FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING IN OUR LEARNING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT

There is a growing recognition that community engagement in our school is essential in promoting the best education possible for our children. As this recognition grows, we must work to ensure that the full potential for such engagement is reached and I believe that it is everyone’s responsibility to ensure that Humpybong State School is a great school where all students are learning every day in every classroom. I recognise that the safety of our learning and working environment, and the health of our children and people is integral to delivering a high quality education for all students at Humpybong State School. In order to uphold the Department of Education and Training’s general obligation to prevent risk, injury and illness on our school site, we request that:

• All visitors, including parents who visit the school during school hours, sign in at the office and wear a badge of identification whilst on site.
• No dogs to be brought inside the school grounds without principal permission.

In addition to these requests, parents are reminded that it is unacceptable to approach students regarding school behaviour issues or conflicts. The process to deal with these issues is first to speak with the classroom teachers and then if unsatisfied with the response; make a time to see either the Deputy Principals or myself. Approaching students can be seen as verbal/physical assault and action can be taken to remove parents from the school property. More often than not, approaching a student makes the issues worse and much harder to manage for school staff. The above requests are supported by our school community and will assist in minimising the risk of exposure of harm to students, parents, staff and others. I thank you for your cooperation.

PARENT/CARER CONTACT DETAILS

It is vitally important that you make sure you notify us when your contact details change. Several times a week we try to contact parents, and find that phone numbers have changed, but we have not been notified. The greatest issues arise when we need to phone you because of an accident, or because a child may be unwell. We understand that you are busy and simply forget. So to assist you in notifying us, we have attached a Notification Form that will accompany each newsletter, and which you can send with your child to school when your address or phone numbers change.

EASTER BREAK:

I would like to wish all of our families a happy, safe Easter break. Easter is one of those times we all look forward to as a time to reflect and have a little peace. Remember, the Easter break this year is for two weeks and students begin back at school on Monday April 16.

Regards
Sharon Schimming
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Students arriving at school are to go straight to their respective areas where they will be supervised from 8.20am to 8.30am. For children in Prep, Years 1, 2 and 3, this is under the Year 1 Block (J Block). MAC classes and Years 6 and 7 sit under the Year 6 Block (D Block). This is a time for children to sit quietly and catch up with their friends – not a playtime. At 8.30am, classrooms are open and students move to their rooms in preparation for the beginning of instruction at 8.45am. Late arrivals need to report to the office where name, class and reason for lateness is recorded for each child. Rolls are updated to indicate this late arrival rather than an unexplained absence. For working parents or carers, the Redcliffe PCYC offer a fee paying Before and After School Care service that provides full supervision of your child if you need to drop off at an earlier time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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on your way to work. We encourage you to access this service for early arrivals at school to ensure the safety of your child. Teachers are busy before school in preparation for the day and cannot actively supervise children before 8.20am. For departure from school at the end of the day, it is expected that all students leave the grounds at 2.45pm and make their way home immediately. Please provide clear instructions to your child as to their expected arrival time at home to ensure their safety and wellbeing on the way home each day.

**NAPLAN TESTING**

The National testing program for Years 3, 5 and 7 students will be occurring across the nation on Tuesday May 15, Wednesday May 16, and Thursday May 17 2012. Please ensure your child is at school on these days. Please visit the website www.nap.edu.au for updates and further information for parents.

**ANZAC DAY**

We will be holding a special whole school assembly on Tuesday April 24 to commemorate this significant aspect of our country's history. Our assembly will commence at 11.30am in the Hall – parents are most welcome to attend. We are also looking forward to a great representation of our school at this year’s ANZAC day to be held on April 25 along Redcliffe Parade.

Tim Adsett
Deputy Principal (Year 4 – 7)

**TERM 1 JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Term 1 has been an extremely busy and successful term for all involved in our school community. It only seemed like yesterday that Tim Tams, Tea and Tissues were offered to our Prep parents as they cuddled and kissed their children at the front doors of the Humpybong Prep classrooms. It only seemed like yesterday that our Year 1 students started their learning journey exploring concepts in Team Time and studying the wonderful world of literature. It only seemed like yesterday that our Year 2 students embarked on their exploration of well-renown children’s author, Pamela Allen and her world of characters and relationship themes. It only seemed like yesterday that our Year 3 students were very grown up all of a sudden as they climbed the Year 3 stairs to learn the very skilful craft of persuasion. It is timely for us all to reflect and celebrate the achievements of our students over the past 9 weeks. I would like to thank the tireless efforts of our teaching staff for their relentless focus on student learning and encouraging each and every child to work hard towards achieving their learning goals, and enjoying the satisfaction that comes with success. Thank you is also extended to our community for the value you place on education and your commitment in supporting your child to achieve. Every day this term has counted significantly towards the great learning outcomes achieved by your child.

