From Sue

Communication
I am aware that community members have found the blog format for the newsletter a little tedious. Whilst some adjustments were made to the blog postings, I had one blog entry and included all items on this, feedback from parents indicated that would prefer the newsletter to be on one document and therefore easier to read; hence the changed format from today.

2015 Friendship Captains

Lexie Ferguson from 5/6F – Red Tingle and Evan Pan from 5/6D - Sassafras are our 2015 Friendship Captains and they also happen to be best friends. Lexie and Evan were invited to report on their leadership role at the Hampton Rotary Club dinner meeting last night. They are pictured here with Geoff Tickner who is a Hampton Rotarian and a strong supporter of our school. I have received feedback from various people already confirming that they represented Hampton with distinction. They prepared and delivered a clever speech together which included amusing anecdotes and highlights for the year and confirmed that they share a special bond of friendship. What is most apparent about our captains is that they want to make a difference and promote the importance of reaching out to peers, younger students and members of the community with a hand of friendship.

School Fees for 2016
School fees for 2016 are due on Friday of this week. We have had quite a few families who have paid promptly and greatly appreciate their support. Hampton offers a wide range of stimulating programs including sports, dance, music, visual arts, excursions, camps and interactive tools; these programs and resources are only possible with the support from our parents. If you have any queries regarding the fees, please contact Nicole St Leon or me to make an appointment for a discussion.

2016 Plans
Next year will see the school increase in enrolments by nearly 40 students. We are only accepting students from within our neighbourhood zone, but the local area has a number of housing developments which have already impacted on our school. I am determined to maintain the existing play spaces for our children and this is the reason that the new portable classroom will be placed in the car park.
We are intending to make some minor modifications to some of the classroom areas over the holiday period, these include:

- Installation of partition walls or concertina doors in the SLS upstairs in the main building. Two classrooms will then have defined walls separating them. We believe this will make far better use of the teaching space in the SLS by greatly reducing the background noise and creating an enhanced learning environment for the children.
- Installation of partitions or concertina doors between the rooms in the portable classrooms – which will permit teachers to take their own class where desirable and or combine with another at the other end of the room where appropriate.
- Installation of a temporary wall near the kitchen area in the BER building at the western end ie near Jane Alderman’s classroom. The purchase of some tall and solid portable display boards to close off this end of the BER space and to define the classroom area. Furthermore installation of two windows in the solid wall of the withdrawal room at the western end of the BER building which will permit enhanced viewing and supervision of the class in this space.

Information Session for Parents of Children in Foundation Grades in 2016

Tuesday 1 December at 6pm

Next year we will have five classes in Foundation, however we have a predominance of boys enrolled. We are keen to ensure the grades are harmonious and have a spread of personalities and capabilities. Rather than having every grade with a predominance of boys, we have decided to have one boys only class and four classes where there will be a similar number of boys and girls. We have scheduled a meeting on Monday 1 December at 6pm in the BER building. Parents will have the opportunity to:

- Meet the Foundation teachers for 2016
- Understand the class structure for 2016, including a boys only class
- Hear a brief outline of the Foundation teaching and learning program
- Find out a little more about how to prepare your child over the holidays for starting school
- Ask questions
- Enjoy a convivial chat with other parents over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

Sporting Excellence

Recently our girls’ softball team competed in the regional and state softball championships. They played three games at the regional level winning all games convincingly and three at the state level where they won two games comfortably and lost the third game.

Lucia Buckley deserves a special mention for completing a very impressive and successful slide into home base resulting in grazed knees! The team showed a positive and fun-loving approach to these games combined with plenty of determination.


My thanks go to Rob Giabardo and Jo Levett for their time and energy shown to coaching and encouraging the girls to do their best!
2016 1:1 BYO iPad Information and Cyber Safety Sessions
I extend my sincere thanks to Tim Bernau who organised two information sessions last week related to technology: one for parents of children currently in Year 4 to explain the rationale behind the BYOD program which involves iPads for 2016 Year 5s and the second session focused on cyber safety and provided some very practical advice on keeping children safe in their use of technologies. I hope that parents found the sessions to be beneficial and relevant.

Assembly
The school band played the National Anthem and ‘Watermelon Man’ at assembly yesterday. The band performed both pieces very confidently and capably indeed. Congratulations go to all band members.

Academic Excellence Awards
Congratulations go the following students who received an academic excellence award at assembly yesterday:

- **Isabelle Todman** from FC – River Red Gums for displaying a positive approach and making commendable progress, particularly in her reading
- **Evan Crowe** from FC – River Red Gums for displaying a positive approach to his learning which is very evident in letter formation, reading and writing generally. He also shows excellent skills in drawing
- **Zoe Fikkers** from 2E – Mountain Ash for outstanding effort and initiative with her homework and producing creditable results in all areas of English
- **Jake Fix** in 2E- Mountain Ash for displaying kindness, thoughtfulness and excellent manners and achieving impressive results – particularly in reading
- **Aliyah Hughes** in 2C–Coral Gums for making a pronounced improvement in her reading and specifically her comprehension over the last 12 months
- **Gideon Ziesing** in 2C-Coral Gums for displaying a natural curiosity for Numeracy, he enjoys exploring new and unfamiliar concepts and challenges and thrives on extension activities.

*Sue Knight*
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2015

NOVEMBER
Wed 18  7pm Soiree McKinnon Sec
Nov 27  Junior Olympics - Prep, G1, G2
             9am Sandringham Athletics Track

DECEMBER
Thu 3   2nd Hand Uniform Sale from 3pm
Tue 8   Statewide Orientation Day
Thu 10  6.00 G6 Graduation
Tue 15  6.00 Carols
Wed 17  G6 Waves Fun Day
Fri 18  1.00 Assembly
          1.30 Term 4 Finishes

JANUARY 2016
Fri 29  All students return

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Thursday 3rd December 3pm – 3.45pm
Inside the Quad (in the main building)
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 1/12/15. No items with the old logo, and no tops without the current logo please.
Did you know that for every pair of shoes purchased at Sole Mechanics Hampton by someone associated with your school, they donate $5 back to the Hampton Primary School community?

Sole Mechanics specialises in fitting infant footwear right through to adults, including school shoes. Their considered shoe range is selected to promote optimal foot health and includes the Bobux, Nike, Merrell & VIVOBAREFOOT brands. Feel free to browse their website or Facebook page.

This donation fundraiser applies to any purchase of shoes by parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles too! Basically anyone with feet that want a cool pair of shoes, whether for work, school or play – as long as you mention to staff that you want them to donate to your School.

Please remember to tell them you want the purchase to go towards the donation program for your School otherwise we miss out! Money raised from this venture will go towards the School fundraising committee’s total revenue to be spent on initiatives throughout the year.

We encourage you to get behind this great partnership and make a visit to Sole Mechanics, at 481 Hampton Street, Hampton (opposite Hampton Primary) for your next and future footwear purchases.

Help us help your School reach its fundraising goals. Keep your eye out for updates on donation totals in the School newsletter. Thanks for your help!

Kind Regards,

The Sole Mechanics Team

Soled, 481 Hampton Street, HAMPTON, VIC, 3188
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DOGS AT SCHOOL

A reminder to parents that if you bring your dog into the school yard it must remain under the supervision of an adult and with you at all times.

Please do not leave your dog tied up and unattended.

Lost Property

There are a lot of unlabelled jackets and other assorted lost property items currently in the Lost Property Cupboard.

If you have any lost items, please make sure you visit the cupboard as soon as possible.

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