Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I trust that the school holiday break was an enjoyable time for you and your families and importantly I trust that it gave everyone an opportunity to recharge the batteries in preparation for Term 4.

During the holidays there were a number of activities that took place especially around the grounds. I thank the staff members involved with the huge effort of organising the laying and watering of the new grass and the management of the necessary tree lopping and removal. Well done to all involved.

**Five Year Strategic Plan for Humpybong State School Grounds**

A strategic plan for grounds improvement was presented at the last P&C Meeting. This plan will be made available on our school website for community members to view. The values underlying the improvement plan for our grounds include ensuring we have a safe environment for our community as well as maximising the green space available for our students. There are a number of stages involved with the plan and these stages are dependent on the funds that are available to us each year to spend on projects.

To date, we have re-opened the amphitheatre, grassed the bank adjacent to the hall, removed trees at the front of the school in preparation for a new pathway into the school and future security fence, and trimmed trees throughout the school to ensure visibility of play areas for student safety as well as visibility for neighbourhood watch.

Within the next twelve months there is a plan to remove fences without purposes e.g. around the Special Education facility and along the bank near the hall, remove dangerous boulders and reengineer the six/seven play space, trim and remove gardens around the library to ensure visibility, complete the gardens at the front of the hall, install a security fence at the front of the school and widen the pathway entrance into the school near the administration block.

If you would like further information about the Humpybong Grounds Improvement Plan please contact us as we would be excited to share it with you.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Tues 16 Oct**  P&C Meeting: 1pm
- **Wed 17 Oct**  Year 4 – 7 Assembly
- **Mon 22 Oct**  2013 Prep Enrolment interviews  
  Student free day
- **Fri 26 Oct**  Year 3 Excursion. Last day of  
  Sports/Options
- **Mon 29 Oct**  Peninsula Music Festival
- **Wed 31 Oct**  Year 4 - 7 Assembly
- **Mon 5 Nov**  P – 3 Assembly
Gaming Community Benefit Fund

We received notice last week that we were successful in our bid for $31,818 to upgrade music equipment in our school. Ms Juanita Reid is very excited once again to lead the spending of this grant on equipment for our students to enhance our program at Humpybong.

Regards
Sharon Schimming
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES’ DESK

Welcome back to Term 4!

After the well-deserved September break the students and staff have a renewed spring in their step. It will be an incredibly busy and rewarding term as we head towards the end of yet another eventful and successful year. Mrs Virginia Colville and Mrs Hayley Bloxham will share the P – 3 Deputy Principal Role this term. We welcome back Mrs Colville who has been on long service leave.

The P-3 assemblies have changed to Mondays. It is always a special occasion when our students attend and share at assembly. We would love for family members to join us. The following schedule outlines assembly dates for Term 4.

Wednesday 17 Oct – Years 4 – 7 Assembly
Monday 22 Oct – P – 3 Assembly cancelled due to Student Free Day
Wednesday 31 Oct – Years 4 – 7 Assembly
Monday 5 Nov – P – 3 Assembly
Wednesday 14 Nov – Years 4 – 7 Assembly
Monday 19 Nov – P – 3 Assembly
Wednesday 28 Nov – Years 4 – 7 Assembly
Monday 3 Dec – P – 3 Assembly
Wednesday 5 Dec – Final 2012 Whole School Assembly

We look forward to seeing you there!

2013 Enrolments and Class Placements

This term we are commencing the process to allocate students and teachers to our class structure for the 2013 school year. This is a process that a great deal of time and consideration is given. As part of this process, parents and carers who have any educationally relevant information they would like to pass on prior to 2013 class lists being compiled are invited to do so in writing and submit to the Office by no later than Friday 26 October. Please note that we will only consider issues that relate to the social, emotional or academic needs of your child. Parents are not able to select or request a specific teacher. To assist us with providing accurate class groupings, please contact our Administrative staff if you are leaving us next year so that this can be taken into account when the classes are formed.

