FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Three Way Reporting
In the first weeks of the school year and again in July, parents were invited to meet with their child and their child’s teaching in a three way reporting conference. At this conference, students and teachers informed parents of the learning goals for the term and the academic and personal result achieved in the semester. Feedback from parents, teachers and students has been very positive.

In week nine of this term a similar process will be implemented. Students will share their report card results at the conference and let parents know about their goals for their learning in 2013. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about their child’s progress and the reporting process.

Reports will be given to parents at the Three Way Reporting meeting so it is important to make a time for this conference. The dates for Three Way Reporting are Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 December. If you are unable to attend on these dates, please ensure arrangements are made with the classroom teacher to meet at an alternative time or organise a phone conference.

Regards
Sharon Schimming
Principal

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BENEFIT STUDENTS
Recently, our school received a very generous offer from the people at Ashfield Capital to sponsor the purchase of six Lego Mindstorms NXT 2.0 Robotics kits, which the school plans to use in enrichment programs for our gifted and talented students. These amazing kits contain over 600 components which can be used to make the most fantastic array of robots – ones which can “see” colours, play baseball, and defend themselves against intruder robots and even dance! But it isn’t all fun and games – robotics is a serious discipline which helps students develop creativity, logic and problem solving. Ashfield Capital’s sponsorship amounts to just under $4000 and will allow the robotics software and kits to be used in any class through the school. Principal Sharon Schimming, on behalf of a grateful school community,
acknowledged the sponsorship as a great opportunity for the school to offer even more diverse programs and learning paths for students. Mr Robert Willis, on behalf of Ashfield Capital, acknowledged that due to one of his staff he is pleased to be able to provide this sponsorship. He also stated that whilst all students should be encouraged to advance themselves, special attention to those that are gifted or talented should be given to ensure that they are challenged to ensure that their interest in learning is maintained. Such students could develop to be our future innovators and leaders.

Humpybong State School values all of its partnerships with the wider school community – be they with businesses, Government or our school volunteers. We are certainly lucky to receive such wonderful ongoing support from all these groups as well as from out students, parents and staff.

FROM THE DEPUTIES’ DESK

We are now at a time in the school year where we are looking forward to providing as smooth a transition as possible for the year 7 students that will be going to our local State High Schools in 2013.

If you live in the catchment area and intend to send your child to Redcliffe State High School next year; then applications for enrolment need to be provided to Redcliffe State High School by the 26 October. This will ensure that they are able to provide information regarding Orientation Days to those families/students that are enrolled. Please note Redcliffe State High School’s Orientation Days for this year are as follows: Friday 2 November and Tuesday 11 December 2012.

Term 4 Absences - Every day counts at Humpybong State School!

This term is a busy one for everyone! We have less than seven weeks remaining of this academic year and teachers will soon begin their summative assessments for this term. Please advise your child’s teacher if your child will be absent from school in the coming weeks, as their absence may impact upon their ability to complete critical assessment tasks. Please ensure that your child has every opportunity to succeed at this particularly important time of the year.

Intentions for 2013

Please advise the office, if your child will not be attending Humpybong State School next year. We need to have a clear indication of our student numbers for 2013, in order to determine our staffing requirements, and consequently plan our classes for 2013.

Prep Enrolment Interviews

It has been wonderful to welcome new families to our school at the Prep enrolment interviews conducted on Monday of last week. I have had the pleasure in talking to many excited children who are ready and waiting to start their journey with us in Prep next year. If you have not attended a Prep enrolment interview, please contact the Office on 3385 1666 to arrange an interview as soon as possible.

Tap on an App

iCAN count money Australia – 99 cents

This app will let your child interact with Australian money, both notes and coins. 4 money counting games children allow children to participate in buying items, choosing the correct money, working out how much their items cost and how much change to expect. These games also progress through 5 levels to help develop the money skills. There is also a money calculator that will help younger children with adding up money. This app will give children the chance to interact with Australian coins and notes without raiding your wallet. https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/id528433510
Interschool Sport

Sporting teams representing Humpybong State School played their last fixture for the year last Friday. Congratulations to all our teams for trying their best each week and displaying good sportsmanship while proudly representing our school. Please ensure your child has returned their school jersey or shirt as soon as possible. The options program has also finished for those students that remained at school each Friday. All students in Years 6 and 7 will return to their normal timetable on a Friday afternoon for the remainder of the term.

