

2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda— English, Early Years Reading & Collaborative Teaching

Principal's Address

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Community Members and Students,

Last week, we welcomed Dr Lyn Sharratt into our school. Dr Sharratt is a leader in education across the globe and has spent the last few years working with the North Queensland Region to implement quality teaching and learning strategies. We received extremely positive feedback regarding our current practice, direction and plans as a school.

Communication

Given feedback on last year's school opinion survey, one of the first items to work on when I arrived was fine tuning the communication from the school. After feedback from the P&C meeting, the following will occur relating to communication from the school:

- There will be a weekly newsletter emailed to parents.
- Hard copies will also be available on the notice board, near the water fountains.
- The newsletter will be uploaded to the school website.
- The school website has a calendar which shows all school activities. These activities will be listed on the newsletter as well.
- **You can also download the 'QSchools' app to your phone so that you can access the newsletter, school calendar of events and other notifications.**
- Teachers will still contact parents with any class specific items.
- **The newsletter is the communication 'point of truth'. That way, everyone is on the same page. No other correspondence should take place. Please inform me if it does.**

P&C Update

Thank you to all the people that were able to attend the P&C meeting last week. Many items were discussed and agreed upon. Congratulations to the elected officers for 2017: President—Kerri Martin, Vice-President—Jo Agresta, Secretary—Lisa Staddon and Treasurer—Agi Murphy.

If you would like to be informed about the work of the P&C, please complete a form to **become a member. Membership forms can be attained in the office. You don't need to attend meetings (although we hope you do), but you'll need to be a member to receive meeting minutes. Stay informed and have your say by joining the P&C!**

Have a great week!

Regards

Mr. Keith Poulter

Acting Principal

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School Attendance

2017 Target = 94%

Term 1 to date = 95%



1% above

Every day at school counts!



Greater than 95% means that your child has the best possible chance to reach his/her full potential.



Between 90% to 95% means that your child will improve, but will miss some key lessons, content and skills.



Less than 90% means your child is more likely to fall behind their year level benchmarks.



Hamilton Island State School



Our Beliefs: Every student matters every lesson, every day. Every student who attends Hamilton Island State School will be a high achiever.

Term 1

February

9	Thursday	Swimming Prep—6
13	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
15	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
20	Monday	Principals' Cluster Meeting—Mr Poulter away, Mr Farrawell is Acting Principal
20	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
27	Monday	Swimming Prep—6

March

1—3	Wednesday—Friday	Principals' State Conference—Mr Poulter away, Mr Farrawell is Acting Principal
1	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
6	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
13	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
15—17	Wednesday—Friday	Year 4—6 Camp at Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre
15	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
20	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
27	Monday	Swimming Carnival
29	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
31	Friday	Easter Holidays commence

Term 2

April

18	Tuesday	Term 2 commences
25	Tuesday	Public Holiday—ANZAC Day
26	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm

May

1	Monday	Public Holiday
9	Tuesday	NAPLAN— Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation
10	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
10	Wednesday	NAPLAN—Reading
11	Thursday	NAPLAN—Numeracy
24	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm

June

7	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
21	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
23	Friday	Last day of term 2

Term 3

July

10	Monday	Term 3 commences
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August

September

15	Friday	Last day of term 3
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Term 4