



Hamilton Island News

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Next P&C Meeting:

**Tuesday 5
June
at 6:00pm**

What's on:

- ★ May 7 Labour Day
- ★ May 8 School Photos
- ★ 10 May Mothers Day Morning Tea
- ★ May 14-17 NAPLAN
- ★ 18 May Walk to School Day
- ★ 24 May Under 8's Day

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Principal's News

What a fantastic fortnight!! We had visitors to the school, an amazing ANZAC ceremony, Fit Kidz started, computers have been purchased, there were show bags from the Oatley family and of course some fantastic learning.

I am really proud to announce that we have begun to implement our 2012 ICT Plan through the purchase of 17 new computers and 6 ipads. This has only been possible through the P&C and the generosity of many community members. We will be having a presentation ceremony when they arrive so that the students can say thank you. The staff will begin regular training via web conferencing so that we can use this new hardware to it's full potential.

There were numerous occasions over the last fortnight where the students have displayed exemplary behaviour. No where did the calibre of our school community show as clearly as the Hamilton Island Dawn Service. I would like to thank all the parents for ensuring we had over 30 students representing the school, the school captains did a marvellous job and the students were respectful and wonderful representatives of our school.

NAPLAN testing will be held in 2 weeks time for years 3/5/7. The purpose of this testing is to provide a snapshot of student learning to inform the school and provide a focus for planning. I would like to wish all the students participating the best of luck.

I have had Nick Gomez and Sarah Osborne offer guitar and keyboard lessons for all students. If you think your child would be interested please let me know.

Thank you and have a great weekend
Adam



Students saying Thank You and proudly displaying some of the show bags.

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.

P/1 News

The children in Prep/One have been going crazy over fractions! This week they have been learning about halves, quarters and even working out halves of numbers. In Literacy we have continued exploring characters from some fabulous stories. We shared The Lamington Man and found out he is a troublesome character just like the Gingerbread Man. We even made Lamington Men and quickly ate them before they ran away! The Preps decided our school needed an Ambulance Station and Fire Station to deal with emergencies, so we planned the Stations and are in the process of creating them. The children wrote letters to our Island Ambulance Officer and Fire Fighters and delivered them asking for their help and ideas. Once again, I am so proud of all the children and their wonderful attitudes towards school and learning. Next week we will be very busy organising some special surprises for our Mums for Mothers Day.

Sarah



On Monday, we did a science experiment. We used washing liquid, milk and food colluding. We put the milk into a bowl, then we put a few drops of yellow, blue and red food colouring into the milk. Next, we put in about three squirts of dishwashing liquid. The colours started to swirl around all by themselves because the washing up liquid was so strong, it pushed all the colours everywhere. It was interesting, amazing and fun. "

By Kirra

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!

The past couple of weeks we have really been getting in to our use of computers for lots more than just Reading Eggs and Mathletics! To follow on our discussions of stereotypical characters in cartoons and animations, as well as some great ideas for how we, like story characters, face moral or ethical dilemmas, we have been making our own comic strips! I have included one that we did as a whole class here.

The seniors have had a chance to experiment with the Movie Maker programme in their Japanese lessons – making “Welcome to Tokyo” information and tourist guide movies. I look forward to seeing their productions.

We have also opened a school blog! Over the remainder of the year I would like the students to publish their works on our blog so that parents, grandparents and friends in other locations can see some of the work we are producing. You need the web address to access it: <http://histateschoolblog.blogspot.com.au/> , and you can view it from your phone too I believe. I hope you will regularly check in to see the work, and perhaps even leave a comment now and then.

Have a great weekend!

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

At last weeks meeting we were very pleased to approve the purchase of \$10 000 worth of computer equipment for the school. This was then topped up by members of the Hamilton Island community who each donated a computer. This will allow the school to purchase 17 computers and 6 ipads. Very exciting!!

The P&C will continue to fundraise through out the year. The Meat Raffle is on again for the school tonight and we have the Kidz Ball coming up. Kidz Ball meetings are held every second Wednesday with the next meeting to be held May 16 5.30 pm at the kindy.

Afterschool care has officially kicked off and is taking bookings for vacation care now. If you think you need out of hours care for your child please come in and let Janelle or Gail know.



School Cluster Project Applications

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 \$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, 23rd May 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 this year is LITERACY.**

- which benefit the most students in the region,
- which cover more than one priority area
- which have a literacy focus

Any issues, concerns and /or questions regarding the submission and approval process should be addressed to the Whitsunday cluster committee in writing.

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 2

Monday	3.05pm	Kids Dance	\$50 for term pass	School
Tuesday	3.15pm	Kids Soccer	Free	Sports Club
Wednesday	3.15pm	Kids Basketball	Free	Sports Club
Thursday	3.15pm	Wet and Wild (Pool and Beach Sports)	Free	Meet at Kegal Bowling
	4.00pm	Kids Bowling	\$10	Kegal Bowling
Friday	3.15pm	Racquet Sports	Free	Sports Club
Saturday	3.15pm	Mini-golf	\$5pp	Sports Club
Sunday	3.00-5.00pm	Fun Zone	Free	Bougie Marquee

2012 Athletics Calendar

Contact Steve on 0408236483 for more details.

May 6	Hilly Half Kids Run	\$25 entry includes singlet and race pack. Three distances to choose from (750, 1500, 3km).
May 12	Club Day 1	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
May 13	Mothers Day Classic	Bougie Marquee. Adults \$15, Kids \$8, Family \$22-\$35 depending on breakdown. 4km or 7.5km options. www.mothersdayclassic.com.au
May 26	Club Day 2	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
June 9	Club Day 3	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
June 16	Club Day 4	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
June 23	Club Day 5	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
June 25-July 9	School Holidays	
July 14	Club Day 6	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
July 21	Club Day 7	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
July 28	Whitsunday Pemntathlon	Proserpine State High School. Details to be provided closer to the date.
August 11	Club Day 8	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
August 18	Club Day 9	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
August 26	Airlie Junior Tri	www.whitsundaytriclub.com
September 1	Club Day 10	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
September 8	Final Club Day	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
October 14	Bowen Junior Tri	Details provided closer to the date.
November 10	Hamilton Island Junior Tri	www.hamiltonisland.com.au
November 11	Whitehaven Beach Junior Ocean Swim	www.hamiltonisland.com.au

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.*

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We also would like to recognise the fabulous parent and community helpers that give up so much of their time.

Thank You from all the students of Hamilton Island State School



Hamilton Island State School with Craig Lowndes