FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Already we have passed the half way mark of term one. It is sometimes quite terrifying how quickly time flies by and it is a reminder to us all to remember to celebrate all of the wonderful things life offers us as we take our journey through it.

The students and staff at Humpybong State School certainly have many things to celebrate already in this term. Our prep children have settled into school routines and our year one to seven students have met the challenges of learning and responsibility admirably. Learning goals have been established and many students have already celebrated achievement of the goals set and shared at the three way reporting meeting. Students and teachers are setting new goals in a continuous learning cycle as the year progresses. Please remember to ask your children about their goals and encourage them to share their progress.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER – EVERY DAY COUNTS
Assisting children to come to school every day, on time, is one of the most important responsibilities parents and caregivers have. Research tells us that if children come to school each day, on time, they have a higher rate of success in all aspects of life. Giving children days off school is detrimental to learning. Children find it very difficult to catch up on missed school work and social interaction is also negatively affected.

As a school community we must work together to ensure our children are provided with every possible opportunity to reach their potential. All of us have a role to play in ensuring maximum attendance. We are closely monitoring attendance and continuing to seek information regarding non-attendance. It is not alright to have a day off for your birthday, nor because of a tiring weekend. Please help us to educate your children. Not only is compulsory school attendance the law but it is also the only way we can ensure children receive the education they deserve.

UNIFORMS
Humpybong children look great in their uniforms. I thank parents and caregivers for ensuring the dress code is followed by their children.

Regards
Sharon Schimming
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES

NEWSLETTERS
Humpybong State School has been proactive in developing strategies to contribute in a positive way in reducing our environmental footprint. Examples include installation of water saving taps, use of rainwater tanks and the ongoing employment of energy saving strategies throughout the school.

As of the beginning of Term 2, we will be phasing out the printing of our School Newsletter – SOL Connect – and sending it to you electronically via email. The e-newsletter will continue to have a strong focus on featuring students and their achievements within the curriculum at the school, as well as important information from staff and our school P&C. This strategy we will save approximately 75,000 tonnes of greenhouse emissions each and every year, and we would hope that an email to your inbox is far more convenient for you.

We seek your support in this venture by sending us your current email address. We have very tight security around these details and do not disclose your address to anyone else. We thank you for your assistance in providing this information to us.

As of the beginning of next term, we will not be printing copies of the newsletter to distribute to our families. We will however, have a small number of printed copies available from the school office.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Please note there will be no interschool sport on the last day of this term – Friday March 30.

Tim Adsett
Deputy Principal (Year 4 – 7)

STUDENT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION SCHEME
Thank you to the many parents who have paid the 2012 voluntary contribution of $40 for their children in Years 1 - 3. This contribution is crucial in funding resources for students to access materials in art and computing. Thank you also to the many Prep
parents who have paid the $100 resources scheme which encompasses all of the materials required for your child in Prep. It is important that any outstanding contributions in P – 3 be paid as soon as possible.

EASTER BONNET PARADE
HOP, HOP, HOPPITY, HOP on in Prep & Year 1 Parents to our Easter Bonnet Parade. Prep and Year One families are invited to join in on the fun at our Easter Bonnet Parade commencing at 12pm on Friday March 30. This celebration will highlight our students’ musical and dance enthusiasm as well as showcase their Easter bonnet creations. Each class will parade wearing Easter bonnets for the keen eyes of the Humpybong HOP, HOP, HOPPITY, HOP bunnies. Come and join us for a cuppa from 11:30am outside the hall.

STAR CLASSES
Congratulations to Prep Orange and 1 Orange for working hard to achieve STAR CLASS awards last week. Your love of learning 1 Orange is growing each and every day. Prep Orange was recognised for impeccable audience manners at past assemblies. Our last P – 3 assembly for Term 1 will be held on Thursday March 22 at 11:30am in the hall. Please come along and join us in celebrating the wonderful achievements of your children.

THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM
The Australian Curriculum sets out what all young Australians are to be taught, and the expected standards of achievement as they progress through schooling.

What are the elements of the curriculum?
The overall structure of the curriculum is consistent across learning areas and includes the following elements:

- A rationale that explains the place and purpose of the learning area in the school curriculum.
- Aims that identify the major learning that students will be able to demonstrate as a result of learning from the curriculum.
- An organisation section that provides an overview of how the curriculum in the learning area will be organised from Foundation to Year 12.
- Content descriptions that specify what teachers are expected to teach. These are accompanied by elaborations that illustrate the content descriptions.
- Achievement standards that describe what students are typically able to understand and able to do, and which are accompanied by work samples that illustrate the achievement standards through annotated student work.
- General capabilities that describe a set of skills, behaviours and dispositions that apply across subject-based content.
- Cross-curriculum priorities that ensure the Australian Curriculum is relevant to the lives of students and addresses the contemporary issues they face.

To view the Australian Curriculum, visit www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

Have a great week.
Hayley Bloxham
A/Deputy Principal (Prep – Year 3)

CHAPPIE CHATTER - PRAISEWORTHY
I recently read the book “The Help” (also a film), and was touched by the story of Aibileen, the African-American nanny/maid and the young white child she helped to raise. Seeing that the little girl was unloved and neglected by her parents, Aibileen chose to speak into the child’s life “You is kind. You is smart. You is important.” The story tells the impact this made on the life of a young child.

