Curriculum
Well it has been a really busy start to the term with report cards being handed out, starting new units, Years 5-7 excursion, organising KIDZ Ball and school camp preparations. However, this week we commenced another step in our quest for school improvement. We have our students involved in the direct instruction programs of Spelling Mastery, Elementary Maths Mastery and Junior Elementary Maths Mastery. We have assessed the students level of understanding and will do so again at the end of the semester to see how far the students have improved. If you have any questions about the programs or would like to see them in action please let me know.

Head Lice
Yes they are back again!! Could all parents be diligent and check their child’s hair regularly. Please be advised that in line with EQ Policy, students may be returned to class when they have head lice. We will follow the current policy and contact the parent to advise them that their child has suspected head lice and request that they treat it immediately. The policy states that the school CANNOT insist that the child be removed from school or class. In cases, where the parent will not or is unable to collect the child, the child is to work as per usual in the classroom avoiding head to head contact.

Staffing
There have been a couple of changes this term due to the fact that we lost 10 hours /week funding of teacher aide time. In order to offset this we have had to drop a day of teacher time a week so I will now be teaching the P/1 class on Friday. We have purchased 4 days a week of teacher aide time so that Gail Bird will be working as a teacher aide from Monday – Thursday. predominantly in the 2-7 classroom.

Fund Raising
This Saturday night is the KIDZ Ball which is our major fundraiser for the school. I am continually impressed with efforts of many parents to contribute to make our school the best it can be. Just yesterday we received another donation of over $1700 which will go towards 2 more laptop computers so all students in the 2-7 class will have their own laptop to use at all times. This brings the total number of computers in our school to 29 laptops and 6 ipads.

We are now going to shift our focus to improving our outdoor areas at the school. This will involve the creation of more play areas, student gardens and an environmental awareness centre. The students will directly be involved in the planning and design of the garden. The school is only able to contribute $2800 towards the project so more money is desperately needed. Our plan is to have the development completed by the end of term 4. Again I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of both their time and money.

School Camp
We are just finalising preparations for the Years 5-7 camp in Townsville from August 6 to August 9. We will be going to Reef HQ, CSIRO, ice skating, movie cinemas, Paluma environmental Education Centre and Sizzler. The school will contribute $1000 to the trip and due to the generosity of the P&C the cost will be $150 for the first student in the family and $100 for the second. It promises to be a fantastic 4 days for the students. Notes will come home soon.

Thank you again for your continued support. Remember we welcome all people both parents and community members into the school to help out. Please let us know if you are able to assist.

I hope to see you all on Saturday night.

Adam Montgomery
a/principal
Our Vision: At Hamilton Island State School we are focused on providing a positive, supportive and academically rigorous environment. We efficiently use resources and establish positive relationships with the community to enable the best opportunities for our students. All skills are explicitly taught and we use data to inform our practice.

P/1

The Prep / One class have been having loads of fun learning about animals and creating our class zoo. The children have been learning about information reports and non fiction texts.

This week in Maths we have been learning about Time. The Preps have been practising ‘o’clock’ and the Year Ones have been practising ‘half past’ (very tricky!).

Our skipping skills are improving and we have started talking about the Food Pyramid and healthy food choices.

If the weather is fine, next week our class will go on an excursion to the Duck Pond to investigate Ducks for our information reports and zoo. I will inform you of the day next week once we know what the weather is doing.

Please send in any boxes for construction. We are also in need of fabric for our zoo e.g. blue for water, green, animal print.

The children’s paintings will be for sale at the Kids Ball. There is not set price, families can decide how much they would like to pay for their child’s painting. The children have painted beautiful paintings of their families. All the money raised will be added to the Kids Ball funds.

Thanks to all our wonderful parent helpers.

Sarah
Our Caring Values

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

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

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

2-7 News

Hello everyone

This week the 2-7 class is thinking a lot about the outward appearance of the school. We have been thinking about the new play equipment that we would like to add to the playground – swings and monkey bars were popular choices – with the contributions from this year’s Kidzball.

