Principal’s News

School News

Hasn’t this term just flown by! We have had an extremely busy term 3 with all students focused on their learning and concentrating hard on achieving their individual learning goals. Our school is really focused on students being aware of their level and driving their learning through goal setting. I’m so proud to see how much every student has improved this year, particularly in reading. This is all down to the school, community and parent focus on the same goal. I’m so proud to be the Principal of such driven staff, students and parents.

We pride ourselves on our kids being able to answer 5 key questions about their learning:

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you doing?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve?
5. Where do you go for help?

Please ask these questions at home and let us know if your child is having difficulty in articulating any areas of these questions.

Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN

Our NAPLAN results will be announced this month for students who sat the tests back in May. Our school will be holding a parent information session to assist you in interpreting your child’s NAPLAN performance. These sessions will be announced as soon as the results are in and the student reports arrive. All parents are welcome to attend, even if your child did not sit a NAPLAN test this year.

Parent/teacher/student interviews (3-way conferences)

This is a new way of conducting our interviews with teachers. We believe that because we are discussing the learning of the student, they should be present during the interview. The interviews will discuss your child’s progress since the start of the year in all of our Key Learning Areas. If you have any specific questions for the teacher/s or myself please don’t hesitate to ask. I’ll be present at the school during all parent interviews.

Community

It’s very exciting that our P&C have agreed to build a new sandpit at the school! This will be the first phase of the new planned playground that will continue to be built over the next 6 to 12 months. The kids are very excited and can’t wait for it to be finished. A massive thankyou to Troy and Kerry Martin, Russell Brodie, Kevin Sharpe, Murray Yeomans for putting in an amazing effort to get the sandpit construction underway.

Thanks again for a great term and all the parents and community members who continu-ally help out around the school. We really appreciate it.

Thanks again for all your support,

Michael Allan

Every child matters every day and can be a high achiever.

Principal
Our Vision:
At Hamilton Island State School we are focused on providing an inclusive, safe, supportive and connected learning environment. We use our 6 Pillars of school wide pedagogy, 5 Givens for every learning environment and 4 Imperatives of student engagement to drive how we do business.

P/1 News

Prep/1 has had a very exciting Term. Let me start by saying that the costumes that were worn at book week were fantastic! What a busy term this has been. All of the students have shown huge progression this term in reading and magic 100 words. The students spent the first five weeks learning about different animals through story books. They then produced information texts to show what they had learnt. After that the students learnt all about rhyming and poetry. The poems that were presented were fantastic. In maths we have learnt about clocks, calendars, length, mass and time measurements and are practising o'clock and half-past. In science, we made landscapes showing weather and we answered lots of different questions about what people can do in different situations. The students have worked really hard and definitely deserve a well-earned holiday. I look forward to seeing all of you next term.
Key Strategic Directions:
1. Provide quality schooling through curriculum programs that cater for individuals, educational initiatives and societal expectations.
2. Develop and share high expectations for individual student learning.

1/2 News

We have had an extremely hectic last few weeks of term. Our end of Term assessments are now all complete and we are deservedly ready for our Fun Friday! Both Sarah Butler and I have been very proud and impressed with the learning that has occurred this term. Everyone has made fantastic progress with their learning goals. Congratulations Year One/Two! You are Brilliant! Here is a small sample of work from our integrated studies this term. The very clever little vegemites created their own PowerPoints on how to look after our local environment.
Hello Everyone!
Wow! The end of the term has come around so quickly since we returned from camp and we have been busy (as per usual) with our units of work and projects.
In this past week we have welcomed Reuben Tavener into our class as part of the year 5 group. Reuben brings with him lots of stories of big city living, and the other students have been giving him a crash course in Australian culture. Welcome Rueben!
This week we culminated our technology unit with a showing of our Claymation videos to all the younger students. There were plenty of laughs at the jokes and funny situations acted out by the plasticine creations. All the students did an amazing job creating their backdrops, modelling their figurines, and taking the dozens of sequential photos necessary to make the 10 or 20 seconds of film. Well done to everyone!
You may have noticed plenty of new yellow L plate licences on student desks, and even a few P plate licences too! Not to worry – we don’t have underage drivers on the loose – these are our new licences to drive PENS! Year 3 – 7 students have been trying their best to work on their handwriting shape, size, presentation, legibility and formation. The students have been impressing us all with their efforts – come in and see some amazing improvements to book work – and are proudly showing off their beautiful writing not only in pen but also in pencil across all subjects.
We have also had many students step up into the formal role of Junior Leaders, with plenty of enthusiasm for making the school an even better and more fun place by organising games, being student buddies, and even organising study and fundraising groups. I am so proud of all the students who presented themselves and their ideas with confidence during the student interviews for the roles. It is wonderful to see our future leaders in the making.

