I have had a number of conversations with parents and children and it appears that most have had a very enjoyable holiday period which I am delighted to note.

We had 108 preps commence school for the very first time on Friday and there was much excitement surrounding this. The picture above which was published on the front page of The Age on Thursday of last week confirms some of our boys from the boys only class were very eager to start! Our photogenic and exuberant boys from Prep D, Blue Gums included: Zac Saunders, Morgan Devcic, James Dowling, Teddy Sawle, Arlo Ghokassian, Lachlan Matthews and Blake Miles. This is a fabulous photo because it captures that sense of fun and excitement that little preps have about being together and starting an exciting adventure.

The use of staggered starts permitted the teachers to personally welcome the prep child and family into the classroom. We had a little bad luck with the inclement weather on Friday morning at 9am, although this did not dampen the spirits of our children. We have 30 grades this year including 3 in new classroom spaces. All grades seemed settled and calm; I hope that every child has made a happy and productive start to school.

Communication
This year class and specialist blogs will be used regularly to convey important and timely messages, notices and details regarding school events. Parents are strongly encouraged to check the blogs frequently to ensure they are receiving the latest messages and relevant information.

The newsletter will be uploaded to the website on a Wednesday as has been the practice for some time.

If parents have any queries or concerns, I encourage you to approach your child’s classroom teacher initially. Very often the class teacher is able to address the matter quickly and efficiently. If a matter requires further discussion, an appointment can be made with the appropriate Leading Teacher, John Painter the Assistant Principal or me.

Buildings and Grounds Development
Last year it was apparent that our enrolments were going to increase and this has occurred, we have increased from 657 in December to exactly 700 on the first day of school. This increase is primarily due to the housing and apartment developments in the local area.
The increase in enrolments does impact on play space. The teachers have carefully considered this and we have decided to run with three strategies which will reduce the congestion and number of children in the yard at lunchtimes and of course keep the children gainfully engaged with numerous leisure time activities:

i) introduce and operate a variety of lunchtime clubs that will cater for a range of interests:
   Mondays – Hampton Harmonies with Traci
   Library with Alison Carmine
   Garden with John Painter

   Tuesdays – Drumline with Traci Cenedese
   Library with Helen Weston
   Chess with Deb Brayshaw

   Wednesdays – Assembly auditions with Traci Cenedese
   Library with Helen Weston
   Art with Marion Marks
   Boys’ Club with Chris Seevers

   Thursdays – Library with Jennie Jones
   Senior Strings with Traci Cenedese
   Year 2 choir with Simone Tickell
   Writers’ Club with Alana Gadsby

   Fridays – Lego with Traci Cenedese
   Library with Alison Carmine

ii) create an additional supervised play area in the yard with additional staff on yard duty

iii) take groups of children off site to the old Hampton High School site in Favril Street.

During the holiday period we had many small projects undertaken to improve facilities. These included:

- The resurfacing of the front entrance of the school and the installation of new gates. This area looks far more attractive now and we intend to carefully select some trees and shrubs for planting
- The installation of bi-fold doors in the portable classrooms which will allow teachers to close off their space and have the acoustics improve accordingly. These doors have been installed between Rooms 16 and 17, Rooms 18 and 19, and Rooms 20 and 21
- The construction of a new wall in the western end of the BER building to create a classroom space for Tim Bernau’s 5/6C, Eucalypts class. This additional classroom had new furniture arrive last week just prior to school starting. In the near future we plan to install a new and large window in the wall of the withdrawal room in this space
- The windows up near the roofline of the western side of the school hall were all replaced
- The installation of three sets of double doors lined with sound proofing material in the upstairs Shared Learning Space - Rooms 8 and 9. Additional mobile boards again lined with soundproofing material have been ordered and will arrive shortly. These will be used to separate the classes where required and improve acoustics
Whilst the new Mod 5 portable classroom arrived in the car park prior to the end of school last year, much work was done late in the year and during the holidays:

- The interior was repainted and recarpeted
- Fans in Room 23 were replaced
- New white boards were installed
- Entrance porches were constructed
- Fencing work has commenced and will be finished by the end of next week
- Considerable work was done to connect electricity and enhance computer connectivity to all portables. Furthermore, an upgrade to the mains board was required to handle the additional load. The trenches for the cabling will be asphalted shortly
- New blinds will be installed shortly.

Assemblies
Assemblies are conducted weekly on a Tuesday afternoon at 3pm. Community members are warmly invited to attend. Most assemblies will include a musical performance showcasing our children’s talents. Yesterday we were treated to an adult performance by Pete Pascoe who is a private music tutor. Pete performed ‘River Boat Sam’ on keyboard and displayed his extraordinary passion and talent for music with this tune. Had space permitted, we would have had a number of children dancing to his performance!

