FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Student Attendance

Improved student attendance is one of the features of Humpybong State School's Improvement Agenda in 2012. We are critically aware of the impact of both poor attendance and high attendance rates on the life outcomes for students. If children are missing from the classroom, academic performance is adversely affected. A child who is thirty minutes late for school three days per week will miss one and a half hours of school per week, three hours every two weeks of school and an alarming fifteen hours in a ten week term. This is more than three days of school.

The strategies being implemented this year include informing parents and caregivers of their child's attendance rate and providing a comment on the rate of attendance. These comments may recognise excellent attendance, or they may notify parents of the need for improvement. There may also be a note made regarding the direct link between poor attendance and academic performance.

Another strategy is to recognise year levels where the average attendance is above our school target. Below is a table of each year level and their attendance rates.

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There were 6 year levels with less than the Education rate of 90% and the average attendance for our school is 89.6%.

We will continue to monitor attendance data and are hopeful that the semester two data will reveal even better attendance rates.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tues 31 July: ICAS English
- Wed 1 Aug: District Athletics
- Thurs 2 Aug: District Athletics
- Thurs 2 Aug: Book Disco
- Mon 6 Aug: Book Fair begins
- Tues 7 Aug: Year 2 incursion money due. $6.50
- Fri 10 Aug: Year 2 Early Days incursion.
- Mon 13 Aug: Ekka show holiday
- Tues 14 Aug: ICAS Mathematics
- Sat 25 Aug: 2013 prep enrolment parent info session. 9:00-10:30
- Fri 31 Aug: Early Years Celebration. Prep Barnyard Babies money due. $6.60
- Thurs 6 Sept: Prep Barnyard Babies incursion

Term 3, Week 4, 2012
Cyber Bullying

The increased use of technology in our society has brought about new opportunities for bullying. Cyber Bullying is a form of bullying which is carried out through an Internet service such as email, facebook, chat room, discussion groups, instant messaging or web pages. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as SMS.

It is important parents are aware of these possible forms of bullying, monitor them and follow up any particular cases. Our school policy on bullying applies for both offline and online bullying.

Anyone can be bullied online and the bully can act anonymously if he or she so desires. Examples of Cyber Bullying include teasing and being made fun of; spreading of rumours online; sending unwanted messages; and defamation.

To help protect your children from Cyber Bullies use the following techniques:

- Develop clear communication with children about Cyber Bullying issues.
- Let them know it is all right to discuss any problems they have.
- Investigate the different services that children use on the Internet and the potential ways that Cyber Bullying can occur.
- Monitor who your child ‘chats’ to online and what is written
- Watch out for any behaviour changes with children, especially related to online activity.
- Talk to your ISP about what "take down" policies they have for inappropriate materials that may be posted by cyber bullies.
- Regularly check your child’s mobile phone and computer for messages.

Regards
Sharon Schimming
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES’ DESK

2013 Prep Enrolments

On Saturday 25th August from 9am we will be hosting our Parent Information Session for 2013 Prep enrolments. We would encourage parents with eligible Prep children in 2013 (born between 01 July 2007 and 30 June 2008) to make contact with the Office on 3385 1666 to register their intent to enroll. Prep interviews will take place early Term 4. At Humpybong State School, Prep offers children an effective start to their schooling.

Prep at Humpybong State School provides the foundation for your child's success at school by developing:

- a positive approach to learning
- independence and confidence
- thinking and problem-solving skills
- language skills
- early literacy and numeracy
- Physical abilities, including gross and fine motor skills

We look forward to meeting families on Saturday 25th to share information regarding the many educational attributes Humpybong State School is renowned for.
Lost Property

Hats and misc. items can be found near the drinking taps outside the library. Jumpers are inside the library in the cane basket near Teacher Reference. You are welcome to come in and search for lost jumpers at any time. Any Lost Property must be claimed by the last Friday of the month. Where possible, named items will be returned to classes. Any left-over viable items then will be cleaned and donated to charity.

NED Show

Last week all of our students thoroughly enjoyed the NED Show. Woven in with many extraordinary yo-yo tricks performed by John was a strong message promoting positive attitudes, better behaviour and academic achievement in school. The acronym NED - Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best is the catch phrase that is tripping over everyone’s lips at present. For more information regarding the NED Show and program please visit the website www.thenedshow.com.

