Dear Parents and Caregivers,

End of Year Expectations

With only five weeks until the end of the school year it is important to remind our students of the high expectations we continue to have regarding compliance to all of our school rules.

I have been very proud of the high number of students this year who have worn their entire school uniform with pride each and every day and who have contributed positively to the culture of high expectations. Thank you to parents and caregivers for ensuring our children have their requirements each day and for building a positive disposition to learning with our children.

In the coming weeks a letter to parents of children who have displayed continuous high standards across all aspects of school life will be sent as a way of informing our community of how much we appreciate the partnership between home and school and the huge influence parents have on student success at school.

2013 Staffing and Class Lists

Education Queensland provides the staffing to our school and as yet this staffing has not been finalised. Humpybong State School has already been notified of several changes to staff and I have included what is known at this point. As further details are known we will inform the community immediately.

Class formation each year is very dependent upon student numbers. At present we are anticipating 30 classes. This may change depending on transient families therefore final decisions can't be made until day 8 (7 February) of the new school year. We will publish a draft of class lists and teachers in the last week of school.

Please inform the administration as soon as possible if you know of changes to family circumstance meaning a change in schools for your children.

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Class Placements 2013

At this time of year, parents are often beginning to ask about class placements for next year. All parents are reminded that allocation of students to classes is the professional and operational responsibility of school staff and that a great deal of care and time is taken in such vital decision making. Many factors are relevant, and I outline here for parents the main criteria that are considered:

- **Ability levels** - we aim to have an even spread of ability levels across each class. All children have strengths and weaknesses in different areas of the curriculum and these abilities are taken into consideration.

- **Teaching/learning styles** - we take into consideration the match between individual children’s learning styles and the teaching style of individual teachers.

- **Friendships** - we try to ensure that all children are in a class with people whom we feel they are likely to form friendships. At other times, we may choose to separate students who, whilst being friends, are a distracting influence on each other in a classroom, where one is the dominant partner in a friendship or where they are over-reliant on each other to the exclusion of others and need to be encouraged to increase their friendship circle.

- **Group dynamics** - we try to ensure that we have an even spread of personality styles, behavioural styles, etc. and that the group dynamics are such that each class will bond well and harmonise as a group.

As you will appreciate, consideration of all these factors makes class placement a very time consuming and thought provoking process. Each child is considered carefully as an individual, our ultimate aim being to ensure that each child is placed in a class where they will be given the optimal chance for happiness and success. We feel positive that the extensive time and care that we give to this process, together with the talented and committed team of staff into whose classes we are placing each child, mean that we are able to produce the best possible class combinations to benefit each and every child. Your trust in our decision-making, your appreciation of the time and care that goes into this process and your respect for the competence and dedication of every member of our staff team are greatly appreciated.

Regards
Sharon Schimming
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTIES’ DESK

Years 1 – 3 Swimming Program

Our intensive swimming program commences on Monday 26 November and continues until Friday 7 December. The venue will be the Redcliffe Aquatic Centre. Please ensure that your child’s permission form is returned with payment of $40 by Friday 16 November. All students will need to bring their togs, a towel, a swimming cap (due to health
regulations), swimming goggles are recommended and a bag in which to keep all items. Swimming caps may be purchased at the pool for $2.

2013 Prep Orientation Morning

An invitation is extended to all 2013 Prep students to attend an orientation morning on Friday 30 November commencing in the hall at 8:50am. The morning will provide an opportunity for Prep students to explore their environment while parents enjoy morning tea and a brief information session. If you have not yet enrolled your child in Prep please contact the Office on 3385 1666 to make an appointment as soon as possible.

Touch Football Grand Final

Our Senior Boys Touch team had a great season and were rewarded with a grand final appearance last Tuesday evening. Our team was undefeated throughout the season, but the boys were beaten by Southern Cross in a great match held at Bradley Park. Congratulations to all in the team.

Junior Chef at Humpybong

A group of very keen and capable chefs have been demonstrating their culinary skills in the Master Chef competition that is being held across the peninsula. A group of nine students entered the competition and have been involved in a bake off at school recently. Four of those students made it through to the next round, and from that round the judges have selected two students to go through to the Master Chef cook off that is being held at Clontarf Beach State High School. In preparation for this event, our Junior Chefs will be mentored by a professional chef from The Golden Ox. At the final round, our chefs will be competing against other junior chefs from other state schools on the peninsula. All contestants at this level have a professional chef from the local restaurants to work with on their ‘signature dish’.

Contestants from Humpybong State School were Sharni, Shyanne, Tanielle, Jerome, Charlotte, Christine, Steven, Jodie, and Latoya. Best of luck to our finalists Jerome and Christine who have made it through to the final cook off! Congratulations to all our chefs - they certainly made it very difficult for the judges to select the winning dishes!

Tim Adsett, Virginia Colville & Hayley Bloxham

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

OFFICE NEWS - BPAY

Did you know you can BPay your voluntary contribution for next year? Our recent finance software upgrade allows families to make BPay payments against their account. Extra money after Christmas? Why not start 2013 in credit. Ask our office staff about BPay options.

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. Next week, 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 on Wednesday 12 December at 11:30am. We encourage families to become a part of the live audience!

MUSIC MATTERS

As we very quickly approach December, there is still so much to share from the Music Department. Firstly, our final recital for the year will take place on Thursday 29 November at 6:00pm. This is a very important event for our musicians and we ask that you please make time in your busy schedules to support it.