We often forget just how much children take in. While the jury is still out on whether reading textbooks to your child in the womb will make them a genius, it IS amazing how early children begin learning. Frequent doses of praise, coupled with loving nurture, leaves a lasting, and positive imprint on even a very young child.

Today’s children have a self-esteem deficit. They struggle to love, and think well of themselves. As parents, it is our responsibility to ensure that they know how special they are, and how loved. And it is SO easy. They are kind. They are smart. They are important. But they need us to tell them! Keep smiling and God bless, Nicola

“If it is encouraging, let him encourage...” Romans 12:8

COMING SOON
Coming Soon: Parent Support Group to commence Friday mornings @ 8.45am in Term 2. Interested parents are invited to attend a planning meeting on Friday March 23 @ 8.45am in the PCYC building. Pre-school-aged children welcome. For more information contact Nicola (the Chaplain).

MUSIC MATTERS
In our last edition of Music Matters I introduced Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligence Theory. Over the next couple of months I would like to explain each of these intelligences in more detail. Historically, mathematical (the intelligence of mathematics and logical thinking) and linguistic (the intelligence of language) were the types of intelligences most valued by society and focused on in schools. Today, while we still value and prioritise literacy and numeracy we realise that there are other ways to teach, learn and interact with the world.

For me, music was my first love. It filled my heart with joy and helped me to see the world and indeed myself in a new, exciting way. But what does musical intelligence mean? Bearing in mind that intelligence can be developed and to exhibit musical
intelligence a child doesn't have to be a gifted pianist at the age of seven. In our primary school setting we may see musical intelligence expressed as sensitivity to rhythm, melody and sound. The musically intelligent child may play an instrument, notice sounds in the environment or learn things when they are sung or tapped out. They may appreciate the emotional power of music, enjoy listening to different types of music, can't help but move to music, or sing all the time. Catering for all the different types of intelligence in our classrooms can be tricky indeed but it is possible to use a child's strength to learn something new. For example, last year we had a small but enthusiastic maths choir. A group of Year 5 students came every day to practise their number facts through singing and dancing. You can try using musical intelligence at home as your child learns their number facts as well. Be creative and make up songs with them to learn or use chants or melodies for spelling. It won't work for everybody but for the musically intelligent it may be a key to ‘tuning’ in to learning.

OTHER NEWS
A reminder that our ensemble rehearsals start promptly at 7:45am. Ms Newton’s ensemble is on Tuesday mornings and Ms Guerra’s is on Wednesday mornings. We thank you for the hard work of getting children to school early on these days and appreciate that it is not always easy.

Our ensemble groups will be performing a short presentation for the upper school on Tuesday March 27 (String Ensemble) and Wednesday March 28 (band). These performances will take place immediately after rehearsals at 8:50 am in the hall. Children are asked to be dressed in their band uniforms but need to bring their school uniform to change into for the rest of the day. Parents are most welcome to attend these performances.

Our Senior Recital will be next term on the May 9 starting at 6:30pm. This promises to be a very special night and we commend the hard work of students as they practise in preparation for this performance. I’d love to hear your thoughts on musical intelligence or any questions you have about our programs so please don’t hesitate email me or contact me through the school.

Juanita

‘P&C NEWS
P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TIME TO VOTE FOR YOUR P&C
We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday March 27 at 6.30pm in the STIC. All Executive positions are now vacant, if you would like to be nominated, please collect the Nomination form from the school office.

Positions Vacant:
• President,
• Vice-President,
• Treasurer,
• Assistant Treasurer,
• Secretary.

If you would like to know more about the Roles and Responsibilities of the P&C and its Executives, please check out the QCPCA website (www.qcpca.org.au). All are welcome, Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided at the AGM by the P&C. We look forward to seeing you all there.

UNIFORM SHOP
We are still waiting on size 6 and 8 polo shirts; hopefully they should arrive within the next week. If you have any queries about uniforms, please email Kelly Kohler (Kelly@kohlerzone.com). Thanks again for your patience.

EASTER RAFFLE
The Easter Raffle is now underway. The prizes include a Digital Camera, a Family Pass to the Planetarium, $25.00 K-Mart Voucher and various Easter Baskets. If you would like extra tickets to sell, please collect them from the office or the Tuckshop. Money and Tickets are to be returned to the school office no later than Friday March 23. The winners will be drawn on Wednesday March 28, so get selling!!

BOOK CLUB
Issue 2 catalogues have been distributed to all classes. Book club orders are due no later than Friday March 16. Please return your order and money to the school office. Payments can be made via cash, cheque (made payable to Scholastic Australia) and credit card (online). Just a reminder to put your NAME and CLASS DETAILS on all of your order forms.

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Don't forget we hold our sausage sizzle every Friday afternoon from 2.30pm. Only $1.50 for a sausage in bread, under the Year 1 buildings, look for the P&C Flags.

Colin Orr
P&C President

TUCKSHOP NEWS
REMINDERS: Tuckshop is closed on Mondays. No hot food at snack time.
Please make sure that all orders have the correct details on them, as we have had some orders with no names or class on them.
If your child goes home sick can you please let us know so we can keep their order for another day.
The bags from Woolies are smaller than ours so we ask that 2 bags be provided or an item will be deleted from an order.
All orders must be in by 9.30, or if they're late please brings orders in ASAP. No student can come into school early on these days.

Thank You
Dental Staff