This is the last newsletter that I will be signing off with my maiden name (next term I’ll be Mrs Winstanley – what a mouthful!), so for the last time as Ms G…..

Yours in education,
Ms Gardner.
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.

High 5 – Anti-Bullying Strategy

1. Stop it I don’t like it (CALM)
2. Ignore
3. Stop it I don’t like it (FIRM)
4. Tell a Teacher
5. Report to the Principal

When someone does something that may get you upset do the High 5

STEP 1 - Stop it I don’t like it (CALM)
STEP 2 - Ignore
STEP 3 - Stop it I don’t like it (FIRM)
STEP 4 - Tell a teacher
STEP 5 - Report to the Principal
6 Pillars of School-Wide Pedagogy

Pillar 1. Strong relationships (students, parents & community)
Pillar 2. Accept accountability for each student’s learning and commit to improve each student’s performance.
Pillar 3. Use data to drive teaching practices and monitor student performance.
Pillar 4. Use differentiation strategies to cater for every student.
Pillar 5. Plan and teach each lesson using explicit instruction (I Do, We Do, You Do, Plough Back)
Pillar 6. Use consolidation strategies to move student knowledge from short term to long term memory.
The 5 Givens for EVERY learning environment

Each teacher will:
1. Set a positive classroom learning tone.
2. Establish an atmosphere of high expectations.
3. Focus on high standards of student presentation and handwriting.
4. Correct all student work and provide constructive feedback to each student.

SPORTS PROGRAM NEWS

The fun continues in Term 4 and whilst Athletics is all over for another year, there’s now Running & Triathlon training to get the kids ready for this year’s triathlon!!

Karate has been very well received and the kids have improved their skills, their discipline and their flexibility but there’s more work to be done! We will evaluate your children and move groups as required and at the end of the year think about a grading system for 2014 and beyond!!

Tania Shortland continues to run our junior tennis program including development squads, private and group lessons and attendance at tournaments. If you are interested you can contact Tania on 0490 343 730 and she will formulate a suitable program for your child. Participants can pay using the card system for group sessions $2.50pp for every 15mins (Tania will just cross out the appropriate number of squares). 1 on 1 individual lessons are available for $24 per half hour. Soccer and touch are always popular and will be back from Term 4 whilst AUSKICK returns to Hamilton Island State School. We look forward to seeing the kids having fun with this internationally recognised program!!

Our card system seems to be working although we do require more diligence from parents to bring your cards to each session!! You are very privileged to receive many sessions for free, please respect our attempts to keep things cheap and pay when required. You can purchase a card from the Sports Club for $50 which can be used for 10 sessions of the activity/sport of your choice! Please see our schedule below and the fees have been colour coded to assist you! For swimming and karate please email sjackson@hamiltonisland.com.au to enrol; group numbers are limited! Extra sessions may be added if demand exists. Swimming will be structured on ability.

SPORTS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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<td>Sign-on: Saturday Oct 12th. For ages 7yrs+. Cost: $110 for the term.</td>
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GREEN = GO for FREE, YELLOW = $5 per person per session, RED = need paid separately

SPECIAL EVENTS

- School Holidays – pick up a Kids Guide from the Tour Desk!
- Bowen Junior Triathlon – Saturday October 26th
- Hamilton Island Junior Triathlon Sunday November 17th
- Whitehaven Beach Junior Ocean Swim Sunday November 17th
- Dance spectacular. Date TBA.

Contact: STEPHEN JACKSON 0408 236 483 or sjackson@hamiltonisland.com.au
The 3 Imperatives for Student Engagement

Each teacher will:
1. Ensure that each child feels safe, valued and respected.
2. Provide learning experiences and work to students at their ability level.
3. Engage each student in their progress towards their short and long term learning goals.

We would like to acknowledge our generous sponsors who continue to support us.

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Thank You from all the students of Hamilton Island State School