It would also be very helpful if we knew of future enrolments, so if you have other children enrolling in 2013, please let us know as soon as possible. Encourage friends to contact us if you think they may be enrolling their children in Humpybong State School for 2013.
2013 Prep Enrolment Interviews

Just a reminder that our 2013 Prep enrolments are scheduled for Monday 22 October. A number of families made an appointment time at the Prep Open Morning hosted last term. If you have not made an appointment for Monday, please contact the school at your earliest convenience so that one can be scheduled. It is imperative that you bring the completed enrolment form and your child’s birth certificate so that the enrolment can be processed. We will also have uniforms available for purchase on Monday 22 Oct.

This is a great opportunity to get in early to access a great price and preferred uniform sizes.

Toothbrush and Toothpaste Day a HUGE Success!

On the last Wednesday of term, we had an overwhelming response in support of the designated Toothbrush and Toothpaste Day. The hundreds of toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste were excitedly received by the Cullen Burnett family. Since which time Ruby and Will have travelled to Tanzania sharing the generosity of the Humpybong State School community. Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile charity.

Head Lice

Head Lice is the most common insect infestation in humans throughout the world. Although head lice infestation may affect people of any age, nationality, gender or socio-economic status, infestation occurs mainly in children of primary school age. It is seen as much a social issue as a health or educational issue, and the way that it is approached can have significant influence on a student’s emotional, social and educational development. Parents have the prime responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice on their children.

- Reduce head-to-head contact
- Tie long hair at the back
- Don’t share hair brushes, combs or hats
- Check for head lice every two days using the conditioner & combing technique and treat if you find any
- Notify the office so Alert Notices can be issued

Tim Adsett, Virginia Colville & Hayley Bloxham

CARE FOR LEARNING - AN ACROSTIC POEM BY 2/3 CRIMSON

C – Concentration
A – Attendance
R – Reading every day
E – Excellence

F – Focus on your work
O – Organisation is important
R – Ready to Learn
L – Listen to your teacher
E – Encourage your peers
A – Aim for Great Results
R – Revision is important
N – Never give up
I – Independent learning
N – No talking during teaching time
G – Great work

FROM THE SPORT’S DESK

Sports Day

On the last Thursday of last term, students from Prep to Year 7 enjoyed a Sports Day on our oval. The Preps to Year 3 participated in rotational activity during the morning session, and the MACs and Years 6 and 7 enjoyed their activities in competition with the other Sports Houses. Sturt House won the day, closely followed by Cook, Oxley then Flinders. At the end of the day, Age Champion medallions were awarded to the following students for their points achieved during the athletics trials held earlier on the term:

9 Year Olds
Blair McIntyre (26 points) & Kaylee Richardson (36 points)

10 Year Olds
James Chaidee (24) & Lenni Tsavaris (28)

11 Year Olds
Eddie Protheroe (30) & Isabella Kennedy (40)

12/13 Open
Kyle Sillala (46) & Brooke Hebbard (36)

Congratulations to all students for their participation and effort – behaviour on the day was very good. Congratulations to Mr Vickery for his organisation of the day, our teachers for their involvement during the day, our P&C for running the tuckshop, and Mr Stacey for his work in getting the day set up and put away at the end of the day. Thanks also to Redcliffe Little Athletics Club for their cooperation in sharing the facility for the day.

Interschool Sport

Our season of interschool sport for Years 6 and 7 students recommenced last Friday. The season finishes on 26 October, followed by a week of finals. Good luck to all our teams!

Adam Vickery
PE Teacher
MUSIC MATTERS

How wonderful to see our school community come together at our school bush dance at the end of last term. Thank you to each and every one of you who helped with cooking, selling or serving food or any of the other dozens of jobs we asked for help with. Our whole school community got behind the event and it was simply delightful to see so many happy families and proud children. Your support helped to make the event a great success and a fitting end to a very successful term at Humpybong.

This semester Adam Vickery and I will be reporting collaboratively on the bush dance unit. This will provide an achievement and effort result for your child’s report card instead of the usual music and HPE result. The children were assessed on their performance of the dance during the final weeks of lessons last term. The following provides a general scale for each of the achievement levels in dance. If you are interested in more details specific to your child’s year level please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Bush Dance Assessment Scale

A - To achieve an A students demonstrate all the requirements of a B achievement level as well as demonstrating leadership throughout the dance. This may be demonstrated by the calling of dance steps, non-verbal cues to peers or physically guiding others in the dance.

