Well the end of the year is fast approaching and I am extremely proud of the students for their hard work this term. We welcome back Miss Gardner from her overseas trip who has come back to a class that was so well looked after by Miss Wright. I would like to say a huge thankyou to Miss wright for ensuring the seamless transition for what can be a very disruptive time for a class. All of the students (and the staff) really appreciated her bright and cheerful manner and effortless teaching style.

The final P&C meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 6 December at 3.15pm. I would strongly advise all families to have at least attend one parent attend. The school is a partnership between the staff, P&C and community. In order for the school to achieve it’s full potential so that it benefits our children and makes learning engaging and enjoyable, it essential to have a proactive and well represented P&C. Both mums and dads are welcome and there are so many projects and fundraising ideas that all assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Today the Kindy class visited the P/1 class. It was great to see the future students of Hamilton Island State School. It reminded me that soon we are going to have our year 7 students leave us as they head to their respective high schools. I am not sure if all parents are aware but it is now the plan for year 7 students to attend high school from 2015. That means that our current year 4 students will be the first cohort to go to year 7 at high school. We will be working closely with the local high schools to ensure this transition is seamless.

Finally I would like to extend a welcome to all to visit the school and see the new gardens. The students have been working really hard caring for the plants and we a really starting to see results. It is great that the outdoor areas are beginning to get improved and to all that have help a big thank you. Remember we always are on the lookout for helpers at school. If you have a spare hour we certainly would love the help.

Warm regards

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.

Hi everyone,
The Prep/One children have enjoyed learning about fairy tales, folk tales and fractured fairy tales. To conclude this English Unit, the children wrote persuasions to convince the reader why they preferred one book over another. We loved going on our Royal Adventure to the Outrigger for morning tea. The Knights did a wonderful job protecting the Royal Family on our trip and the servants provided a lovely morning tea. At the Outrigger, we played Royal Games including quoits and bocce. Our castle is finished and looks fantastic.

In Maths we have been learning about number and time. Yesterday the children made pikelets with Miss Nuria and timed how long different steps took.

Our next English Unit involves learning about narratives and performing a play. We have enjoyed reading a new story, Little Cat and the Big Red Bus.

In SOSE we continue to study Australian History. This week we are up to the 1970’s. The children have enjoyed learning about different decades and what was happening in Australia during these times. There is a great website called My Place by ABC3 which allows the children to interactively explore Australian history.

I am really looking forward to the last four weeks of Term, having loads of fun and working hard up until the holidays.

Thanks for your support.
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,

Week five was a HUGE week for the senior class, with miss Gardner away, we still had lots of Maths and English assessments to complete with Miss Wright and Miss Karen. The year 2’s were working on their persuasive skills and they told us all about their favourite book, why it is the best and they convinced us to read that book. The year 3 and 4’s wrote a letter to Mr Montgomery, convincing him that it is important that we celebrate 'Sorry Day' at our school. The year 5-7’s also spoke about this important issue, developing their speech writing skills and recording their argument.

In maths, the year 2, 3 and 4 students have been learning about patterns. They have had a hands on approach and are efficient in making repeating, growing and shrinking patterns. The year 5’s got to work with Mr Mitch and are now experts on equivalent fractions, and they have also been brushing up on their multiplication and algebra skills. The year 7’s are now experts at algebra, and they have learned about Cartesian planes and BODMAS.

We had some fun making function machines and doing science with Mr Montgomery; we have also learned some new songs and instruments during music/drama lessons on Fridays. Our swimming strokes have improved out of sight!! We have also learned some new fun games during PE where everyone is involved and enjoying being active! We have kept up to date on our ‘Soundwaves’ and grammar and there have been some FANTASTIC results in maths mastery.

Keep up the great work senior class, thank you for being so well behaved and enthusiastic! 5 weeks of hard work until we can relax on holidays!!

Miss Wright.
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

Playground committee has been assembled (pardon the pun) and plans are underway!

AGM has taken place, Kylie Jeffree as President, Jenni Shah as Treasurer and Olivia Thomas as Uniform co-ordinator have resigned with last commitment as of next meeting. Replacement positions to be appointed at next Meeting for those interested.

Next meeting will be held on the second last week of term - Thurs 6 Dec at 3.15pm. Goals for next year to be discussed so please come along to show your support and provide input to your schools/ P&C goals.

Fundraising - Buggy wash to take place on Saturday 1 Dec from 9-11am! Christmas Carol glow stick sales & RBar meat tay raffles are also on the agenda. Parent and student help will be required.....details to follow.

Thanks for everyone's support this year, especially to all those fundraising parents. It's greatly appreciated.

Kylie

Queensland term dates - 2013

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Student free dates for 2013

★ Thursday 24 and Friday 25 January
★ Three additional days within the Easter holiday or other negotiated flexible arrangements
★ Monday 21 October
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.

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

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**Could all parents please continue to check their children for Head Lice 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.

Thank You from all the students of Hamilton Island State School