**BEFORE SCHOOL ROUTINES**

A timely reminder for those students who arrive prior to 8.30am. Students are required to sit calmly underneath the blue building (Year 1 block). They are encouraged to read books, play card games or talk to friends during this time. Supervision of this area commences at 8:20am, therefore where ever possible we ask that children are not sent to school prior to this time.

**EASTER BONNET PARADE**

Our Prep and Year 1 students are looking forward to modelling their Easter bonnets and sharing their love of music on Friday at our Easter Bonnet Parade. Prep and Year 1 parents are invited to join us at 11.30am for morning tea outside the hall before the procession begins. Don’t forget your Easter bonnets mums and dads!

**THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM – ENGLISH**

This edition focuses on the Key Learning Area – English. The Australian Curriculum: English aims to ensure that students:

- Learn to listen to, read, view, speak, write, create and reflect on increasingly complex and sophisticated spoken, written and multimodal texts across a growing range of contexts with accuracy, fluency and purpose.
- Appreciate, enjoy and use the English language in all its variations and develop a sense of its richness and power to evoke feelings, convey information, form ideas, facilitate interaction with others, entertain, persuade and argue.
- Understand how Standard Australian English works in its spoken and written forms and in combination with non-linguistic forms of communication to create meaning.
- Develop interest and skills in inquiring into the aesthetic aspects of texts, and develop an informed appreciation of literature.

If you would like further information regarding the rationale and aims of the Australian Curriculum – English please access the following website.

http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/English/Rationale

I wish everyone a restful, safe and happy Easter break.

Hayley Bloxham
A/Deputy Principal (Prep – Year 3)

**PAYMENTS**

With the OneSchool Finance program introduced last year BPay is now available. There is a minimum BPay amount of $10.00. Please note as this is a state wide program, when making a BPay payment the amount you pay will automatically be credited against the oldest invoice in the system. You will not be able to specify exactly which Invoice you wish to pay. This is a system operating requirement and cannot be changed once it has been made by BPay. If you want your payment to go to a specific activity you will need to pay by: EFTPOS, credit card, cash or cheque. We will no longer be sending out invoices for excursions/activities so please make payment as per the terms on the excursion letters sent home. If you wish to pay by BPay please contact the office for your family’s unique biller code.
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. Look forward to seeing you all there.

SPECIAL THANK YOU
A very special thank you to our out-going treasurer Martin Hall. Martin has worked very hard this past year with the P&C and we are very sorry to be losing him as our Treasurer.

UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY
9AM TO 10.30AM

Unfortunately we have again been let down by our suppliers and we are still currently waiting on size 6 and 8 polo shirts. They will not be arriving this term; hopefully they will be here by the beginning of Term 2. Our apologies if you are still waiting on these shirts. Thank you to all the parents/caregivers that have sent in receipts for uniforms. I have managed to get a lot of these to the students but there are still many orders in the parent’s name waiting to be collected. If you are unable to make it to the uniform shop on Wednesdays you can leave an order at the office and we will contact you regarding payment. If you have any queries about uniforms, please email Kelly Kohler (Kelly@kohlerzone.com). Thanks again for your patience.

Michelle Dobson
Uniform Shop Convenor

EASTER RAFFLE – ENDING SOON
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.

TERM 2 – FUNDRAISING – A CAR IS UP FOR GRABS!!
During Term 2 we will be participating in the Queensland Schools Shared Car Raffle. Prizes will include a Holden Colorado 4x4 Crew cab (2012 model), Jayco Camper Trailer, Travel Voucher, Woolworths Gift Card and iPad2. The tickets will be selling for $2.00 each, so watch this space in Term 2.

PAULS COLLECT-A-CAP
The Pauls Collect-a-cap Program will be continuing throughout 2012, so please remember to bring all your special milk caps to the school. These can be placed in the Pauls bin in the School Office.

BOOK CLUB
Issue 2 orders should arrive before the end of the Term.

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 one buildings, look for the P&C Flags.

Colin Orr
P&C President

TUCKSHOP NEWS
REMINDEERS: Tuckshop closed Monday’s. No hot food at snack time except for corn on the Cobb and toasted sandwiches. Tuckshop will be closed at snack time on the last day of term, Friday March 30.

NEXT TERM CHANGES: Next term there is a price increase for Slush Puppies from $2.00 to $2.20. Juice Cups will no longer be available. They will be replaced with 125ml Popper (Apple, Tropical and Apple & Blackcurrant). Have a great and safe Easter break.

Sherri Hallam
Tuckshop Convenor