



# Hamilton Island News

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## Next P&C Meeting:

**Tuesday 5  
June  
at 6:00pm**

## What's on:

- ★ 18 May Walk to School Day
- ★ 21-25 May Education week
- ★ 24 May Under 8's Day
- ★ 25 May Science Day
- ★ 30/31 May Teacher PD

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## Principal's News

They have arrived!!! Sitting in my office at the moment are 17 brand new laptop computers. We are waiting on a technician from Bowen to come to the school to join them to our network and then we will have 27 computers for our 42 students. Fingers crossed this should happen soon. The staff will begin training with the ICT Innovation Centre. Another development that is a real positive is that our days of waiting for an ICT technician for months is nearly over. Bruce Townsend and Xane Matsen have both offered to complete the Education Queensland training so that they are able to assist us here at the school, this will greatly improve the reliability and interactivity of our program

I was just informed last night that Mrs McGuire's graduated return to work has been extended until September and will be reviewed again then. I will be staying on as acting principal and will keep you informed of developments.

This week has been a very busy week with NAPLAN testing and assessment of our English and Mathematics units. However it only gets busier next week with next week being EDUCATION WEEK. We will be celebrating by having a Science Morning on Friday. All students will be participating in Science activities and if they would like they could bring in their own science experiment to share. We also start our new English and Mathematics units next week.

One of our key strategies this year is to build the capacity of the staff here at the school. Whilst we try and use strategies such as web conferencing to provide professional development as much as possible sometimes it can't be avoided for staff to be off site for training. Over the next few weeks there will be teachers away for professional development. This is to ensure we are up to date with current practices and able to provide the best possible learning experiences for your child. I assure you that we will keep the time out of the school to a minimum.

I can't stress enough that the school needs every parents' support to make it the best school it can be. It is proven that students learn best when there is a strong partnership between school and home.

There are many ways to keep this partnership strong

- assisting your child with homework, reading and spelling and ensuring assignments are completed,
- making sure your child arrives for school on time and attends everyday.
- assisting in class and regularly catching up with teachers to discuss progress and behaviour.
- becoming actively involved in the school— parent nights, P&C meetings fundraising.

Hamilton Island State School is a great school with great students. As you read this please think if there is anything more you can do to make it better. I can assure you all assistance is greatly appreciated.

Have a great weekend.

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

The prep/1 students have been really busy this week. We have been working on retelling a story., patterns and had a wonderful visit from Russell the paramedic. We also have been having a great time at sports on a Friday—  
Thanks Steve .

Thank you again to all the 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 Year 3, 5s and 7s have had their heads down in exams and I am so pleased with how committed the students are to trying their hardest. To be used to working under strict test conditions and still perform well at such a young age will certainly put them in good stead for their future exams in high school and beyond. Thank you to all the other students in the school for their consideration while we are doing exams.

Last week we looked at shapes, and this week the year 3 – 7s have been doing algebraic equations (did most of you adults just get a shiver down your spine at the mention of the word algebra??!) With the new national curriculum many concepts have been pushed forward into primary school, and I am pleased to see students becoming comfortable with such a new concept, and actually picking up transposing and the solving of equations in a natural way. It just goes to show how ready many young minds are for further mathematical thinking. I think it is equally lucky that both Ms Karyn and myself have good memories of high school maths, as a positive attitude towards learning and concepts can definitely pave the way for confident learners.

Have a lovely end to the week, there will be sighs all round once our exam week is over!

Yours in education – Ms Gardner  
Ms Gardner.



NAPLAN Testing



Teniesha looking after her friend



### 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 fundraising committee are organising a Buggy Wash on the 26th May between 2 and 4 pm. It will be held out the front of the fire and Ambulance Station—Mango Tree Corner.

Though not a compulsory event it is appreciated if students and parents are able to help out at any stage between these times and show your support for the school. Students to wear their uniform if possible.

More details to follow



### 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](mailto:the.principal@proserpnshs.eq.edu.au) by 5:00pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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

**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.

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We also would like to recognise the fabulous parent and community helpers that give up so much of their time.