



Community Newsletter – Issue #1 – Term 4 - 2017

Dear Parents/Community Members,

Welcome to Term 4 and thank you for helping us to get off to a great start. It's great to see full classrooms, beautiful behaviour and hard work in each and every classroom. It has also been nice to see so many parent / teacher conversations before and after school. It's important that we continue our productive relationships that focus on the wellbeing of our children and their achievement. There's been a really positive vibe around the place and lots of smiling parents, students and staff. I think it's fair to say that we are set for another successful term at Hamilton Island State School.

Mental Health Week

This week is Mental Health week. We have lots of ways to recognise the importance and awareness of mental health but none more important than taking care of yourself, listening to your body and watching out for friends and family. It's important that we create an ongoing conversation with our loved ones about mental health - let's not leave the conversation too late or be too proud to reach out for help when we need it. Mental health does not discriminate. It doesn't care if you are rich or poor, tall or short, young or old. Hamilton Island State School is a strong and vibrant community. Let's continue to support each other to achieve great things for our children.

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!

Work Place Health and Safety Visits / Playground

This term representatives of the Department of Education will be conducting a scope of works for new fencing and gates for around the school. This will not only provide a safer space but will also enhance the aesthetics of the school.

Additionally, earlier this year I submitted a grant application for Reconciliation in Queensland Schools. The application involves creating a bush tucker garden and yarning circle at the bottom of the school grounds. I am happy to inform that we have been successful in the application and we will be receiving \$5000 for this project. The project will have strict guidelines and process and will hopefully be completed before the end of term 1, 2018.

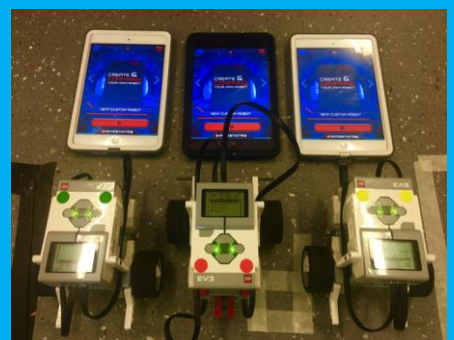


for Attendance News

Slowly but surely attendance is climbing over 95% to 95.22%. This has given our classes the best start to the term.

Kind regards,

Rob McCullough
Principal





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Day for Daniel 2018

Friday, October 27 at 8am, the school community is invited to Bougainvillaea Marquee to collect ribbons and balloons for the annual walk to school at 8.30. On this day we encourage all students to wear something red such as a red shirt, red ribbons or red shorts. We ask that students bring a gold coin to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation who actively supports programs and resources to keep our children safe. Hats need to be worn.

P&C News

The P&C will be holding a Halloween Disco this year. The date is yet to be confirmed, but when it is an email invitation will be sent out. So dust off your best costumes.

Year 2/3 News

We have a very busy and exciting term to finish the year. In our English lessons the year 2's are taking notes from narrative stories and converting them into information texts. This week we have been gathering facts about bats from the book *Stellaluna*.

The year 3 students are reading from the novel *Kumiko and the Dragon* and are focusing on the descriptive language used to describe the feelings of the protagonist 'Kumiko'. We are also learning some facts about Japan, the setting of the story.

During our Science lessons we have been studying the effects of heat. We will be keeping a record of temperatures during the day over the next few days to find out when is the hottest time of the day.

Prep/ Year 1 News

The Prep / 1's have gotten off to a flying start this term! Students have been focussed, hardworking and enthusiastic in all areas of their learning.

In English we commenced our new unit in persuasive writing. Students are learning to compare different versions of a familiar story to decide and convince others which version is the best. Already our preps are writing detailed sentences about what they like and dislike and year 1's are constructing persuasive sentences.

In Maths we are focussed on number and learning to identify and select appropriate addition and subtraction strategies for different problems. Preps are working on their counting to and from different starting points as well as identifying different symbols we use in Maths.

In Science students have been investigating forces using toys and playground equipment to understand how different objects move.





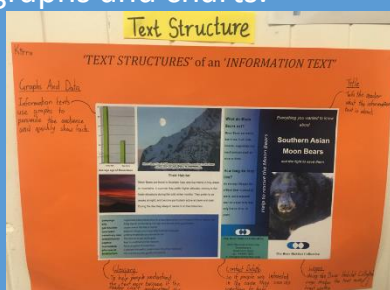
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Year 4/5/6 News

It has only been one week back in class and every student in the year 4,5 and 6 class has been asking themselves, “could we be the luckiest primary school students in the world?” Mr. Farrowell’s answer to this question is “YES!”. Seriously though, the school term has started with a bang on our island home with an action packed term to follow.

