



Community Newsletter – Issue #4 – Term 3 - 2017

Dear community members,

Student Learning Snapshot

Student learning is measured in many ways throughout a child's schooling (summative assessment, formative assessment, teacher observations, NAPLAN, diagnostic assessment). Summative assessment is used to measure student learning to attain a level of achievement (LOA). LOA is the grade given to students on their report cards each semester. The review of semester LOA allows the school to ascertain how well we are teaching students. Teachers use this data to review and modify their teaching practises and learning strategies. We are very pleased with the progress of how well our students are learning.

96.5% of all students are receiving a C or better in English, Mathematics and Science. Additionally 61% of our students are receiving a B or an A in English and Mathematics.

School Opinion Survey

The survey is open until August 25 and we encourage all parents to take the opportunity to have their say on our school. This survey is simple to complete but gives us vital information on what is working well and what we can improve on from a parent's perspective. All information gathered is confidential and if you require a replacement information note please see me in the office.

A Reef Guardian update

Next week some members of the Reef Guardian team (year 5 and 6) will be participating in the yearly 'Future Leaders Eco Challenge'. We have participated in this day for the last couple of years and it's always an informative hands-on learning day.

Absent from school
(Don't let it be unexplained)
Ph: 4946 9522
Drop by the office or send a note
ALL DAY – EVERY DAY!
Aiming for 95% or better!



for Attendance News

This term, our attendance data is hovering between 94.85% and 95.10%. Remember our goal is to be at 95% or better.

Developing resilient, positive learners

Alongside Explicit Instruction, which is one of many ways of teaching we model at Hamilton Island, is this concept of Visible Learning; when we actually SEE that learning is taking place and our kids take ownership of their own learning. For learners to do this, however, they need to be resilient and understand that learning what NOT to do is just as important as learning what TO do. They need to know that every learner, of every age, in every activity, makes mistakes. Mistakes are OK.

New Start Date For Term 2 2018

Queensland state school students will return to the classroom on Tuesday 17 April 2018 rather than Monday 16 April. The start date for Term 2, 2018 has changed to ensure schoolbus services and students are not adversely impacted by the transport requirements for the Commonwealth Games closing ceremony on Sunday 15 April. Monday 16 April 2018 will become a student free day.



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Year 2/3 News

This week in the 2/3 classroom we have been investigating the processes and technologies used for food and fibre production from the past through to the present. We can tell you how chicken gets from the farm to your kitchen table.

But... it may not be the best topic for a dinner time conversation.

We have been learning about halves, quarters and eighths in maths this past fortnight and are now working with money and addition strategies.

During our English lessons we have been studying poetry. We have begun to change the poems and make them our own. Look out Banjo Patterson we have some great poets in our classroom! and Mrs Boyd is **very** proud of our efforts.



Key Dates

August 7 – Reef Guardian Excursion

August 16 – P&C Meeting

August 29 – Year 2/3 Excursion

Class News – Prep One class

The Prep One class have been doing some great work this fortnight. In English, student learned interesting facts about animals which they have been using to create their own information texts. The students have also been getting familiar with using computer programs such as word and powerpoint to create a digital text.

In Maths, we have been skip counting, telling time and direction, counting forwards and backwards, sorting and patterning. Students have also been making shapes using their new found knowledge on computers.

In Geography, the class have had fun working on features of places and planning and mapping from the birds eye view perspective.

The students have also wowed their teachers with their home reading and spelling practise. The race to 100 is well and truly on!





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Year 4 -6 News

In English the students are starting to look at their assessment pieces. The year 4 students are planning a traditional story with a moral, while the year 5 and 6 students are writing a letter to the future that needs to capture a feeling of time and place.

In Maths, the year 5 and 6 students have been doing financial maths including income, expenditure and profit. Today we also started converting fractions, decimals and percentages. The year 4 students have just finished their fractions pre test and are working on getting the fractions knowledge on track.

In Science this week we have been looking at mankind's attempts to explore the planet Mars. We have learned that the space probes to Mars include rovers, landers and orbiters.



P and C News

Please be aware that next weeks meeting has been moved to August 16 straight after school. All are welcome to attend.

