Welcome to term 2, 2015! We have an exciting and busy term ahead with lots to look forward to. The Mystic Maths program has just been rolled out across the school, the 1 to 1 Ipad and Apple TV program is up and running in the 3 to 6 classroom and will soon be rolled out into the 1-3 class, sports houses will be voted on and implemented by the end of the term, senior Reef Guardian leadership camp is coming up, under 8’s day at Proserpine SS, NAPLAN for years 3 and 5 students is on next week and report cards to be issued at the end of the term.

Teaching and Learning (Every student succeeding)
Our improvement agenda continues to be reading, writing and numeracy. We have been continuing to embed our whole school approach to the teaching of reading every morning from 9:00a.m. to 9:30a.m. We continue to see incredible lift in each student’s performance with this model in place and we will continue to refine our practices and embed the system to get the best possible outcomes for our students. At the end of week 5 this term, we will be testing the students to check that they are moving forward the expected levels required in alignment with their goals set with you in term 1 and the school’s expectations. Please see your child’s teacher to check how your child is going and how much improvement has occurred.

Parent and Community Engagement
This term I will be running Mystic Maths workshops for parents as well as a reading session that will go through how we assess students and how we use each of our student’s assessment to inform our practice. It has been great to see parents being involved in the testing of Mystic Maths and Magic Words in the classroom. Thanks to all who have been assisting us with this. If you are free on Thursday or Friday and are interested in helping out with the testing, please see your child’s teacher or myself and we will slot you in where we can.

Thanks again for your continued support,
Mr. Michael Allan, Principal
The prep/1 class have started term 2 with a bang!

In maths we have started rolling out Mystic Maths in the homework. We are also consolidating these concepts in the classroom through our warm-up process at the start of each lesson. There are some wonderful resources being sent home for practice; please bring these back with homework folders on Thursday so that we can reuse them for other students. (They take a long time to make.)

In English we are learning to retell stories in detail and to relate important parts of the story to our own lives. We have also started a Jolly Phonics tracking system which has been a great success in our room.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY to all of our fabulous mums out there. You are such an important part of the schooling process and without your packed lunches, your bedtime stories and your looking for our hats everyday we would not be the amazing students that we are. Love P/1

Kind Regards,
Ashleigh Prickett
Our Core Values:
1. All students can achieve high standards, given the right amount of time and support.
2. Parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning is essential to improve student outcomes.

What's happening in the Year 1/2/3 Classroom?

Cheeky Chaz, spending some time reading his dictionary in the Reading Hut.

Creative Carys and Terrific Ty creating clocks to practice their half past and o'clock times.

Colourful Charlie H, Jovial Jamie and Magical Mitchell playing a counting money game with Kind Karen.

The Year 1/2/3 Class with Steve Moneghetti

We have had a fantastic start to Term Two, with students working at such a high standard to complete set tasks.

In English, the Year 3's are working on writing persuasive letters in preparation for NAPLAN. Their writing has been incredibly persuasive, even managing to persuade my brother to fly all the way from the Solomon Islands to visit. In Year 1 and 2, students are working on retelling stories, including the setting, characters, complication and resolution. In the next 3 weeks they will be working on the computers to create a multi-model presentation of their chosen retell and present it to the class.

In Mathematics students have been busy completing tricky problem-solving questions, as well as continuing to work on number, place value, 3D shapes and time.

I continue to be amazed with the student’s persistence, resilience, confidence, organisation and ability to get along with everyone in the class.

This term we have also been extremely lucky to have had some special guests visit the school. In week one we had Mr Graham Whyte, who spoke to the students about ANZAC Day. In week two we had Olympic Gold Medallist, Steve Moneghetti, who told the students about his life as a marathon runner.

From Miss Tashi Campbell

Super Star Behaviour for week 1 & 2
(Have reached the rainbow every day for 2 weeks)
Flynn Squires
Chaz Calder
Carys Evans
Ty Vallve

What's happening in the Year 1/2/3 Classroom?
Warm greetings to all parents and HI community members, I hope the Easter Holidays provided plenty of valued family time! I’m very excited to be starting the second term with our amazing 3-6 class. I would like to thank parents for getting behind the swimming carnival last term and supporting their child’s dress ups. What a great day! I would like to make a special welcome to Jessica Buckley! Jessica and her family have been regular visitors to the Island for over ten years but have decided to join the team this term. Jessica comes from Lauriston Girls School in Melbourne and when asked ‘what is your favourite thing about Hamilton Island?’ She excitedly exclaimed ‘obviously the weather!’

In the class.

We have had a very busy start to the term as usual. Students have sat pre-testing for English and Mathematics C2C units to identify individual learning targets. Reading assessments and associated data has been reviewed and ability levels have been allocated for reading groups. History lessons have started with Mrs. Taverner on Tuesday afternoons. Our class also participated in ANZAC lessons leading up to the moving dawn service featuring a guest speaker from Airlie Beach RSL; Mr Wyatt.

