FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Scooters/Bikes/Helmets and Safety

Bikes and scooters must be put into the bike compound on arrival at school. The bike compound is located near the Duffield Road entry. Students who ride bikes or scooters must use the Duffield Road Walkway to enter and depart the school.

It is an essential safety requirement that the bikes and scooters are walked both into and out of the school grounds. There have been a number of incidents where students have been knocked over by bikes and scooters both inside of the grounds and on the footpaths surrounding the school. Students will be reminded on assembly and I ask that parents reinforce this message at home to ensure the safety of all of our school community. Helmets must also be worn by students using these modes of transport.

Scooters cannot be kept in classrooms as there is not enough space and there are safety concerns when doorways and passageways are blocked. The school does not guarantee the safety of scooters and bikes in the compound but processes are in place to minimise the risks.

Attendance Reminder

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 much 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 will be closely monitoring attendance and be seeking information regarding non-attendance.

It is not alright to have a day off for your birthday, or 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Uniform and Jewellery Reminders

The school uniform is accepted as normal attire for students attending Humpybong State School. Parents enrol their children at this school on the understanding that the full uniform will be worn at all times.

The student dress code at Humpybong State School promotes the Objectives of the Education (General Provisions) Act 1989 and in particular it promotes:

- A safe environment by enabling identification of students and non-students of this school.
- An effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at this school.
- A supportive environment by fostering a sense of belonging.
- Mutual respect among individuals by minimising visible evidence of unconscious class or social differences.

The uniform also:

- Builds school spirit and promotes a positive image of the school in the community.
- Complies with Sun Safety. (i.e. have sleeves/have a collar).
- Promotes participation in all activities by both girls and boys.
- Ensures students will not be discriminated against by the quality of the fashion of their clothes.

Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery at Humpybong State School is limited to the following items:

- A watch.
- A single signet ring.
- Sleepers/studs. Plugs are not permitted.
- Facial Piercings are not permitted. This includes eye-brow piercings, nose studs, lip piercings etc.

Uniform – General (Boys and Girls)

- Unisex royal blue collared polo shirt with the school emblem.
- Unisex royal blue/grey knee length shorts.
- Girls alternative is a royal blue wrap skirt, royal blue skorts. A dress is available in the school check.
- Socks can be grey or white.
- Year 7 Commemorative Polo Shirt.

Winter Additions

- Navy blue rugby jumper and navy zip jacket with school emblem.
- Navy track suit pants.

Friday Sport and Physical Education Days

- Royal blue shorts and a dolphin polo or school polo.

Shoes

- Appropriate closed-in footwear must be worn.

Hats

- A wide-brim hat, bucket hat or flap (legionnaires) cap.

Hair

- Neat, clean, tidy, off the face, out of the eyes.
- Students with shoulder length hair must tie hair back and preferably wear hair ties in school colours.
- Blue hair bands may be worn.
- Hair is to be pinned away from the face.
- No outlandish hair colours or styles. Hair must be natural looking in colour.

Regards
Sharon Schimming
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTIES’ DESK

PCYC Outside School Hours Care - Licensed Area

It has been brought to our attention that several families are still on the school grounds well after 3pm, without prior approval from the principal. Our outside school hours care service, coordinated by the Redcliffe PCYC have exclusive access to the junior oval and playground areas each afternoon. This is a licensed area agreement, so we request that unless you have prior approval from the principal, you vacate this area by 3pm each day. Thanking you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Early Years Celebration – Friday 31st August

Our P-2 students will enjoy the annual Early Years Celebration from 9:00 – 10:30am on Friday 31 August.

If you have a child in Prep - Year 2 please come along and participate in a morning filled with wonderfully engaging activities. This year’s celebration is prefaced around “Language – actively connecting children to their world”. It is sure to be a morning that our youngest achievers cherish for many years to come.

2013 Prep Enrolments

On Saturday 25th August from 9am we will be hosting our Parent Information Session for 2013 Prep enrolments. If you are aware of any parents who have children eligible for Prep in 2013 (born between 01 July 2007 and 30 June 2008) and have not yet registered their intent to enrolled, please encourage them to contact the Office on 3385 1666 to register their interest to enrol. Prep interviews will take place early Term 4. At Humpybong State School, Prep offers children an effective start to their schooling.

Prep 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.

The Reading Hour – counting down!

Thursday 26 July 2012, was the start of the 30 day countdown to The Reading Hour which will be happening around the country on Saturday 25 August. The Reading Hour is both a focal point for the National Year of Reading 2012 and also a call to action for families – “share a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week”. The Reading Hour is nominally 6pm to 7pm on 25 August 2012. Details of these Reading Hour events and many others can be found on the Reading Hour website. www.thereadinghour.org.au

Langdon Oval

Langdon Oval has been re-opened for our use during the day. Students have been advised of the procedure to access the oval at the breaks, and students are supervised at all times when on the oval. The line marking has not been completed at this stage, but MBRC have advised that this will be done in the near future.