We have also begun our technology unit with gusto. The year 2 students will become our worm farm and compost experts, finding the right way to feed both projects from our lunch scraps and educating the rest of the school community. The year 3 and 4 students are investigating the types of pests that would be a problem to our planned vegetable garden and will be creating their own pest deterrent apparatus or concoction! Finally, the year 5, 6 and 7 students will be working on improving the soil quality by creating their own nutrient rich garden soups using wasted products readily available on the island. With all age groups working together to find solutions to our gardening challenges, we should have a healthy, pest free vege patch and garden in no time!!

Maths Mastery and Spelling Mastery has also been implemented this week, with the feedback from the students being positive. Because each group works on building skills and fixing “bugs” that are present in their current understanding, everyone can see the improvement in their skills, and it is already having affects in other areas of learning.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who have been coming in to the senior class for Everyday Reading. We still need more helpers to ensure that we have those students who need extra practice reading each day, so if you find yourself with any time free between 9.30am and 10.30am any day, please come to lend a hand. Junior class student parents are welcome in the senior class too!

Thank you lastly to my great Teacher Aides, Ms Karyn and Ms Bird. They are an invaluable part of the 2-7 class team.

Kind regards,

Johanna Gardner
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.

P&C News

HAMILTON ISLAND STATE SCHOOL MARKETS
WHEN: SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST 2012
WHERE: HAMILTON ISLAND STATE SCHOOL
TIME: 9am till 12pm
COST: $25 FOR A TABLE.
Sell anything you like
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE SO GET IN QUICK
CONTACT: KERRI MARTIN 0439119739
ANKA STEVENS 0413377580

*** FRENCH beginners classes project ***
Who for? Hamilton Island students able to read ONLY.
Where? H.I.S.S.
When? Every THURSDAY at 3:15pm.
Duration? 60 minutes.
How much? $20 per student for the whole term to be paid at lesson 1.
Please let the school know by Thurs 21 June
Key Strategic Directions:
3. Build the capacity of our teachers and staff across a range of professional competencies.
4. Provide appropriate resourcing and quality learning environments to support and extend student learning and commit to sustainable practice.

Dance
Dance with Elise continues! Elise is very pleased with the progress the current crop and children are always welcome to join. We aim to have 1-2 performances a year so the kids can experience preparing for a show! At this stage, only one session will be held for all ages but if the numbers warrant it and there is a large disparity in talent, we will make an adjustment. Dance remains at $50 for the term or $9.50 per week (yes, there is a big incentive for buying the pass)! It will be our job to have Elise or a suitable replacement there every week and once you buy the pass, it will be your job to attend.

Swimming
We are fortunate to have a young staff member who is willing and qualified to take swimming two mornings (Tue and Thur) a week for those who wish to pursue the sport further. The cost is $85 for 10 sessions. The time is 6.45am-7.30am and lessons are held in the heated Reef View Pool. If your child is interested in extra swimming; please contact Steve on 0408 236 483. We may not be able to accommodate all requests but will do all that we can. Bookings are ESSENTIAL!

Tennis
Tennis with Tania is great for the kids. Small and large group sessions or private lessons are available. They can pursue the sport at a competitive level and attend local tournaments! Contact Tania to work out what is best for your child! Ph 0408 750 170.

2012 Athletics Calendar
Contact Steve on 0408236483 for more details.

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Target Areas for Improvement (As stated in 2012 Annual Implementation Plan)-

- English - focus on Reading in all year levels.
- Mathematics – focus on increasing rigour in all year levels.
- Improve school and community relationships.
- Shift focus from achieving National Minimum Standard to Students achieving in the Upper 2 bands.

We would like to acknowledge our generous sponsors who have supported us this year.

To the many departments and wonderful staff of

Thank You from all the students of Hamilton Island State School