



Hamilton Island News

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Next P&C Meeting:

**Tuesday 24
April
at 6:00pm**

What's on:

- ★ Tues 24 ANZAC Talk
- ★ Wed 25 ANZAC Parade
- ★ Week 2/3 Parent Teacher Interviews
- ★ 27 April Parade (2.30)
- ★ May 1 School Photos
- ★ May 7 Labour Day
- ★ May 14-17 NAPLAN
- ★ 24 May Under 8's Day

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Principal's News

I would like to welcome back everyone to term 2. There are many things happening this term including NAPLAN testing for our year 3/5/7 students. This testing enables the school to look at how the students are learning and informs our planning for next year. This testing will occur in the week beginning 14 May. If you have any questions about the NAPLAN process please come in and ask.

As you would have noticed this is a new layout for the school newsletter. We are also currently working on a new website for the school which hopefully will be ready by the end of May. Between the two we hope to make accessing information about the school easier for parents.

Next Friday from 1.00 - 2.15 we begin our whole school sports program. Our P/1 students will be playing soccer and other ball games at the sports centre, our 2-5 students will be doing Fit Kidz (boot camp) down at Catseye beach and our 5-7 students will be sailing. We are also investigating other opportunities later in the term. I would like to thank Steve Jackson and his staff for their support of the school sports program. If you think you would be able to assist with any of the activities please let me know.

School photos will be taken this year by Justin from Hamilton Island Photography on May 14. There will be information in the following weeks regarding prices and packages.

Our P-3 student will be attending Under 8's Day Celebrations at Proserpine State School on Thursday May 24. It is always great to get to other schools and we are really looking forward to the day.

Last term I completed our ICT plan for 2012. In it I outlined how we would like to improve our use of computers and other ICT's in our classrooms. We are extremely fortunate to have the assistance of Kristine Kopelke who is a senior project officer with Education Queensland's ICT Innovation Centre on the Sunshine Coast. She will be providing guidance and professional development for all staff throughout the term. Currently we have 11 computers for our students to use and our goal is to have 1:1 computers for our 2-7 class and 6 computers plus 6 Ipads for our p/1 class. The school and the P&C are in a position to fund the majority of this however we are still 6 laptops short. If you think you might be in a position to offer assistance to obtain these please come in and let me know. I am more than happy to explain any aspect of the plan and how we intend to use them.

I am humbled by the generosity of the many supporters of the school. Again I would like to recognise the support of the many members of the P&C, Hamilton Island Enterprises, Caroline from the General Store, the many parent and community helpers. Again I would like to say a sincere thankyou. On the back page of this newsletter is a supporters page where we plan on acknowledging them each fortnight.

As mentioned Earlier our school will be attending the dawn service on ANZAC Day. It would be great to have as many students in school uniform there as possible. The service starts at 5.30 am this year and school staff will supervise the students throughout the service.

Thanks again for your support
Adam

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 News

Welcome back to Term 2! The Preps and Ones have settled back into school nicely and have been working extremely hard in class already. This week in Literacy the children have been exploring characters from the book 'Aliens in Underpants Save the World'. We love this book! We have been using adjectives to describe the aliens and verbs to explain what the aliens can do. It's been fun making aliens out of play dough, painting them and building rockets. In Numeracy this week we have focused on Number concepts. We have been busy making, writing, comparing and sequencing numbers. We have also been adding and subtracting numbers. Mr Montgomery has kicked off our Science lessons teaching the class about floating and sinking concepts.

Thanks again to all our wonderful parent helpers.

We are in desperate need of boxes for construction (they were all thrown out), so please send in any cereal etc. boxes.

I'm looking forward to catching up and celebrating the children's progress with everyone at parent interviews.

Thanks for your support.

Sarah

2-7 News

This week I was pleased to see all the students in the upper class refreshed after their holidays and ready and raring to go with another term of study and activities. And what a term we have!

In week 5 the Years 3, 5 and 7 students will be sitting the NAPLAN tests – on Language Conventions (grammar and spelling), Writing (persuasive text), Reading (comprehension), and Numeracy. We have delved head first into our practice sessions, becoming familiar with past tests – what they look like, how we answer questions – and generally preparing the students so they are not struck by a bout of nerves when the real testing happens. It would be a good time to begin discussing the exams with your children, and emphasising that although they are very important, it is equally important that students remain stress free, well rested, and confident in demonstrating their best abilities throughout the process.