Do the Hi 5

The High 5 is a simple approach to develop problem solving strategies for our students and when used by the whole school is incredibly effectual.

It is a 5 step problem solving strategy that can be used in the classroom, in the playground and for perceived bullying incidents.

- Talk Friendly
- Talk Firmly
- Ignore
- Walk Away
- Report

Values and Hi 5

- Values - used to foster better relationships, personal achievement and improved student well-being.
- Hi 5- used to build students social skills and resilience.
- Together positive impact and shape School Code of Behaviour.

Tim Adsett & Hayley Bloxham

MUSIC MATTERS

There is so much to share from the Music Department this fortnight! Firstly, we have to thank Zonta, who have generously donated a brand new cello, valued at over $800 to our Strings Program. Mrs Gail Jennings, president of Zonta presented the cello to our band leaders at our first assembly of the term. The gift of the cello is an enormous boost for our program and is something that we couldn’t afford without their support.

This term our music lessons are taking place in the hall. Mr Adam Vickery and I have joined forces to provide an hour of bush dancing for each class per week. We have been delighted with the effort of most of the children, who have risen to the challenge of dancing with grace and enthusiasm. Part of our focus is for the children to respect the rights of others to learn. This means respecting their right to listen and learn by not distracting others with talk or inappropriate behaviour. It also means that we respect their right to feel safe when dancing, in both a physical and emotional sense. The children have demonstrated their understanding of this by accepting partners with grace and courtesy and being sensitive to the feelings of others.

There are only a few children in the upper school who are reluctant to participate and we are working with them to set goals about their inclusion and appropriate participation. It is timely to remind parents and children that participation
in the bush dance is compulsory for all students and forms the assessment for both PE and music this semester. Details of the assessment will be provided in the coming weeks.

Our bush dance unit will culminate with the whole school bush dance on Friday, 14th September. We hope to see all our wonderful families enjoying what promises to be a very special night.

This year we are celebrating NAIDOC week during week six of the term (Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th August). We are in the process of organising a very special NAIDOC assembly for Thursday 16th August, at 11:25 am and extend a heartfelt invitation to all our families to attend. We are also privileged to have Mr Lucas Proudfoot perform for us on Friday, 17th August. Lucas is one of sixty Indigenous Education Ambassadors employed by DETA and we are looking forward to his performance. Please see the office if you need another permission slip for this event.

Last week, I had the privilege of meeting Mr Peter Bird. Uncle Peter is our local Indigenous elder and a leader of our local Aboriginal community. He has offered his support of our NAIDOC celebrations and has accepted our invitation to attend some of the celebrations.

As part of our professional development as employees of Education Queensland, we are required to undertake training in Crossing Cultures. Last week some of the staff participated in a very inspiring session run by Dan Neill from the North Coast Region Indigenous Education Unit. Dan will be repeating this session for remaining staff next week. If you have any questions about the session or our plans for NAIDOC week, please don’t hesitate to contact myself or one of the admin team.

Ms Jaye Guarerra is away at camp this week but Ms Christine Newton’s lesson and rehearsal will run as normal.

Warmest regards,
Juanita Reid
Music coordinator

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Get Ready for Book Week 2012**

Champions Read!

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go! Here are some dates for your calendar for Term 3:

**London Olympic Games**- 27 July to 12 August 2012

**The Book Disco**- incorporating the disco, DJ, Book Fair

-Thursday 2 August 2012 Prep-Year 3: 4:30-5:30pm  Year 4-7: 6:00-7:30pm

-Cost- $10.00

-Costumes optional but I’ll be coming in something sporty. (no doubt requiring some dusting!)

**The Book Fair**-

-Selling days: Mon 6 Aug. to 8 Aug.

Great books and fantastic stationery items!

Edwina Clark
Teacher Librarian
CHAPPY CHATTER – Emotion Coaching

There’s no doubt about it – young children are volatile. Even the most placid child is like an emotional volcano waiting to erupt. After all, the emotional realm is uncharted territory for children, and they need guides to help them navigate this difficult terrain. So, what is a parent to do?

This is where emotion coaching comes in handy:

- **Awareness** – parents are aware of the child’s heightened feelings. You may need to step back from the situation and ask, “Why are they acting this way?”

- **Listening** – Empathic listening focuses fully on the child, the conversation and clarifies what the child says to ensure the child feels heard.