B – To achieve a B students demonstrate all the requirements of a C achievement level as well as being able to apply the dance skills in a range of contexts. This means that in addition to competently performing their assessment dance, they can also perform a range of other dances using the same skills. They need no prompting by the teacher to remember the sequence or steps in the dance.

C – To achieve a C students perform the dance appropriate to their year level with no major errors. They are able to keep in time with the music consistently throughout the dance and can apply a range of body movements simultaneously. They have a sense of spatial awareness demonstrated by appropriate proximity to others.

D – To achieve a D students work towards developing their understanding of the C content with some errors in the performance of the dance.

E – Even with help, little or no understanding is demonstrated.

In other news, we are looking forward to our Band and String ensemble participating in the Peninsula Music Festival on 29 October. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young musicians to perform for their peers, to listen to other performances and to receive feedback from judges regarding their performances. We strongly encourage all our band and string ensemble students to participate and request that all permission slips are returned as soon as possible to the office. Should your child require another letter, please contact the office.

Parents are most welcome to attend PENFEST, held at Redcliffe Cultural Centre. The cost for adults is $5 or $10 for a family. The event commences at 9am and runs until 12pm. Should you wish to take your child home from the event, please inform the supervising teachers. However, we require all participating students to catch the bus to the event to assist with the cost. Students are to dress in their band uniform and be neatly groomed. They are to bring their own lunch, morning tea and water bottles.

We wish both our band and string ensemble the very best for the festival. I feel confident that they will conduct themselves in a manner with which we would all be proud.

Date Claimer!

Our final Recital Night for the year will be on Thursday, 29 November in the school hall. As well as our string and band students, our Smart Strings students will make their debut. It promises to be another amazing evening and we look forward to celebrating a year of outstanding musical achievement.
Best wishes for a very successful and happy term four.

Juanita Reid
Music Coordinator

**CHAPPY CHATTER – Sense-ational?**

I have the travel bug! Having never been out of the country, I am planning some big trips (a girl can dream!); though I think I will be going alone. My husband is disinterested in actual travel, when he can indulge in the virtual variety from the comfort of his own home. Of course, you can never truly get the authentic cultural experience via a screen. This indulges only two of our five senses – sight and hearing – but doesn’t allow us to smell, touch or taste.

Psychologists highlight this lack of depth of learning as one of the problems with TV for children. For example, a child sees an apple on television. They know how it looks and the crunching sound made by biting it. But they can’t understand the sharp, sweet smell and taste, or the smooth, firm feel of a ripe apple, unless they touch it.

There is no doubt. The richest kind of learning experience utilises all five senses. By comparison, TV is a poor substitute.

*Nicola*
Chaplain

“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion…” 2 Corinthians 9:11

**P&C NEWS**

**Queensland Schools Car Raffle**

How is your ticket selling going? If anyone would like an extra book of tickets, please write a note and leave it with the school office. 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. There will be a prize of a Target, Coles/Myer/K-Mart Gift Card to the value of $80 to the family that sells the most tickets. For every book sold: You will be in the draw for a store gift card to the value of $50 (Remember for every book fully sold, your name will be placed in the draw. E.g. if you sell 3 books you have 3 chances of winning.), so get your tickets sold and return them, together with your money, to the school office ASAP. All tickets and money must be returned by Friday 19 October 2012.

**Pauls Collect-a-caps – Program ending soon!**

Keep those caps coming in; this program will be ending shortly, so please drop your caps into the special box in the school office.

Colin Orr
P&C President

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**REMINDEERS:** Tuckshop closed Mondays. There is no hot food at SNACK time.

Please remember to get your orders in before 9:30am. If they are late, we may have to substitute items.

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED**

Volunteers are urgently needed in the Tuckshop. Please help your school community. We are air-conditioned and lunch is provided for volunteers.

Sherri Hallam
Tuckshop Convenor

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