At the recital we will be showcasing the following programs:

- Our instrumental students taught by Ms Jaye Guarrera
- Our string students taught by Ms Christine Newton
- The Year Three students from the Smart Strings Program
- The Humpybong Choir

Students will need to be at school by 5:30pm to tune up and prepare for their performances. Their instrument cases will be left in the STIC and any borrowed instruments will be returned at the conclusion of the recital, when they will be left in the STIC for collection and stocktake. Students in Ms Guarrera’s and Ms Newton’s classes should wear their band uniforms. We ask that students have their hair neatly groomed and their shirts tucked in. Girls will not be permitted to wear make-up. Students in the Smart Strings and choir program are asked to be neatly groomed in their
school uniform. Those students who will be performing with more than one group may need to bring both their band uniform and school uniform.

A light supper will again be provided by the very generous Mrs Heather Hallett from Zonta and if our last supper is anything to go by, this promises to be a delicious interlude for parents and children alike. This year Ellaways and Margate Music will have displays available for parents. This is aimed at supporting parents of continuing students in their research of purchasing of instruments.

Ms Guarrera and Ms Newton will be sending home letters shortly, inviting students they consider eligible for continuation in the program. Students who have not made solid progress or whose commitment hasn’t reflected the needs of the program will not be considered for continuation. If you have any concerns about your child’s participation in the program, please don’t hesitate to contact them. Music Students for 2013 will be asked to purchase a special music polo shirt as part of their uniform requirements. More details of the cost and ordering will be available early next year. A reminder that for the student’s participation in the recital is dependent on their commitment throughout the term. Those students who have not demonstrated consistent practice or lesson preparation will only be participating in the band performances and not their small group ensembles.

**Smart Strings**

Last week I sent home invoices for the Smart Strings program. Once again, I apologise for the inconvenience and ask that you please finalise these payments as soon as possible. In addition to the participation in the recital, we are hosting a special celebration just for the Smart Strings program on Tuesday 4 December at 2:00pm in the hall. All parents and families are most welcome to attend and I am very confident that you will be impressed with the growth in our youngest musicians! I am very much looking forward to the celebrations of the last few weeks of the year. Thank you for your ongoing support and the commitment to ensure your child is ready for learning every day.

Juanita Reid  
Music Coordinator

**CHAPPY CHATTER – Pushing Buttons**

For non-technical beings, humans seem to come with a good number of buttons, and kids seem to know exactly which ones to push to produce fireworks! But it doesn't have to be that way... A few years ago, we were driving home from school when our eldest daughter and her friend decided that they disliked our youngest daughter's music selection. When I refused to change the music, they conspired briefly and piped up with their own guaranteed-to-annoy song “I know a song that will get on your nerves, get on your nerves…” I KNEW they were deliberately pushing my anger button, but I chose not to be pushed. Instead I listened carefully, and then joined in with gusto. Funnily, they stopped singing soon after that... 😊 As a parent; it pays to be alert for deliberate attempts to annoy. When we are aware of the intent of the behaviour, it becomes easier to defuse that button, with deliberate calm, humour etc. If kids don't get their desired response when they push a button, they will soon stop pushing!

Nicola  
Chaplain

“For our tormentors demanded a song from us...” Psalm 137:3 (New Living Translation)

**P&C NEWS**

Queensland Schools Car Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has returned their tickets and money, we have raised over $4,000 for our school, so well done! 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.
Final P&C Meeting for 2012

Our next and final P&C Meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 13 November at 3:30pm in the STIC. All are welcome.

Uniform Shop News – Open Wednesdays 9am to 10:30am

We apologise to anyone who wished to purchase uniforms last Wednesday 7 November. Our convenor was sick and due to a lack of volunteers, we were unable to open on that day. The uniform shop will be open on Friday 30 November from 9:00am to 10:30am for anyone who wishes to purchase uniforms. Our dresses are in stock sizes 4 and 6 only. We are hoping to open the uniform shop one afternoon before the end of the year, so watch this space.

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. Our last day for the sausage sizzle will be Friday 30 November, we will not be holding any during December.

Christmas Raffle

Notes about our Christmas Raffle will be sent home this week. Each student will receive a book of 10 tickets @ 50c each to sell. If you do not wish to participate in this raffle, please return your note to the office immediately. First prize for the raffle is a Huffy Rival Bike (silver) 21 gear, full suspension – a truly awesome bike, which will be on display at our Sausage sizzle this week. Our other prizes are $50 Nothling Bros Meat Voucher, $50 Caltex Petrol Voucher, Various Gift baskets. The raffle will be drawn on the Wednesday 12 December.

Christmas Stall – Volunteers Needed

Our annual Christmas Stall will be held on Monday 3 December to Wednesday 5 December 2012. Items selling from $1.00 to $5.00. If you can help out on these days, please email Kelly@kohlerzone.com. Even if you can only spare an hour or 2 that would be very much appreciated.

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**

**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. As we come to the end of the year, our stock becomes low. Please check with us the availability of items.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**
The Slush Puppie competition has been drawn. The scooter was won by Zaebeth K (1 Orange). Yves C (2 Orange), Charli R (3 Orange), Amy D (6 Lime) & Gaby E (7 Orange) all won a Slushie Cup.

Sherri Hallam
Tuckshop Convenor

**Meal Deals**

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$5.00 $2.50

Tuckshop Bags 20cents extra