Year 7 Graduation

Our Year 7 students will be participating in their Graduation on Wednesday 12 December at 9:30am. This occasion will be held in our school hall, and all parents of Year 7 students are invited to attend.

Swimming Years 1 to 3

The swimming program for children in Years 1 to 3 commences on Monday 26 November for a two week block. During this time, each class will be attending a swimming lesson each day. The cost for the activity is $40, inclusive of pool entry, bus travel to and from school, and the hire of qualified swimming instructors who will assist Mr Vickery with lessons. A letter and invoice will be sent home on 30 October, and full payment is requested by Friday 16 November.

Tim Adsett, Virginia Colville & Hayley Bloxham

FROM THE BSM

Parking in Ernest Street

I am extremely concerned with the behaviour of some of our parents when it comes to parking in Ernest Street. Four major issues have come to my attention:

1. Parents/Caregivers are, on occasions, driving into the parking area between the office and the Dental Clinic after 2:45 in the afternoon, while students are using that area to exit the school. No person can enter the school grounds in a vehicle without the prior permission of the Principal and to do so needlessly endangers the safety of our students.

2. Parents/Caregivers are parking in the cul-de-sac sections of Ernest Street, making it impossible for cars exiting the street to turn around safely. This activity is illegal and we have notified the Redcliffe Police, who are conducting regular drive-bys.

3. Parents/Caregivers are not respecting the two minute zone in Ernest St and are waiting up to 15 minutes for students to arrive. Sometimes, owners are parking in the 2 minute zone, locking their vehicles off and going into the school to collect students. This problem is particularly acute on the Southern side of Ernest Street. Again, we have informed the Police of this and they are conducting regular drive-bys, booking a couple of offenders on their last visit.

4. While our Crossing Supervisors are not employed by the school, we do consider them part of our family here and they do a tough and dangerous job in helping to ensure the safety of all our students. Please bear this in mind when interacting with them and make sure you follow all their instructions on the crossings with promptness and courtesy.

I acknowledge that parking around the school is a very frustrating and contentious issue for a number of our school community members. The school has no control over the local parking conditions and no legal ability to enforce the parking laws. The Police have been a great help to us but, of course, their resources only go so far as well – so we rely on everyone in the community doing the right thing when it comes to parking and being considerate of both the law and of their fellow parents and caregivers.

Regards
Shane Wright
STUDENT BOOK LISTS FOR 2013

We are pleased to announce that Woody Point News has been awarded the contract to supply our book packs for next year. James has sourced great prices for Humpybong parents to buy quality products at reasonable prices. Because he is local, you can pick up your book packs and not have to pay postage. Home delivery is still available for parents who live on the peninsula for $4.40 per pack. The prices are special prices for Humpybong parents because of our bulk order and you won’t find these prices if you just pick up the product from the shelf. To aid James in bulk ordering the requirements for Humpybong, the Book List being sent home asks, if possible, to have your order to school or Woody Point news by **Thursday 15 November 2012**. This will relieve the post-Christmas lack of money for your family if you consider purchasing this month. We do ask that you purchase from Woody Point News. Their products are a very high quality. We have found cheap yellow pencils from the chain stores don’t sharpen particularly well and cheap glue sticks dry out very quickly. It is important to buy the right type of red and blue lined books as well as the right sized book and James will be able to supply these without you having to search through many books on a shelf.

You may not require some of the items on the book list, as they were purchased this year. For example, if the child has a recorder (Year 4 to 7), a calculator (Year 3 to 7), a USB stick (Year 3 to 7), a protractor and compass (Year 5 to 7), you do not need to purchase again. This will save you over $21. We recommend you purchase a new set of headphones, as they do not tend to last longer than a year. Children need to listen to the instructions when using computer programs and this is difficult if they don’t have their own headphones. Please name the headphones clearly as children are not able to use other children’s headphones for health reasons.

