From Sue

Appreciation Morning Tea for Parents and Volunteers

**Friday 4 December at 10.30am**

The school has scheduled an appreciation morning tea on 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. Every class in the school has drawn on community members to assist with a range of activities including attending school camp, accompanying classes on excursions, helping out in the Snack Shack, assisting with literacy and numeracy, attending working bees, working on committees and School Council, designing and making costumes for productions and special events, supporting fundraisers etc. We have a very creative, talented and industrious community and our school reaps the benefit accordingly.

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

House Swimming Carnival Tuesday December 1  9.30am-12.45pm

All children in Years 3-5 will be participating in the House Swimming Sports at the Klim Swim Centre in Tulip Street Sandringham on Tuesday 1 December. Buses leave at 9am, competition commences at 9.30am. Children should wear their bathers under their clothes to school and bring some water and healthy snacks to ensure they have sustenance during this rather hectic morning of activity. Thank you to the army of volunteers who have offered to assist on the day.

Allocation of Children to Grades for 2016

All children have been involved in transition activities on Wednesday afternoons in November. This process has provided an opportunity for the children to meet some of the teachers who will be teaching at the particular year level in 2016. In addition, it has enabled the teachers to look at various combinations of children which will assist with the allocation of children to the 2016 classes.

Every effort is made to create harmonious and well balanced classes. Whilst we do try to ensure each child has a friend in the class, the focus is on student learning and identifying children who work productively and effectively together. We occasionally find that children who are very good friends outside the classroom do not necessarily connect positively inside the classroom; they can distract each other and other children. There are other times where children form a very strong friendship with one or two and are resistant to making new friends. This can mean they rely heavily on each other and at times can become a little dependent. Having a special friendship is a wonderful experience for children but when it develops into dependency this limits opportunities to broaden friendships. Developing the capacity to mix comfortably and confidently with range of children builds social and emotional intelligence and this is a key goal for all students at school.
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**

**Tuesday 1 December at 6pm**

Parents who have children in Foundation next year are reminded that we have an information session next Tuesday at 6pm in the BER building. Next year we will have five classes in Foundation, however we have a predominance of boys enrolled, we currently have 65 boys and 38 girls. 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. 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.

**Student Tutors**

We regularly use student tutors at Hampton. Sometimes this involves students at the one year level working in pairs or small groups sharing ideas and offering advice or lending a hand to an individual. At other times we have a cross age approach and this involves older students supporting and encouraging younger students. This can be quite special and hugely beneficial for both the tutor and the younger child – the specific details are shown below. Cross age tutors are regularly used for Year 1 students in the Reading Recovery program and for students in Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 who may benefit from additional reading, and time spent on reflecting thinking and pondering about text, ideas, concepts and themes in the reading material.

The aim of a tutoring program is to improve each student’s learning. Research shows that both older and younger students show improvements in their learning, sense of responsibility and confidence as result of tutoring programs. Mutual respect, sense of belonging and self-worth occur as students give and receive help.

**Benefits for Tutors**

- They volunteer to help someone else.
- Explaining and teaching someone else is a great way of improving your own learning. Tutors are more likely to remember what they have taught because their learning is relevant and has a real purpose.
- Explaining clearly improves language skills.
- The tutor’s confidence and self-esteem is increased because they are doing a responsible job in helping another student learn.
- Tutoring helps to develop social skills.
- It requires the student to give help and not just always receive it.
- Tutoring develops a sense of responsibility and control over ones own learning.
- The reading strategies taught can apply to the tutor’s age appropriate texts.
- It is a skill that will be required of tutors in the future. In the work place staff are require to instruct and assist others.
- Being a tutor can help children to better understand the teacher’s job.
Benefits for Students Who Are Taught

- Their mistakes are identified and corrected quickly and their learning significantly improves.
- Explanation, demonstration, feedback and praise are tailored to the student’s level of understanding.
- Age appropriate examples and explanations are often given.
- Feedback from a tutor can be very powerful and motivating to students.
- Friendships can develop which assist confidence.
- Working one-on-one reduces the threat of being asked a question that the student can’t answer in front of the class.
- The atmosphere is positive and encouraging and this leaves the student more mental space with which to learn.
- Children spend more time working and less time distracted because their progress is being closely monitored.
- Students are learning together. Learning is non-competitive, non-threatening, purposeful and enjoyable.

Reading Tutor’s Checklist

- I said hello and used my partners’ name.
- Tell them in a friendly voice what you are going to do together.
- Talk briefly about the story or the pictures before beginning reading.
- Give your partner praise and remember to smile and nod when they read well or try hard.
- Count to five when your partner makes a mistake. Give thinking time.
- Give hints before telling:
  - Does that make sense?
  - Does that look right?
  - Does that sound right?
  - If your partner corrects their mistake praise them eg.
  - That was hard but you remembered to…
- Reread sentences together after your partner makes a mistake.
- Ask questions at the end to check for understanding.
- Be positive and encouraging.

