First Assembly for our Prepps

Yesterday at assembly our preps proudly marched down the red carpet, accompanied by their Year 6 buddies and to thunderous applause from the rest of the school to welcome them officially to their first assembly. There was great excitement and anticipation as the countdown to release the balloons took place.

Thank you to our Year 6s who have worked consistently and respectfully to assist our preps in settling into school life and specifically to share in the fun of coming to assembly for the first time. My thanks also go to Traci for organising the biodegradable balloons and to the Prep Team for containing the children’s exuberance prior to the assembly.

School Council Elections

Community members are warmly invited to consider nominating for school council. We have 4 vacancies in the parent category. The election timeline includes:

- **Monday 15 February**: Nominations open
- **Monday 22 February**: Nominations close at 4pm
- **Wednesday 24 February**: Distribute ballot papers (if required)
- **Wednesday 9 March**: Ballot closes
- **Friday 11 March**: New council members announced.

Our school council meets monthly on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm and includes 8 parents, 2 community members and 5 staff.

School councils have three main responsibilities:

- Finance – overseeing the development of the school’s annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school’s financial operation.
- Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the School Strategic Plan.
Policy Development and Review – developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect the school’s values and support the school’s broad direction outlined in its strategic plan. Other key functions of school councils include:

- raising funds for school-related purposes
- maintaining school grounds and facilities
- entering into contracts
- reporting annually to the school community and the Department
- representing and taking the views of the community into account
- regulating and facilitating after-hours use of school premises and grounds
- operating a children’s service at the school.

Nominations forms can be obtained from the school office and must be returned by Monday 22 February at 4pm.

Thank you to the parents who have already expressed interest in joining council. I am happy to discuss the role of council with any interested parents. Please contact the office to make an appointment time.

The Annual General Meeting for School Council will be held on Tuesday 15 March at 7.15pm in the staffroom. The purpose of the AGM is to table a report on the progress and achievements for the 2015 school year. Areas for discussion will include:

- student enrolments
- student absence
- student achievement in AusVELS using teacher assessments, NAPLAN and on-demand results
- curriculum priorities
- staff, parent and student opinion
- school finances.

Interested community members are welcome to attend.

Parent Information Evenings
Teachers from Years 1 and 4 have already conducted information sessions for parents earlier this week. We have the remaining Year level meetings scheduled over the next few days. Tonight we have Year 5/6 at 6pm and the Year 2s at 7.15pm. The Year 3 information session will be conducted on Wednesday 24 at 6pm. These meetings provide an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and have the broad curriculum direction outlined. Classroom expectations are clarified. Teachers also discuss homework, excursions, camps, sporting activities, specialist programs, student welfare, ICT and assessment arrangements. I encourage parents to attend.

The Good Dinosaur
Thank you the community members who attend the outdoor movie to watch Disney “The Good Dinosaur” last Friday. Feedback from the children indicates that they really enjoyed the movie. The weather was perfect on this occasion. My sincere thanks go to Will McGowan who managed the technical requirements for the night and to Sarah Rowley and members of the Fundraising Team for their time and energies devoted to organisation, ordering, cooking and selling of food and drinks on the night. This night was a wonderful social success, the fundraising outcome is still to be finalised.
Buildings and Grounds Update
Our Buildings and Grounds Committee met last week for the first time in 2016. We have some exciting plans for the grounds this year including a significant focus on greening our environment. One of the first jobs will be to address the garden bed on the northern side of the car park where the existing plants will be removed, pruned, divided and then replanted in other garden beds at the front of the school. We also intend to plant two trees in the garden beds in the car park area. We have a large and enthusiastic team of gardeners who are working with John Painter on Mondays at gardening club. The children recently planted some flowers in the Lyndsay Forster garden on the north western side of the main building. In addition our Year 5/6 environment team with Darcy Maher and Madi Ross at the helm will be developing some plans initially and then planting in the vegie boxes and in some of the garden beds at the front of the school. The environment team will also be looking at strategies that focus on sustainability both at school and hopefully with some local initiatives in the community.

Tino is one of our grounds managers who has a big job trying to keep things neat and in order around the school. Today he worked with Anthony, a volunteer from Year 4, who displayed an eagerness to learn how to use a mallet and screwdriver. Thank you to Tino and Anthony for their support for our school

Sue Knight
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2016

FEBRUARY

MARCH
8 & 9   School Photos
9       2nd Hand Uniform Sale
24      Term 1 Ends

Grade 6 Parents’ Drinks
Date:   Friday 19 Feb 2016
Time:   8PM onwards
Place:  83 Littlewood St. Hampton
What to Bring: BYO drinks

Hope to see you all there.

Warm regards
Nigel and Anita Gray (Ned’s parents!)

PUPIL FREE DAYS
2016
Friday 20 May
Monday 11 July
LIBRARY NEWS
It’s been a busy week in the library with lots of you visiting with your classes and at our lunchtime openings. The monitors are learning their duties and books flying out the door.

Our theme for this week is SUMMER SPORTS which many of you will be involved in and with the beach so close also includes many water related activities. Check out Alison’s display which includes: The big bash, Burning the bails, Free running, Diary of a track & field titan, Freestyle BMX, Doubles trouble, Down the line, Learning to sail, Diary of a super swimmer, Selby surfs, Maisy goes swimming and Chasing the break.

OVERDUE BOOKS
Unfortunately we still have some overdue books from last year which we would love to see back in the library. Please check your homes & cars and get these books back to the library. Emails will be sent out this week. Thank you.

LIBRARY BLOG
Don’t forget our Library Blog on the school website.

Alison & Jennie

2nd Hand Uniform Sale
Wednesday 9th March 3pm – 3.45pm
On the stage (next to the oval)
Most items $2 - $5
Cash only (limited change available). Please bring along a bag for your purchases.
Please drop any good quality, clean uniforms that you no longer need into the office before 8/03/16. No items with the old logo, and no tops without the current logo please.
Now is the time to complete your First Aid Training Qualification

All Fees donated to Peter Mac’s
The Weekend to End Women’s Cancers

I am a former parent at Hampton Primary participating in a 60km two day walk in April (The weekend to End Women’s Cancers) raising money for Peter Mac and their efforts to end Women’s Cancers. As part of my fundraising efforts, my company Australian Pacific Training Solutions are donating a trainer and a venue and covering all the costs of delivering a fully accredited First Aid training course HLTAID003 – it is the recognised qualification in Australian Workplaces.

The course is on Friday the 4th March in Mordialloc. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. The total fee of $135 is going straight to the charity. YES your fee is a donation to the charity!!!! I wanted to offer Hampton Primary parents the opportunity to be first aid trained and make a difference to someone’s life through your donation and also learn to save a life.

If anybody would like to take advantage of this, please let me know ASAP and I will make all the arrangements. There are limited spots available.

It’s only 3 weeks away!!! So, hurry and book your place now. Call me Cathy Roberts - 0457 825 003 or email croberts@auspacttraining.com.au and I’ll get straight back to you.
Here is the link to my profile page – feel free to donate if you can’t make the training!


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Cathy
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Mary’s Primary - Holy Trinity & Helen Paul Kinder - Riding for the Disabled - Camp Awakenings - Salvation
Army - Resilient Aspiring Women (RAW) Garden - Disaster Aid for the Philippines Typhoon & Tasmanian
Bushfire Appeal - BayCiSS - ... and many, many more!

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