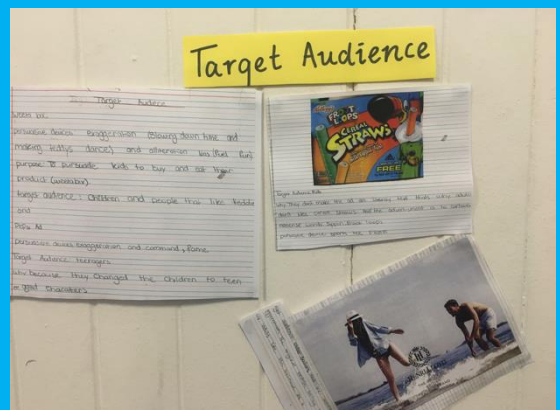
In English the year 5 and 6 students are looking at the features of literary and information texts. The students have explored the inhumane issue of bear farming in China through the lens of a children’s book and an information brochure. The class explored concepts such as language features and text structure within the texts. The year 4 students have entered the persuasive world of TV, Radio and print media advertising. Identifying things like the target audience of a commercial and studying the persuasive devices these texts use to sell goods or services.

In Maths the year 4, 5 and 6 students have individually started the study of chance and data. Looking at probability of events occurring and assessing chance games for fairness. This unit of work will also include collecting and arranging sets of data in many types of graphs and charts.



The year 4, 5 and 6 students are also starting an amazing new opportunity to study, build and program (code) robots as part of the school’s science and technology curriculum. Regardless of the fact that we have a changing world and an increasing value for skills that involve coding and robotics, it turns out that kids just love robots. With Mr. McCullough’s background in robotics and the school/P&C’s investment in four top end LEGO Mind Storm robots that link to our iPads, the students are set to have some world-class technology and coding lessons this term.

As summer approaches and the sailing season comes to an end, the year 4, 5 and 6 students have replaced their life jackets with BCDs (buoyancy control devices). That’s right, students are studying the fundamentals of SCUBA as part of school sport with all content learnt potentially contributing to PADI’s Open Water dive certificate. While confronting at first, the students adore the unique underwater experience. This amazing opportunity has been made possible as a result of close cooperation with the island’s dive company Explore.





Calendar - October

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
WEEK 2	9 Swimming P-3	10	11 Assembly 2.30pm P&C Meeting 3.15pm	12 Scuba Group A	13 Scuba Group B	14	15
WEEK 3	16 Student Free Day	17	18 Prep Info Afternoon 5.30pm	19 Scuba Group A	20 Scuba Group B	21	22
WEEK 4	23 Swimming P-3	24	25 Assembly 2.30pm	26 Scuba Group A	27 Day for Daniel Scuba Group B	28	29
WEEK 5	30 Swimming P-3	31					

November

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
WEEK 5			1	2	3 Scuba Group C	4	5
WEEK 6	6 Swimming P-3 Book Week	7 Book Week	8 Assembly 2.30pm Book Week	9 Book Week	10 Scuba Group C Book Week	11	12
WEEK 7	13 Swimming P-3	14	15 P&C Meeting	16	17 Scuba Group C	18	19
WEEK 8	20 Swimming P-3	21	22 Assembly 2.30pm	23	24 Scuba Group C	25	26
WEEK 9	27 Swimming P-3	28	29	30			

Book Week 2017 - November 6 to 10

Book Fair Opening Times M-F before school, lunch times and after school till 3.30pm

Fancy dress Friday November 10



Hamilton Island State School

2018 Prep Parent Information Afternoon

Wednesday October 18 5.30pm

Parents and Carers are invited to attend Hamilton Island State School Annual Prep Information Afternoon. We will be meeting in the Pre/Year 1 class at 5.30pm.

The information afternoon is about finding out more about the school, easing the transition for next year, meeting the teaching staff and obtaining an enrolment pack.





End of Year Concert and Presentation Afternoon 2017

When: December 6

Time: 2pm-4pm

Where: Endeavour Room

Family and friends are invited to attend and help celebrate the end of the school year in style.

Class Presentations / Awards /
Speeches / Special Guest.

AFTER SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

DAY	AM	PM
Mondays		Gymnastics
Tuesdays		Karate
Wednesdays	Swim	'Mums & Minions' Karate (5.30pm)
Thursdays	Junior Run & Tri Training	Karate, Guitar
Fridays	Swim	Vocals and Guitar
Saturdays	Parkrun & Swim Club	
Sundays		Nippers