Interschool Sport

We commenced our first round of competition for Year 6 and 7 students representing our school in the District interschool sports program. Please ensure your child’s payment of $40 has been finalised by Friday 17 August.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students and their teachers had a great week at camp last week at Tallebudgera. We are very proud of our students as their behaviour during the week was exemplary. We enjoyed various outdoor activities such as tobogganing, sailing, bushwalking and tandem bike riding! Well done to our Year 6 students!

Tim Adsett & Hayley Bloxham
CURRICULUM CORNER

The results from the ICAS Computer Skills and Science competitions have arrived! Congratulations to all the students who took part – they were hard competitions with difficult questions. In the Computer Skills competition, students had to answer questions about spreadsheet, icons, formatting and database fields. The Science competition included questions involving reading data, scientific diagrams and field notes to answer questions involving physics, chemistry and biology.

Computer Skills Results:

Special congratulations to Chloe Forbes (2/3Cr), and Rhys Treversh (7 Or) D’Artagnan Douglas & Blair McIntyre (Mac Cr), who achieved a Credit and Arich Ruengsawat-Keuker (Mac Cr), Andrew Anderson (Mac Pur) and Steven Sheather (Mac Li) who achieved a Distinction – putting them amongst the top students from across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

Science Results:

Special congratulations to D’Artagnan Douglas and Max Johnson (Mac Cr), Sam Schimming (Mac Go), Andrew Anderson, Sinead Thompson (Mac Or), Alessia-Daniela Grioli (6 Aq), Talia Huffaker (6 Li) and Carmela Manson (7 Or) who achieved a Credit. Well done to Chloe Forbes, Arich Ruengsawat-Keuker and Steven Sheather who achieved a Distinction. The final ICAS competition, Maths, will take place on Tuesday 14 August.

App of the Week

This free app lets you create your OWN list of spelling words, and can be used in any grade to practice weekly spelling lists or words. Students record their own voice, and a sentence for their word, and then play them back to practise. The app also lets students self-check their words with a test where they hear themselves say their word and/or sentence.

Melanie Wetton

CHAPPY CHATTER – Who’s Yanking Your Chain?

Sometimes word pictures put it SO perfectly. I recently read a book where the author described unforgiveness as letting others “yank your chain”. I watch a lot of historical drama, so I immediately pictured a convict bound with heavy iron shackles and chains. A tormentor walked ahead yanking on the chain and dragging the hapless victim through the dust. It was then that the light bulb came on! Too often we don’t want to forgive a person who hurt us because we are still angry and we want them to suffer. What we don’t realise, though, is that WE are the hapless victim, struggling to walk while bound in chains too heavy for us to bear, and irrevocably connected to the person who hurt us. However, when we use forgiveness as a key to unlock the shackles, we are separated from our “tormentor” and we remove their power to “yank our chain” any more. Forgiveness is hard- trust me, I know! But not forgiving is much, much harder!

Keep smiling and God bless!

Nicola
Chaplain

“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another”. Colossians 3:13

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting – NEW TIME!

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 September at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

Queensland Schools Car Raffle – Now Proceeding in September 2012

The tickets will arrive at our school early September 2012. The five prizes will be: a Holden Car (approx. value $25,000), camper trailer ($8,000), travel voucher ($3,000), Coles/Woolworths Fuel Voucher ($1,000) and an iPad3.
Once the tickets arrive they will be distributed to families. Tickets will be $2.00 per ticket; each family will receive a book of 20 tickets to sell. A note will be sent home shortly to all families, if you do not wish to participate in this fundraising activity, please complete the details and return the form to the office no later than 30 August 2012.

**Book Week Disco**

The book week disco was a great success. Congratulations to the two students who won the lucky door prize of a $25 K-Mart voucher each. Well done. We would like to thank Mrs Schimming and all of the teachers, staff and volunteers who helped on the night; we could not have done it without your help. A special thank you to our wonderful Tuckshop Convenor, Sherri, for all of her organisation of getting the snack packs out to all of the students. We would like to mention that the potato chips and drink provided to the students fall into the category of **healthy snacks**. We sell the chips and the drink in our Tuckshop. The drink (even though it is a fizzy drink) contains vegetable and fruit juice. Thank you all again for your support and we look forward to the next disco.

**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.

**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 all through 2012. Drop your caps into the special box in the school office.

Colin Orr  
P&C President

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Redcliffe Little Athletics Sign-on**


**When:** Friday 17th August, Friday 24th August (6pm – 8pm) & Saturday 25th August (1pm – 5pm)  
**Where:** The Clubhouse, Langdon Oval, Mabel Street

**Helen O’Grady Drama Academy**

Kids love drama. Parents love the results! Develop creative talents, confidence, communication and performance skills. Lower primary (5 – 8 year olds), Upper primary (9 – 12 Year olds) and Youth Theatre (12 – 18 Year olds). Affordable fees. No hidden costs. For more information, please phone Margaret Treuel on 3353 0555.