Term 3 has really flown by. We only have 2 more weeks until the September holidays and I am extremely proud of the students and the work that they are producing. Next week we will commence assessment. Although there are no report cards this term, this assessment will allow us to understand how much the students have learnt and any areas that they may need further help with.

This week we welcomed a new student to the school. Josh Flores has joined us from Cannonvale State School and has settled in very well. Welcome Josh.

There are also some staffing changes for term 4. Janelle Blakely and Gail Bird are both moving on to pursue other opportunities. I want to thank both of them for everything that they have done and can assure them that they will be sorely missed. Sally Yeomans has commenced working at the school and she brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. With this in mind I would like to acknowledge all of the staff for their efforts this term. I am extremely proud and grateful of them all.

The P&C have generously contributed $14,000 to improving our outdoor areas. This will cover the construction of a fort/playhouse, sandpit, climbing wall and garden beds, resurfacing the driveway, constructing another gate closer to the road to increase flat playing space and making a walkway through the garden. To make this money stretch as far as possible we will be holding a series of working bees. The first is next Saturday 15 Sep from 8-12 where our goal is to tidy the gardens and construct the garden beds. I would like to thank the P&C for this and am keen to get the project completed as soon as possible.

The winners of the Children’s Book Council of Australia 2012 Book of the Year Awards have been announced. The Book of the Year Award for Older Readers went to Scot Gardner for his book The Dead I Know while Cate Constable took out the Book of the Year: Younger Readers Award for Crow Country. Nick Bland was awarded the Early Childhood Award for his The Runaway Hug and the Picture Book of the Year Award went to Bob Graham, for A Bus called Heaven.

Full details on the winners and runners up in each of the award categories can be found at www.cbca.org.au/winners_2012.htm

As you probably already know, Sarah, Max, Ella and I would be returning to the Sunshine Coast at the end of this year. The permanent principal will be announced before the end of term and I can assure you I will be working as hard as I can to ensure a successful transition.

Thank you again for your support,

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.

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The children in Prep/One had a wonderful morning on Wednesday this week opening up the zoo for the Kindy Kids. The Prep/ones showed the children their enclosures and then performed a show for the visitors. They did a great job sharing information about their animals.

In maths we have been working on numbers and addition facts. The Preps have been practising counting on when adding up and the Year Ones have continued adding with tens and ones. We have also been collecting data and creating graphs.

In Literacy we have started learning about Poetry and have been enjoying sharing poems and discussing their meaning. I am really proud of the fantastic reading and writing that happens in our room everyday.

The Father’s Day Evening was really enjoyable and I know the children loved spending time with their Dads at school.

We are also in the early stages of learning the recorder, which is a lot of fun. A performance on assembly will be our goal next Term.

Thanks again to our helpers who always get me out of trouble!

Sarah
Hello all

As we reach the end of week 9 we are wrapping up many of our projects and studies. To assist with our art project, if you have any coloured eco-shopping bags at home, we would appreciated them! We are printing calico panels to cover the advertising and turning them into great beach/library/shopping bags. We are looking for colours other than the bottle green. So please have a look through your shopping bag collection!

With the garden beginning to take shape, we are also creating our technology projects and would like to collect the following items: old pool chlorine drums with lids, old cds, bamboo stakes, old fish nets, tent pegs, twine, buckets with lids – ask your year 3 or 4 student to find out what they need and see if you have it at home or in the garage lock up!

Sailing is going well, and as I write this I am looking out on another glorious day. We have been very fortunate with the weather this term and have certainly made up for the weeks of cold and rain! All the students are doing exceptionally well. I’d like to make a special mention of Ben who was first to volunteer to capsize. In this exercise more than others, upper body strength is of importance and I was glad to see all three – Ben, Bailey and Shannon, demonstrate that they can get themselves safely back in the boat. This week it is Cara and Mae’s turn to be getting wet!

Volunteers for reading in the mornings are still required. Anytime in the morning between 9.30 and 10.30am is great. Thank you!

This English unit we are studying poetry and this morning we are lucky enough to be participating in the online literature festival with “Ghostboy” performance poet David Stavinger. On Monday we met online with children’s author Tristan Bancks.

Finally, welcome to our new student Josh Flores, who joins the year 4 group. Be sure to say hello!

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Ms 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

P&C has been very busy over the past few months with our focus on Fundraising. The first Friday each month the school runs the Meat Tray Raffle at R Bar, this has helped us raise a LOT of money this year. We would love to see new faces tonight (Friday 7 Sept) to help us sell tickets, raise more funds and support the school. Thank you to all parents who have helped to date, HIE for their continuous support and Brad the Manager for running such a great event for everyone to enjoy.

We were also very successful this year with our Kidz Ball and raised $28,000 for the event, HISS will receive approx $14,000. A great job well done to all those parents who helped on the committee and to the committee for such a great ball! We will be holding a Kidz Ball debrief soon and all are welcome. Date TBA

P&C have helped school to fund some major projects this year such as the School Camp, new library books and ITC. The purchase of iPads, Laptops and a new electronic whiteboard has bought us up-to-date in an area where we were extremely lacking. Our new project will assist in funding newly developed play areas and equipment. We look forward to every family assisting in working bee’s coming up at school on Saturday 15 September from 8am. The P&C will also be rolling out a head lice program. Anyone interested in how to manage head lice at home...we are holding a session, hopefully before the school holidays, and will be sending out information to all families soon.

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to some well loved members of staff at HISS. P&C would like to thank Gail and Janelle for all of your hard work looking after our children! We have enjoyed seeing your smiling faces at school.

And on behalf of our students, parents and community, P&C would like to thank our (acting) Principal Adam very much for all his immense efforts over past year. We thank you Adam for your determination to implement all of your wonderful visions to improve our school to where it is today .........extremely fun, caring, interactive, educational and alive!

We would also like to thank Sarah for being such a wonderful teacher to our Prep’s and Year 1’s. You both along with Max and Ella will be sorely missed however we look forward to spending the last term with you having lots of fun and celebrations!

Next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 25 October 2012 at 6pm. See you all tonight at R-Bar!

School Cluster Project Applications for 2013

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 approximately $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, 9th November 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 for 2012/2013 is LITERACY and THE ARTS, which benefit the most students in the region, which cover more than one priority area.
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 3

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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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We have had an outbreak of head lice. Could all parents please check their children and treat if necessary.
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