Homework:

Homework in the 3-6 class has improved in accordance with the ‘Mystic Maths’ (National Numeracy Continuum- Screening Program) that has been developed by the school to sharpen our focus around individual student’s numeracy targets. The 3-6 class is now endeavouring to master their multiplication tables as part of the Mystic BLUE level of the Mystic Maths program.
How we teach decoding and fluency at Hamilton Island State School - 10 Decoding and 4 Fluency Strategies

Below are the strategies we use to teach decoding and fluency to all of our students. Over the year, I’m going to focus on one strategy for each newsletter and elaborate on how to teach it.

Display and explicitly teach the 10 decoding strategies in daily guided reading lessons

Chunky Monkey strategy

Students who use Checkin’ Chicken make their eyes go to the end of the word so that they read the complete word that is on the page. This strategy is predominately used in early years reading classes to teach students to track through the whole word. Common mistakes made by kids during reading are: They will either leave the entire ending off the word or they will make up an ending and put in on themselves.

Instruction Plan

I Do—Model the strategy to your child using the ‘show me first’ technique. This allows the child to see how you are doing this when you get to a word that you haven’t seen before.

We Do—Ask your child to copy what you did and see if they can go through the process of checking the ending of larger words and tracking their eyes through it from start to finish. Ensure you are there to provide immediate feedback on how they are going. Keep going until they can use it effectively.

You Do—The child can use the strategy by themselves. You keep providing feedback on how they are going.
Behaviour Expectations

Our Caring Values—At Hamilton Island State School we are Proud Learners who are:

*Respectful* – We treat ourselves and each other with respect, show care and regard for property.

*Responsible* – We take responsibility for our performance and own up to mistakes, so that we can learn from them.

*Safe* – We always take care and act in a safe and appropriate manner.

Celebrating student achievement

- [Spelling Mastery Graduates](image)
- [Silver Badge Award Recipients](image)
- [Magic Words Award Recipients](image)
- [Proud Learner Award Recipients](image)
Remember **Every Lesson, Every Day Counts** towards your child achieving their individual learning goals. Research states that 95% attendance gives your child the best chance.

**Does your Child Have a Chance of Being Successful?**

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but……..

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<td>2 days per week</td>
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At Hamilton Island State School

Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!!
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**What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?**

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but........

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**Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day.**

**That’s when every minute counts the most!!**

**School Starts at:** 9:00a.m.

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Mother’s Day Classic

Sunday May 10
Walk, push a stroller, jog or run 4.2 or 6.7km
Starts 8am @ Bougie Marquee
Followed by Fun Zone
Bust out your favourite pink outfits
Registrations from 7am
Adult - $20, Child */Concession** - $10, Family (1 adult, up to 4 children) - $30, Family (2 adults, up to 4 children) - $50. Note: all monies go directly to the Breast Cancer Foundation. Hamilton Island is hosting the event for FREE!

Twilight Fun Zone – Every Friday night
Enjoy various free activities & with Jacqui & the Fun Crew
Every Friday night in Resort Centre.

6.30-8.30pm

Fun Zone – Sunday afternoon
Bougie Marquee
3.00-5.00pm

Glow Sessions
Great fun for all ages
Glow Bowling - Saturdays 6.00pm
$12pp Book on 68440 or at the Bowling Centre

Glow Golf - Wednesdays 6.15pm
C $7.50/A $15/F $35 at the Sports Club

Movie Magic - FREE
Check out the FREE movies every Tuesday & Saturday nights
Check the Activity Guide, Hi App or What’s On for times & movie titles
Saturdays @ 7.00pm on Shady Creek Lawns.
Tuesdays @ the Yacht Club – times vary.
Drinks & snacks for sale or BYO!

June 11-14th
Keep your eye open for the best paddlers from around the world (including some many from Hamilton Island). Outrigger & Surf Ski races to catch on Cats-eye Beach and around neighbouring Islands!
Lots of fun off-water events to get involved in - stay tuned!

Saturday June 20
5km - $75.00, 1.5km (Junior) $65.00, 500m (Junior) $65.00, Spectator - $60.00
Includes ferry transfers, race singlet, race pack & medal.

**Term 2 Sports**

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*FREE!  ** One-off registration fees then FREE each week J!

Swimming with Kristyn will continue – use your cards. Purchase top-ups at Sports Club!
Karate with Jacqui continues - use your cards. Purchase top-ups at Sports Club!
Hip Hop starts next week!! Purchase passes available from Sports Club. $50 = 10 sessions.

*Note: passes are multi-use; can use for Swimming, Karate & Hip-Hop!*

**CONTACT DETAILS:**

General enquiries:  Stephen Jackson 0408 236 483 or sjackson@hamiltonisland.com.au
Activities & Karate:  Jacqui Elmsly 0431 207 602 or jelmsly@hamiltonisland.com.au
Swimming:  Kristyn Watkins 0415 728 664
Hotshots Tennis:  Ebony Banes 0422 013 054

After a number of years taking Zumba; Nuria is having a rest, but now we have a new Hip Hop teacher in Chelsea who will conduct sessions on Tuesday afternoons. Program will be expanded depending upon demand!
Thanks again to all our major sponsors