- **Identifying** – Help the child to correctly label their feelings e.g. “So it seems like you are feeling angry that Tom won’t share the toy”.

- **Solution** – set some limits around their behaviour, while helping the child to solve the problem e.g. “Snatching the toy is not OK. So, Tom can play with it for 5 more minutes, and then you can have a turn. OK?”

These simple tips can avert a lot of acting out by the child, while helping to teach them the emotional skills to cope in the real world.

Nicola Chaplain

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

P&C NEWS

Book Week Disco – Thursday 2nd August 2012

This Thursday we will be holding our annual Book Week school disco in the school hall. Tickets are $10.00 each. If you wish to purchase a ticket, please place the money into an envelope with the student’s name and class details filled in and their ticket will be delivered to their classroom. All pre-purchased tickets will go into the draw for a lucky door prize of a K-Mart Voucher. Ticket price includes: entry ticket, drink, bag of potato chips and 2 glow sticks. At the Junior Disco there will not be a snack break, all students attending the disco will receive their snack pack at the end of the disco to take home. The senior disco will be having a snack break half way through the evening.

Please place your envelope, with your money and details into the box provided at the school office. Pre-purchased tickets are on sale from Monday 23 July 2012 and end on Wednesday 1st August 2012. All tickets purchased after 1st August must be purchased from the door on the night and are not eligible to go into the draw for the lucky door prize. We will be selling tickets at the door on the night of the disco, but please try to pre-purchase your ticket to avoid long delays at the disco on the night. Younger siblings are more than welcome to attend, there is no charge for siblings under age 4 but they must be supervised by a parent at all times.

We will be selling water, drinks, gingerbread men, chips, chocolate and various other goodies from the canteen. Also glow sticks and other glow products starting from $1.00 each. There will NOT be a sausage sizzle at the disco. Ms Clark will also be selling fantastic books, stationery and other novelty items at the Disco. Dress up is optional, come as your favourite book character, Olympic sport favourite or anything else you would like to dress up as.

Disco Times

Prep to Yr 3 (Jnr) 4:30 – 5:30pm
Yr 4 to Yr 7 (Snr) 6:00 – 7:30pm

Date: Thursday 2nd August 2012
If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help at the disco, please email Kelly (Kelly@kohlerzone.com). Volunteers are always welcomed.

School Absence Line - Fridge Magnets

The P&C have purchased fridge magnets with the school’s absence line details, a magnet will be sent home shortly with the youngest student in each family. If you do not receive your fridge magnet, please call at the office and collect one.

Uniform Shop News

Our jumpers have arrived. The uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning from 9am to 10.30am.

We have changed suppliers for our Polo Shirts. The new polo shirts should be arriving this week, we have asked for the smaller sizes first (6, 8, 10 and 12) as these are in greater demand. If you have an order outstanding, please email Kelly (Kelly@kohlerzone.com.au) so that we may get these to you as soon as they arrive. We apologise for any inconvenience. This has been a very long process but there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

We are going well with the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program, so keep sending your stickers and sticker books into the office. The program has been extended until 22 August.

Coles – Sports for Schools Vouchers

Please keep sending your vouchers into the school office.

Pauls Collect-a-caps

Keep those caps coming in. This program will be running throughout 2012. Drop your caps into the special box in the school office.

Colin Orr
P&C President

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Humpybong PCYC School Age Care News

Well it was great to see so many Humpybong faces that came along and enjoyed the Open Day at the Redcliffe PCYC last Saturday. The School Age Care Room was abuzz with lots of creative activity for the day. The children were happily enjoying many of the activities that the School Age Care has on offer. Hundreds of plasters were painted, mountains of collage pictures were created, and tissue flowers were made lovingly for mums and nanas. So if you are looking for a School Age Care provider that’s committed to supporting their community look no further than our Service based here at the school or our Redcliffe Service based at the PCYC for Vacation Care. 😊

For more information contact Heather on 3283 6421

Free Parenting Talk

Dr Brenda Heyworth (child and adolescent psychiatrist) is giving a free parenting talk on how to manage difficult behaviour in children and teenagers at the Caboolture library on Saturday August 11 from 10:00-11:00am. Bookings are essential and Brenda’s book “It’s a Jungle” will also be on sale. Brenda has indicated that her session is also helpful for parents of children who have experienced trauma. Bookings can be made by phoning the library on 5433 2000. More info is available on the following website: http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/general.aspx?id=103576