

2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda— English, Early Years Reading & Collaborative Teaching

## Principal's Address

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Community Members and Students,

**I'm writing this newsletter whilst in transit to the QLD State Principals' Conference. I'm looking forward to hearing from a range of well known educational experts that may challenge my thinking. I'm sure there is much to learn.**

Reading— Next week, we will be commencing a new initiative to encourage a love of reading. Before school, students will be encouraged to read a book by themselves, in a group, with a parent or to younger students. Any student participating will receive a **stamp in their 'Reading Passport'. Once a student has 10 stamps, they will receive a token. I'm looking forward to going shopping for some new token prizes. Please encourage your child/ren to read before school.**

Buddy Bench— Thank you to the Kennedy family for organising the painting of the **'Buddy Bench'. The Buddy Bench is a place that students can go if they are feeling lonely and want someone to talk to.**

Handball Court— Thank you to Paul Watson for re-painting the handball courts. I know the students will appreciate it.

Tuckshop— At the P&C meeting on Monday, the current tuckshop menu was discussed. The Department of Education has given schools guidelines around what foods should be available through tuckshop. Unfortunately, a number of items on the **current tuckshop menu don't fit within the guideline. With this in mind, research is currently underway to source more options that do fit within the guidelines. No changes to the menu will be made this term.**

P&C Meeting— The next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20.

Social Outing— You are invited to a social outing at the oval at 3pm on Friday, March 24. The purpose of the event is to welcome new families into the community. Some snacks will be provided, but please bring a plate to share and BYO drinks.

Leadership Presentation— **Please be aware that the School Leaders' Badge Presentation** will be held at 2:15pm on Wednesday, March 15. The presentation of badges will be incorporated into the assembly.

• Wednesday is tuckshop order day. Thursday is tuckshop collection day.

Have a great week!

Regards

Mr. Keith Poulter

Acting Principal



**School Attendance**  
**2017 Target = 94%**  
**Term 1 to date = 95%**  
**↑ 1% above**

**Every day at school counts!**



Greater than 95% means that your child has the best possible chance to reach his/her full potential.



Between 90% to 95% means that your child will improve, but will miss some key lessons, content and skills.



Less than 90% means your child is more likely to fall behind their year level benchmarks.



# Hamilton Island State School



Our Beliefs: Every student matters every lesson, every day. Every student who attends Hamilton Island State School will be a high achiever.

## Term 1

### March

1—3	Wednesday—Friday	Principals' State Conference—Mr Poulter away, Mr Farrawell is Acting Principal
1	Wednesday	Complete Performance Solutions—Physical Activity and Nutrition Presentations
1	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
3	Friday	QLD Cricket Coaching Clinic
6	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
13	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
15—17	Wednesday—Friday	Year 4—6 Camp at Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre
15	Wednesday	Assembly and Leadership Presentation at 2:15pm
20	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
20	Monday	P&C Meeting at 3:15pm
20 & 21	Monday & Tuesday	Complete Performance Solutions—Physical Activity and Nutrition Presentations
24	Friday	Social Function at the oval at 3pm. Come and meet new people!
27	Monday	Swimming Carnival
29	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
31	Friday	Easter Holidays commence

## Term 2

### April

18	Tuesday	Term 2 commences
25	Tuesday	Public Holiday—ANZAC Day
26	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm

### May

1	Monday	Public Holiday
9	Tuesday	NAPLAN— Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation
10	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
10	Wednesday	NAPLAN—Reading
11	Thursday	NAPLAN—Numeracy
24	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm

### June

7	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
21	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
23	Friday	Last day of term 2

## Term 3

### July

10	Monday	Term 3 commences
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### August

### September

15	Friday	Last day of term 3
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## Term 4