



# Hamilton Island News

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## Next P&C Meeting:

**Thursday 6  
September  
at 3.15pm**

## What's on:

- ★ 4 Aug Market Day
- ★ 6 Aug Richard English
- ★ 6-9 August 3-7 Camp
- ★ 13 Aug Science Week
- ★ 6 Sep P&C Meeting
- ★ 14 Sep Jump Off
- ★ 21 Sep Term 3 ends

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## Principal's News

Term 3 is well underway and we have had an extremely busy start to the term. Last Saturday night was the Kidz Ball and it was a success with approximately \$20 000 raised for the kindy and the school. I would like to thank and congratulate Janelle and the organising committee for an enjoyable and successful evening. The money raised will go towards improving our outdoor areas and playground which I am sure everyone would agree needs some attention. With this in mind I would like to say thank you to Hugh and the gardens team for their work around the school. The plan is to have it ready so the students can commence planting this term. If you would like to be involved planning the outdoor area improvements please let me know.

Last Friday I sent out short parent surveys. The purpose of these was to refocus our efforts on areas that parents thought were in need. I would like to thank the parents who took time to provide feedback on their child's school as it helps greatly. If you haven't done it yet please email one through.

In the classrooms we have commenced the direct instruction programs of Spelling Mastery and Maths Mastery. I am pleased to report that in these initial stages the students are enjoying the lessons and achieving pleasing results. We have also been using the online programs Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Lexile. The school and P&C have paid money for these licences and it would be great if parents could use this opportunity and allow the students on the computers at home as well.

As you read this the year 3-7 students will be on their camp in Townsville seeing things such as Reef HQ, CSIRO, ice skating, Sizzler, Paluma Environmental Education Centre and the cinemas. I am sure they will have a great time!

Finally I would like to say thank you to our volunteers in the classroom, the supporters in the community and those on the P&C. The Market Day on Saturday was a great success due to fantastic efforts of Kerry, Anke and all the parent helpers. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

*Adam Montgomery*

a/principal



Under 8's Day

**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

The Prep/Ones have been working really hard to finish our zoo ready for our opening. They have been creating enclosures, researching information about animals and writing reports. In maths we have been learning about position and location and the children have created maps for our zoo. We have also been focusing on our number facts.

Under 8's Day was fantastic! The children had loads of fun painting, making beads, playing on the obstacle course, stepping in the goo on the sensory walk, hammering, making biscuits and lots more. What a wonderful celebration for being Under 8. Thanks to all our helpers— The big kids, Dave, Jarrod, Erin, Russell, Troy and all our staff.

Please remember to continue checking for head lice, it is a real problem in our class. The only way to get on top of it is a combined effort of checking and treatment for the next few weeks. As a nit sufferer this week, I would really appreciate this.

Thanks for all your support.  
Sarah



**It's Great to be Under 8!**



### ***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 all

I was so pleased to see so many bright faces on so many young children enjoying themselves at the Under 8's Day celebrations. Special thanks to the year 4, 5, 6 and 7 students who ran some of the stalls in a courteous and responsible manner.

Our sailing session this week is also finally off campus and at the southern breakwater – some team building exercises that are always great fun! A reminder that students participating require stinger suits (no matter what the season – this is for our risk reduction) and fully enclosed shoes (old sneakers or reef walkers). We have waited long enough for the weather and staffing to be conducive to our on water activities so we want to move full steam (or sail) ahead and get these kids on the water! Thanks to Steve Sharpe for his commitment to the sailing programme – it is great having a volunteer from among the parents who is also sailing qualified and can commit time each week to assist us with this activity. Thanks also to Rama, new Beach Sports manager, for the use of a couple of paddles!

Sadly I will not be able to attend the senior camp due to school staffing requirements. I will have to roast marshmallows over the gas cooktop at home and perhaps take an evening walk out spotting possums, all the while imagining all the interesting creatures the students are encountering and adventures they are having up in Paluma. I hope every one of my students has a superb time away, and comes back with wonderful stories to share with me. Otherwise have a lovely weekend

Regards, Miss Gardner.



Sailing with Miss Gardner, Steve and Geoff



**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

### HAMILTON ISLAND STATE SCHOOL MARKETS

WHEN: SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST 2012  
WHERE: HAMILTON ISLAND STATE SCHOOL  
TIME: 9am till 12pm  
COST: \$25 FOR A TABLE.  
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### **JUNIOR TRIATHLON**

#### **SATURDAY AUGUST 25th 2012**

U/8 50m swim or wade/50m cycle/100m run

8-10 100m swim/2km cycle/400m run

11-13 200m swim/4km cycle/800m run

*Participation based race; all competitors receive a race pack including a race singlet!*

#### **SUNDAY AUGUST 26th 2012**

**SPRINT DISTANCE TRIATHLON:** 750m Swim/20km Cycle/5km Run

Open to Individuals (14yrs +) and Team Members (13yrs +)

**ENTICER TRIATHLON:** 300m Swim/10km Cycle/2.5km Run

Open to Individuals (12yrs +) and Team Members (10yrs +)

Enter online at: [whitsundaytriclub.com](http://whitsundaytriclub.com)

Race Director: Janelle Eastwood – 0409 461 371

## **Come and 'Tri' it!**

### 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	Dance
Tuesday	3.15pm	Kids Soccer
Wednesday	3.15pm	Kids Basketball
Thursday	3.15pm	Kids Netball
	5.15pm	Kids Tennis (\$9.50pp or \$85 for pass)
Friday	3.15pm	Kids Racquet Sports (Table tennis, totem tennis, squash, racquetball, et
	5.30pm	Family Fun Run & Walk
Saturday	3.15pm	Kids Mini-Golf Comp with Adam (\$5pp)
Sunday	3.00-5.00pm	Kids Fun Zone

### 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 \$9.50per 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 J

### Swimming

We are fortunate to have a young staff member who is willing and qualified to take swimming two mornings (Tue and Thur) a week for those who wish to pursue the sport further. The cost is \$85 for 10sessions. The time is 6.45am-7.30am and lessons are held in the heated Reef View Pool. If your child is interested in extra swimming; please contact Steve on 0408 236 483. We may not be able to accommodate all requests but will do all that we can. Bookings are ESSENTIAL!

### 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

Contact Steve on 0408236483 for more details.

<b>July 14</b>	Club Day 6	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
<b>July 21</b>	Club Day 7	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
<b>July 28</b>	Whitsunday Pemntathlon	Proserpine State High School. Details to be provided closer to the date.
<b>August 11</b>	Club Day 8	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
<b>August 18</b>	Club Day 9	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
<b>August 26</b>	Airlie Junior Tri	<a href="http://www.whitsundaytriclub.com">www.whitsundaytriclub.com</a>
<b>September 1</b>	Club Day 10	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
<b>September 8</b>	Final Club Day	Palm Valley Oval 8.45am
<b>October 14</b>	Bowen Junior Tri	Details provided closer to the date.
<b>November 10</b>	Hamilton Island Junior Tri	<a href="http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au">www.hamiltonisland.com.au</a>
<b>November 11</b>	Whitehaven Beach Junior Ocean Swim	<a href="http://www.hamiltonisland.com.au">www.hamiltonisland.com.au</a>

**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.

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