Welcome to term 3, 2015! We have an exciting and busy term ahead with lots to look forward to. I would like to personally welcome the Stephens family back to the island and it is always a pleasure have Matthew and Michael back at our school. This term we are continuing our sharp and narrow focus on improving reading, writing and numeracy for all students. Parents will be once again be invited to set goals with their teacher to drive the improvement agenda for their child over the next 6 months. We also have our years 4 to 6 Kinchant Dam camp coming up in August.

I wanted to also personally congratulate our well deserved first Silver Recognition staff awards presented to Mrs Nuria Murgadas-Davis and Miss Karen Gordon. We are extremely lucky to have such a committed staff that work extremely hard to make our students’ days fun, engaging and challenging. I look forward to presenting our next Silver Recognition awards at the Christmas Concert at the end of the year.

Teaching and Learning (Every student succeeding)
I have received our preliminary NAPLAN results back for 2015 and I am pleased to say that we have once again lifted the bar from last year especially in the year 3 area. Our year 5 relative gain results from how those same students performed in year 3 in 2013 was exceptional. I look forward to sharing these when the official reports are released.

Parent and Community Engagement
Thanks to all parents who attended the reading master class session last term. I hope you all got what you wanted out of the session. This term we will be running a behaviour management masterclass session that will go through behaviour management strategies that you may be able to use at home but understanding the triggers for behaviour and how to manage these. Thanks to all that invested time in our highly successful first athletics carnival. It was a fantastic day and all the students were extremely well behaved and represented our school in the best possible way.

Thanks again for your continued support,
Mr. Michael Allan, Principal
The prep/1 class have started term 3 with great enthusiasm!

In maths this semester, we are learning about calendars, dates and time. We are learning about short and long amounts of time and how to schedule consistent events. We are learning to ask questions and to gather data. We are also going to learn about measurement and how to measure things using non standard forms of measurement.

In English we are learning all about poetry. The preps are going to write a four line rhyming story and the year ones are going to pick their favourite poem to manipulate and change.

Reminder of weekly events in the prep/1 room:

Monday– Library day
Thursday– Homework is Due
Friday– Homework is handed out and parade is once every two weeks.

Kind Regards,
Ashleigh Allan
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?

From Miss Tashi Campbell

We have well and truly got our teeth sunk into another exciting term in the Year 1, 2, 3 Classroom. It is fantastic to see every student return from holidays willing and eager to learn and put their best effort into all tasks.

This term in English, students will be working on creating and presenting a piece of poetry to the class. In Maths, students will be continuing to work on place-value, problem-solving and fractions. We will also be starting a unit of work on measurement. In Science we are studying a super exciting unit about liquids, solids and gases and how we use different materials. We were lucky enough to have a Food Scientist, Miss Sam, come to our class for a visit and do some cool science experiments with us.

This term we will also be getting e-mail buddies from a school in the Torres Strait, Badu Island State School. We have finished our individual student profiles and will find out who our e-mail buddies are next week. We can’t wait!

Individual Goal Setting was such a huge success in Semester 1. I was so proud of each and every one of the students in the Year 1, 2, 3 Classroom and the effort they put into achieving their goals. I look forward to setting new student goals in week 4.

Miss Campbell & Miss Karen J
From Mr. Farrawell’s desk.

WELCOME BACK! I sincerely hope that your families had a great school break. I have heard many amazing and funny stories from the kids this week. To start our newsletter off this week, our class has some big news! We have the welcome addition of three new year 6 students! Michael and Matthew Stephens and Sakura Murphy. Michael and Matthew are well known in our school community and have already shown that they can contribute some high level knowledge and experience to our already super clever class. Sakura, is also a well known student to return to Hamilton Island State School. Sakura loves sport and is great at maths. She has come all the way from Japan and has shown us that she is very eager to improve her English. Welcome back Sakura!

Kinchant Dam

This term the senior (years 4-6) students from our class are heading to Kinchant Dam for school camp. We are all very excited for the program to commence in week 6 as staff preparation has already begun. Parents and students interested in learning more about the camp can look up the facilitators website at http://www.kinchantoec.eq.edu.au/ or come in and have a chat to the staff at the school. So get excited and keep an eye out for permission notes!

Homework!

New homework books will be issued this week with guidelines around homework expectations for the term. Please send a quick email or pop in for a chat if there are ever any questions around homework or any area of your child’s day at school.

Goal Setting Meetings!

The goal setting process was a phenomenal success last semester and an essential part of our very diverse multi-age class. This semester is a great opportunity to get a new snapshot of where your child is now, and how we can keep moving forward toward future goals. Emails and notes will be sent out in the coming weeks to start the goal setting meetings, with the hope of having them finalised before senior school camp in week six.

Our Core Values:

3. All teachers can teach to high standards, given the right assistance.
4. Teachers and administrators need to be able to articulate what they do and why they teach the way they do.
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 Running Rabbit put the words together in phrases. This strategy is predominately used in early years reading classes to teach students to be fluent when they read. It is vital that students move from pointing to each word as they read to then running their finger across the words, reading them as they move it.

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 and staff achievement

Bronze Goals Awards

Silver Goals Awards

Gold Badge Award Recipients

Magic Words Award Recipients

Gold Goals Awards

Silver Recognition Awards
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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**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: 9:00 a.m.**

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Term 3 Sports

Mondays  
4pm for 4.15  Juniors Athletics  Steve 0408 236 483  Not on Monday July 20th
5pm for 5.15  Senior Athletics  Steve 0408 236 483  As above

Tuesdays  
As is  Hip Hop  Chelsea 0459 421 153  Returns July 21st

Wednesdays  
As is  Swimming  Jess 0468 599 884  Not on July 22nd

Thursdays  
4.15pm & 4.45pm  Hotshots Tennis  Ben 0466 981 346  Returns July 23rd

Fridays  
4.30pm  Soccer  Kevin 0417 980 691  Underway

Multiple days  
Karate  Jacqui 0431 207 602  Continue as is for now – Jacqui on leave for a few weeks shortly

Multiple days  
Squad Tennis  Tania 0490 343 730  Continue as is

Major events:
Whitsunday Pentathlon  Saturday August 8th (don’t have to be in Athletics to participate).
Airlie Junior Tri  Saturday September 5th

I should have another form of dance to offer in term 4, a junior Tri program and hopefully the sailors will be up and going for then too 😊

I will be away for some of this term with number 2 due August 22 but as always, will hopefully keep things ticking along with a replacement at the various sports in my absence.

Stephen Jackson | Island Activities & Sports Events Manager

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