On another note, this Friday marks the first week of our sports programmes. There will be a fitness and skills boot camp for the Year 2-4 students, with some exciting games in great places organised. Ms Karyn will be looking after this group – and we all know how sporty she is! I am sure they will have all have a great time. As for the Year 5-7 group, they will be beginning the sailing programme! I am so excited (perhaps even more than the students) to be running the programme again this year. Thanks to Mr Montgomery for pushing for the sailing programme to be a big part of the senior curriculum, he will be rewarded with smiles! The first weeks we are focussing on fitness and flexibility, strength and theory before demonstrating these in the pool, prior to heading to our sailing beach!

Have a great weekend!

From Ms Gardner.

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.

Swimming Carnival 2012

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2012





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

The P&C will be running the raffle tonight please come down to support the school.

The Kidz Ball Committee are chasing volunteers to ring potential sponsors looking for donations. If you are able to assist please let the school or the Kindy know.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 24 at 6 pm. All parents and members of the community welcome.



School Cluster Project Applications

State schools and Catholic schools in the Whitsunday region are this year able to access RREAP funding. RREAP funding is administered by the Department of Education and Training and the Queensland Catholic Education Commission in an effort to address the educational needs of geographically isolated students.

As well as receiving individual school funding, each school has received cluster funds to go towards funding joint school initiative projects and projects from community organizations working in partnership with RREAP schools. Local community organizations and schools are invited to apply for funding for projects which address the additional costs associated with enhancing the educational opportunities of Whitsunday students disadvantaged by geographic isolation. The amount of Whitsunday cluster funding available is \$25,670.02.

Funding applications can be made using a simple application form and must be based on the funding guidelines. Applications must be signed by two school principals and two parent organization representatives from the cluster before being submitted to the school cluster committee.

All funding applications are to be submitted electronically to the chair of the Whitsunday Cluster Committee - the.principal@proserpnshs.eq.edu.au by 5:00pm, 23rd May 2012.

Information on **school cluster committee funding guidelines** and an **application form** for project submissions can be found at <http://rreap.qld.edu.au/>.

In considering applications the school cluster committee will give priority to projects – **our priority this year is LITERACY.**

- which benefit the most students in the region,
- which cover more than one priority area
- which have a literacy focus

Any issues, concerns and /or questions regarding the submission and approval process should be addressed to the Whitsunday cluster committee in writing.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS – TERM 2

Monday	3.05pm	Kids Dance	\$50 for term pass	School
Tuesday	3.15pm	Kids Soccer	Free	Sports Club
Wednesday	3.15pm	Kids Basketball	Free	Sports Club
Thursday	3.15pm	Wet and Wild (Pool and Beach Sports)	Free	Meet at Kegal Bowling
	4.00pm	Kids Bowling	\$10	Kegal Bowling
Friday	3.15pm	Racquet Sports	Free	Sports Club
Saturday	3.15pm	Mini-golf	\$5pp	Sports Club
Sunday	3.00-5.00pm	Fun Zone	Free	Bougie Marquee

2012 Athletics Calendar

Contact Steve on 0408236483 for more details.

May 6	Hilly Half Kids Run	\$25 entry includes singlet and race pack. Three distances to choose from (750, 1500, 3km).
May 12	Club Day 1	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
May 13	Mothers Day Classic	Bougie Marquee. Adults \$15, Kids \$8, Family \$22-\$35 depending on breakdown. 4km or 7.5km options. www.mothersdayclassic.com.au
May 26	Club Day 2	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
June 9	Club Day 3	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
June 16	Club Day 4	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
June 23	Club Day 5	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
June 25-July 9	School Holidays	
July 14	Club Day 6	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
July 21	Club Day 7	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
July 28	Whitsunday Pemntathlon	Proserpine State High School. Details to be provided closer to the date.
August 11	Club Day 8	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
August 18	Club Day 9	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
August 26	Airlie Junior Tri	www.whitsundaytriclub.com
September 1	Club Day 10	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
September 8	Final Club Day	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
October 14	Bowen Junior Tri	Details provided closer to the date.
November 10	Hamilton Island Junior Tri	www.hamiltonisland.com.au
November 11	Whitehaven Beach Junior Ocean Swim	www.hamiltonisland.com.au

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.*

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