Next Tuesday’s assembly on the 9 February will include badge presentations for our Year 6 leaders. On Tuesday 16 February our new prep students will attend their first assembly; they will enter the quadrangle marching down the red carpet carrying a special balloon. We are mindful of the environment therefore the balloons will be of a biodegradable material, they will be released during the assembly.

Staffing for 2016
I welcome the following new staff members to the Hampton team: Alana Gadsby, Chris Berry, Max Attwood, Emmanuel Le, Jeffie Ye and Rachel Kemp.

The class structure and staff are shown below:

**Foundation** 5 Grades  all classrooms are located downstairs in the main building

- Foundation A - Snappy Gums  Room 1:  Alana Gadsby
- Foundation B - Yellow Gums  Room 2:  Chris Berry
- Foundation C - River Red Gums  Room 3:  Madi Grace
- Foundation D - Blue Gums  Room 4:  Dimi Beratis
- Foundation E - Ghost Gums  Room 4A:  Lisa Logue and Bec Redwood*

**Year 1**  5 Grades  all classrooms are located upstairs in the main building

- 1A – Spotted Gums  Room 8(SLS):  Rosie Alderman
- 1B – Silver Gums  Room 11:  Ruth Henwood
- 1C – Shining Gums  Room 9(SLS):  Helen Farr
- 1D – Sugar Gums  Room 10:  Caitlin Shulman
- 1E – Scribbly Gums  Room 12:  Anita Sheppard

**Year 2**  5 Grades  4 classrooms are located upstairs in the main building and the 2D classroom downstairs

- 2A - Mountain Ash  Room 7:  Elizabeth Watts
- 2B – Peppermint Gums  Room 15:  Max Attwood
- 2C – Coral Gums  Room 14:  Helen Weston and Kelly Shoppee*
- 2D – Manna Gums  Room 5:  Kylie Perara and Carolyn Platt*
- 2E – Flowering Gums  Room 6:  Simone Tickell and Kelly Shoppee*

**Year 3**  5 Grades  All classrooms are located in the portables

- 3A – Huon Pines  Room 18:  Laura Shugg
- 3B – Ironbarks  Room 16:  Chris Seevers
- 3C – Stringy Barks  Room 19:  Emmanuel Le
- 3D – Silver Mallee  Room 17:  Rhys Thomas
- 3E – Salmon Gums  Room 23:  Fran Newton
Year 4  3 Grades  all classrooms are located in the portables
4A – Tea Trees  Room 21: Anne Coburn and Melissa Fisher*
4B – Melaleucas  Room 22: Michelle Fernandez
4C – Banksias  Room 20: Deb Brayshaw and Melissa Fisher*

Year 5/6  6 Grades  all classrooms are located in the BER building
5/6A – Wattles  Room 26: Jane Alderman
5/6B – Casuarinas  Room 27: Joy Brebner
5/6C – Eucalypts  Room 28: Tim Bernau and Fallon Levett*
5/6D – Sassafras  Room 29: Sharon Dowling
5/6E – Wollemi  Room 30: Michelle Kahui
5/6F – Red Tingle  Room 31: Peter Burton
5/6G – Jarrahs  Room 32  Dani Khosh

*We have flexible work options in place with the following teachers in a shared teaching arrangement:
Lisa Logue and Bec Redwood in Prep, Kylie Perara and Carolyn Platt in Year 2, Simone Tickell and
Kelly Shoppee at Year 2, Helen Weston and Kelly Shoppee at Year 2, Deb Brayshaw and Melissa Fisher
at Year 4, Anne Coburn and Melissa Fisher at Year 4, Tim Bernau and Fallon Levett at Year 5/6.

Specialists
Music:    Traci Cenedese and Mandy Lyn Brook, Art: Marion Marks and Carolyn Platt, PE: Paul Har-
ris and Rob Giabardo, Mandarin: Jeffic Ye, Additional Support – Bec Redwood, Reading Recovery and
English as a Second Language: Judy Van Pelt.

Education Support Staff
Student Support:  Heli Bayley, Mary Jo Young, Neneh Curry, Jo Downs, Sky Fix, Rebecca
                Dann, Dani Peebles and Rachel Kemp
Business Manager: Nicole St Leon
Administration support: Cathy McLorinan, Andrea Maglio and Kirsty Reynolds
Grounds Management: Tino Karras and Geoffroy Muller
Technical Support: Sak Fainu'u, Seb Luzuro and Anthony Sok
Library: Alison Carmine and Jennie Jones.