Tutoring can help develop cooperation and a sense of shared responsibility for learning within the school. It also builds positive links with other classes. It gives learner’s immediate feedback and can help build positive caring relationships between students.

Academic Excellence Awards

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

- **Will Holdsworth** from 5/6B - Casuarinas for demonstrating a reflective and thoughtful approach to his work whilst showing a determination and motivation to do his best. Will is an exemplary role model who is consistently respectful and supportive of others
- **Amy O’Driscoll** from 5/6B - Casuarinas for demonstrating a reflective and thoughtful approach to her work whilst showing a determination and motivation to do her best. Amy is an exemplary role model who is consistently respectful and supportive of others
- **Charlotte Grace** from 2D - Manna Gums for excellent progress in writing where her opinions are expressed clearly, arguments are described convincingly and at times persuasively
- **Harry Wolfenden** from 2D- Manna Gums for displaying confidence and ability in approaching mathematical problems where he can utilise a range of strategies and verbalise and justify his thinking.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2015**

### NOVEMBER
- **Nov 27**: Junior Olympics - Prep, G1, G2
  - 9am Sandringham Athletics Track

### DECEMBER
- **Tue 1**: House Swimming Carnival G 3/4/5
- **Thu 3**: 2nd Hand Uniform Sale from 3pm
- **Tue 8**: Statewide Orientation Day
  - Buddy Picnic 10.40am Castlefield
- **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
- **Sun 20**: Star Wars Movie Fundraiser

### JANUARY 2016
- **Fri 29**: All students return

### FEBRUARY 2016
- **Fri 12**: Movie Night

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**Assembly Performances**

My thanks go to 3B - Ironbarks who led the singing of the National Anthem at assembly yesterday. Congratulations go the members of **Drumline** including **Oscar Catheart, Max, Zac, Traci Cenedese and Peter** who performed ‘Family Groove’ and ‘Black Cat’ with considerable precision and much enthusiasm. The audience was particularly impressed with this performance.

Sue Knight

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**DONATIONS NEEDED** - please drop into the office

### 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.**
Hampton Primary School fundraiser
Sunday 20th December at 4.30pm
Palace Dendy Cinema Cinema 4
Church St Brighton
Tickets: $15 kids (15 & under) $17 Adults
Book now at www.trybooking.com/JSTS
We have secured a block of 250 tickets only for this event. Seats will be allocated on the day on a first come first served basis.
Further info: hpsfundraising@gmail.com
Welcome the world into your home in 2016 and become a WEP Host Family!

Hosting an overseas exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

WEP host families live all around Eastern Australia. Some live on farms in the country, others live in apartments in the city. Not all our host families have kids, some are young couples and some are single. In fact, host families can come in any shape or form, but they all share a desire to learn more about other peoples and cultures!

For more information and to view the profiles of students eagerly awaiting news of their host family, head to our website, www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733 to speak to our friendly hosting team!
Carols in the Park

Tuesday 8 December

- Pre-show activities from 5pm
- Main concert commences at 7.30pm
- Fireworks display 9.30pm
  (subject to weather conditions)

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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
FREE LEARN TO SWIM OPEN DAY @ WAVES
Sat 5th Dec 1-3pm

Come and see why kids LOVE our swimming lessons

Free entry to aquatic areas from 1-3pm
Trial a lesson
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Japanese Students in urgent need of a Host Family

There are many Japanese exchange students, boys and girls aged 15, 16 or 17, who are hoping to be placed with a family here in Victoria. They are part of a leadership group especially picked for their social and academic qualities, so are really looking forward to being a member of a family. If you feel that you and your family could be at all interested in hosting one of these students for three months, please contact their coordinator, Klaus Schumann, on 03 97584279 to express your interest, or send me an email. You would need to be able to afford to have the student you choose at meal times and provide them with a bed, share room or own. There is no payment involved. It is hoped that the relationship you develop with your new family member will be a lasting one. The student will be able to pay for school books, subject levies, transport, entertainment, food when they’re out, and so on. They arrive beginning of February and need placement before Christmas. Hope to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann
Southern Cross Japanese Exchange Student Coordinator
DOGS AT SCHOOL

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

Please do not leave your dog tied up and unattended.

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LOST PROPERTY CUPBOARD

The lost property cupboard is overflowing.

All items that have not been collected by Wednesday 2nd December will be either taken to the opportunity shop or sold in the 2nd hand uniform sale.

Thank you