On the book list, you will see a Technology Levy to be paid at the school. We have increased the levy from $40 last year to $50 this year so we can continue to use Reading Eggs and Mathletics throughout the whole school. Both are fantastic programs that are of a great benefit to our students. This year the P&C kindly contributed towards this cost. If you were to purchase these on-line programs at home, they would cost $90 each for a year’s subscription. Many of our classrooms are now using i-pads and technology will increasingly play a part in your child’s education.

To any questions about the book lists, please contact James at Woody Point News. His phone number is on the book list.

THE H FACTOR

Humpybong is excited to announce that we are holding a talent quest this term. Students are being encouraged to showcase their talents in either a solo or group act. Students are able to sing, dance, juggle, play an instrument, act in a skit, tell some jokes or even recite some poetry. Students rehearse and organise their groups out of class time (i.e. lunch times, at home). In the coming weeks, the hall and certain classrooms will be made available for rehearsing. During week 7, classes will hold heats, with 2 acts chosen to go through to the Year Level Final in weeks 8 and 9. Year level winners will perform at the H Factor Live Performance Parade. We encourage families to become a part of the live audience!

CHAPPY CHATTER – Promises, Promises!

One of the saddest songs I have ever heard is the 1970’s classic “Cat’s in the Cradle”. Describing the unfulfilled relationship between a father and son, it is a cautionary tale for all parents about promising much, and delivering little. To children, promises are everything, and they are so easily crushed when our promises fail to materialise. To them, parents are godlike in our ability – as far as they are concerned, we see all, know all and can fix anything! So, when we break our promises, their faith and trust in us is shattered. Of course, we know that we are fallible and subject to forces outside our control even if our children don’t. In that case, perhaps the best strategy is to under promise and over deliver. Telling our children “I can’t promise anything, but I will do my best”, assures them of our good intentions, without setting up unrealistic expectations. Then, if we manage to meet their expectations, it is a major victory. Children want us to promise that the world, but sometimes the world isn’t ours to give.

*Nicola Chaplain*

“It is better not to make a vow than to make a vow and not fulfil it.” Ecclesiastes 5:5
P&C NEWS

Queensland Schools Car Raffle
Thank you to everyone who has returned their tickets and money. If you still have tickets/money please return them to the office IMMEDIATELY! The Car raffle will be drawn by Musgrave Hill State School on 30 November 2012, good luck to everyone who purchased a ticket; we will let you know the names of the lucky winners.

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.

Tuckshop Day – Friday 2 November 2012
A very special thank you to our wonderful Tuckshop Convenor, Sherri Hallam, our back-up convenor Michelle Dobson and all the fantastic volunteers, especially Margaret, who help out in the tuckshop. The tuckshop could not operate without you all, so thank you very much for your hard work and dedication!

Final P&C Meeting for 2012
Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 November 2012 @ 3.30pm in the STIC, all are welcome. This will be our last P&C meeting for 2012.

Friday – Sausage Sizzle
Just a reminder that we are still running our sausage sizzle under the Year 1 buildings, every Friday. Only $1.50 for a sausage in bread. We will shortly be selling drinks, $1.00 for water, and $1.50 for Fizzy Drinks. Please note the Fizzy Drinks are the drinks approved to sell in our tuckshop. We will also be selling Coca Cola, Sprite, Fanta and Coke Zero for $1.50 these drinks will be for ADULTS ONLY! They will NOT be sold to children.

Christmas Stall – Volunteers Needed
Our annual Christmas Stall will be held on Monday 3 December to Wednesday 5 December 2012. If you can help out on these days, please email kelly@kohlerzone.com. If you can only spare an hour or two, it would be very much appreciated.

Colin Orr
P&C President

TUCKSHOP NEWS

REMINDERS: Tuckshop closed Mondays. There is no hot food at SNACK time. Remember to get your orders in before 9:30am. If they are late, we may have to substitute items.

Meal Deals - If you order a Meal Deal for your child, please indicate which Meal Deal (1 or 2).

No Money, No Order - There have been students coming to the Tuckshop with orders but no money included. Orders without money WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please remember the Tuckshop is run by Parents/Caregivers who volunteer their own time.

Sherri Hallam
Tuckshop Convenor

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| $5.50              | $1.50    |
| Tuckshop Bags      | 20cents extra |

Note: $1.50 for Fizzy Drinks are for ADULTS ONLY! They will NOT be sold to children.