their best to earn points towards the coveted shield. We had a number of parents who volunteered with various jobs and together with teachers this group ensured the busy program ran in a timely fashion. It was very apparent that we have some fine swimmers in our midst and others who enjoyed the opportunity to enter into the competitive spirit. Well done to all swimmers! I hope that you enjoyed the competitive experience and the typical house rivalry evident on these occasions. Congratulations go to Laver House who finished in first place. My thanks go to all the volunteers including many of our Year 6 students for their time and support. Special thanks go to Rob Giabardo and Paul Harris for their efforts with the excellent organisation.

2016 Grades and Teachers
On Tuesday December 8 between recess and lunch, all children attending school in 2016 will meet their teacher and class for next year.

Information Session for Parents of Children in Foundation Grades in 2016
Last night we had over 80 parents attend the information session for parents of children starting school in Foundation in 2016. The Foundation teachers for next year presented a brief summary on the approach to be taken next year in light of the predominance of boys. In addition suggestions and advice were provided in relation to readiness for school. I extend my thanks to the staff who attended and supported this session including Dimi Beratis, Madi Grace, Lisa Logue, Anne Coburn, Anita Sheppard, Traci Cenedese, Tim Bernau, John Painter, Jennie Jones, Alana Gadsby and Chris Berry. I trust that the parents who attended found the session to be worthwhile and informative.
Foundation Parents should note the following details:

- We will be staggering the starting times for Foundation students next year which will permit a warm and friendly introduction to the class for each child on Friday 29, Mon 1 Feb and Tuesday 2 Feb. Parents will be informed via email regarding the specific starting time.
- Children will not attend school on the following Wednesdays during Term 1: Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 2; this will permit intensive and personalised assessments for each child and discussions with parents to ensure the teachers have an in-depth understanding of the children’s needs and capacities and can then determine the accurate starting point for each individual.

**Academic Excellence Awards**

Congratulations go to the following students who received an academic excellence award at assembly yesterday:

- **Hannah Papps** from 4A – Tea Trees for displaying strong motivation and a determined work ethic evident in all areas of learning and achievement.
- **Max Lynch** from 4A – Tea Trees for commendable achievement in all areas of the curriculum with particular strengths in persuasive writing and speaking and in Science where he shows an inquiring mind.

**Dendy Park Carols Tuesday 8 December**

We have a large number of children performing at Dendy Park Carols this year on Tuesday 8 December. The choir and Hampton Harmonies will be singing on this night which traditionally is very well attended, in recent years up to 20,000 people attend! Please note children involved will be required to attend at Dendy Park at 1.50pm for a sound check rehearsal. They will be transported by bus; notes have already been distributed to the relevant families.

For the evening performance, the children will know where to assemble – it will be at the back of the stage at Dendy Park at 7.15 for a 7.45pm performance. School uniform with a touch of Christmas is encouraged. No Rudolf antlers or hats please.

**Annual Choreography Competition**

Our HPS finals for the choreography competition will be conducted this Friday at 1pm in the quadrangle. This is going to be an exciting lunchtime because all of our finalists show talent, ability and creativity.

The Interschool Choreography Competition will be conducted on the following Friday—December 11 at 1pm in the quadrangle.

**Year 3 Science**

Our Year 3 students have had the opportunity to work with Andrew Wilkinson from Sandringham Secondary College on a number of occasions this year. Andrew is a Science specialist and absolutely passionate about promoting interest and curiosity in all matters relating to Science. Our children always wear the laboratory coats and look and feel like budding scientists during these sessions. As a consequence, we have had much excitement and anticipation during all of our Science sessions with Wilko, the children tend to expect the unexpected. Today they were focusing on flight and constructed some flying machines which were given a flight test in the quadrangle. Scientific skills included predicting, observing and drawing conclusions.

**Assembly Performances**

My thanks go to 2C – Coral Gums who led the singing of the National Anthem at assembly yesterday. Congratulations go **Alexandra Pels** from 4A – Tea Trees who played Mozart’s ‘Concerto for Horn – Second Movement’ on the French horn accompanied by Greta de Bell on keyboard. This instrument is a difficult one to master and Alexandra showed particular skill and confidence in playing yesterday. Her performance was well rehearsed and reflected an excellent tonal quality.

Sue Knight
Principal
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2015

DECEMBER
Thu 3 2nd Hand Uniform Sale from 3pm
Tue 8 Statewide Orientation Day
Thu 10 6.00pm G6 Graduation
Mon 14 Buddy Picnic 10.40am Castlefield
Tue 15 6.00pm Carols
Wed 17 G6 Waves Fun Day
Fri 18 1.00 Assembly
       1.30 Term 4 Finishes
Sun 20 Star Wars Movie Fundraiser

JANUARY 2016
Fri 29 All students return

FEBRUARY 2016
Fri 12 Movie Night

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2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Thursday 3rd December 3pm – 3.45pm
Inside the Quad (in the main building)
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Tuesday 8 December

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Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann
Southern Cross Japanese Exchange Student Coordinator

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