Leadership Team
Assistant Principal  John Painter
Tim Bernau  Leading Teacher
Anne Coburn  Leading Teacher
Traci Cenedese  Leading Teacher
Lisa Logue  Leading Teacher
Sue Knight  Principal

Payment of Fees
My sincere thanks go to the many parents who have paid fees. Your support and prompt payment is
greatly appreciated. For those who are on payment plans, the next instalment is due on Monday 8 Febru-
ary.
Vandalism at our School
Over the holiday period our school has experienced a spate of vandalism including windows being deliberately broken and scratched, graffiti on every building in the school and glass bottles being smashed deliberately and left all over the school in obvious spots where children play. I have called the local police and 000 on occasions and had groups of adolescents moved on because of their inappropriate behaviour and language. I feel very disappointed and a little frustrated by the behaviour and disrespect shown to the local school. I encourage families to be alert to those using the space at the weekend and contact the police if you see or hear inappropriate behaviour. It is a waste of tax payers’ money to devote funds to repair and address the damage caused. I acknowledge the persistence that Tino Karras our grounds manager has shown in responding and addressing the vandalism during the holidays.

Parental Involvement
Parental involvement is always strong at Hampton on a number of levels and we hope that 2016 will see any interested parents and family members actively involved in school life. There are many types of involvement including:

♦ Helping in classrooms – in the near future, rosters will be distributed inviting parents who are available to volunteer for specific time slots to do so
♦ Volunteering to assist in the Snack Shack which operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
♦ Attending and assisting on excursions off site
♦ Assisting with sports training and coaching, including transporting children to specialised sports sessions
♦ Attending school camp – children in Year 3 and 4 have two nights away and children in 5/6 have four nights away
♦ Volunteering at working bees
♦ Volunteering and assisting at fundraising activities – we have our first fundraiser for the year approaching with the HPS Cinema on the Oval screening ‘The Good Dinosaur’ on Friday 12 February. This is a low key event that has typically had a wonderful atmosphere and is loads of fun; bookings can be made through [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)
♦ Serving on School Council which meets monthly on Tuesday evening at 6.30pm. School Council elections will be conducted very shortly
♦ Serving on committees – if you have particular expertise that is wonderful but it is not essential to have in order to contribute. New members are very welcome! The committees include:

♦ **Education** meets monthly on Monday evening at 6pm
  The next meeting is **Mon 8 Feb at 6pm** in the staffroom

♦ **Finance** meets monthly on Tuesday morning at 7.30am
  The next meeting is **Tuesday 9 Feb at 7.30am** in the principal’s office

♦ **Fundraising** meets monthly on Tuesday evening at 7pm
  The next meeting is **Tuesday 9 February at 7pm** in the staffroom

♦ **Buildings and Grounds** meets monthly on Thursday evening at 6pm
  The next meeting is **Thursday 11 Feb at 6pm** in the staffroom
  We have big plans to develop and ‘green’ our school this year. *Interested parents who can spare one hour a month on a Thursday are warmly invited and encouraged to come along to this meeting*

♦ **Snack Shack** meets twice a term on Monday afternoon at 3pm
  The next meeting is **Monday 7 March at 3pm** in the principal’s office

If parents would like to discuss any aspect of involvement in school life, I am happy to make time available to do so. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

Sue Knight
Movie Night on the Oval
Friday 12 February 6.30pm

*The Good Dinosaur*
*Screening under the stars*

Please paste the link below into your browser for information and booking for the movie night on the oval.

http://www.trybooking.com/180419
CLASS LISTS

Class lists are about to be published. Don’t forget to register your details for inclusion on your child’s class list

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q7C8XBB
# Snack Shack Lunch Menu

**Sensational Fresh Sandwiches and Rolls**

White Hi-Fibre Bread or Wholemeal Bread, White Rolls

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Mayonnaise - No Charge

**Salad** - consists of Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber & Grated Carrot

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Mayo or White Balsamic Dressing Available on Salad Tubs

**Tasty Toasties**

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We would also like the person to attend a monthly meeting in the evening (one Monday a month from 8-10pm) to assist with the minutes of a meeting, this is also in Richmond.

There is potential for more hours (based in Cheltenham in our other office) if you have the availability and desire to learn more. Please contact Karen Glass with your resume and a short note about your experience and availability.

Contact: Karen Glass (Mum of Chelsea and Mitchell Glass)
Email: karen@timewellspent.com.au Phone: 0422925806

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