Safe Parking and Driving in and around our school

Hinchinbrook Public School is very fortunate to have ample street parking compared to other schools in our area. It does seem congested at home time mainly because many of our parents want prime parking as close to the gates as possible, so they don’t have to walk very far to collect their children. If more of our parents would consider parking further along Hinchinbrook Drive, Keppel Circuit or Broughton Street and then walk down to the school gates — our students would be safer as they exit the school, and less parents would be fined for parking illegally in bus zones, and pedestrian crossing zones. The No Stopping and No Parking signs around our school mean exactly that NO STOPPING and NO PARKING. If you choose to park in areas that have these signs or break parking rules, please do not contact our school office for assistance. We care about the safety and wellbeing of all our students, and support these rules 100%. We also have no control over the fines issued for breaking the law. Please help keep our students safe and follow the road rules.

Parent Information Evenings

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we plan to hold Parent Information Sessions next week on the afternoon of 24th February. The focus of these sessions will be on school information and how you as parents can play an important role in supporting your child’s learning success. The partnership between parents and teachers is a very strong indicator of success in a child’s learning, and we look forward to seeing you.

3.15—Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parents in 6D / 6F rooms
4.00—Kindergarten Parents in KD / KS rooms
4.45—Year 1 and 2 Parents in 1R / 1/2 Q rooms

Punctuality in the Morning

Our new focus on an uninterrupted literacy session each morning, means if your child is late to school, they will be missing crucial instruction in learning to read, spell and write. Have a quick look at the information below to understand the impact on learning if you are regularly late to school.

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<td>1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week</td>
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A reminder to all parents, all schools are a ‘smoke free’ zone, which includes outside our school gates.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

February
19th PSSA Begins
22nd Infants Sport begins
22—29 Life Ed Van
24th Parent Info Sessions
24th District Swim Carnival

March
3rd Scripture Begins
17th School Photo Day

Annual General P&C Meeting: Monday 14th March 2016, 9:15am
2016 Student Library Monitors

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who will be supporting the organisation of our Library this year. They will receive their Library Monitor badges at the 3-6 assembly next Wednesday.

Jessica Meru
Julia Yousef
Bella Hamden
Shivneel Kirpal
Michaela Zizovski
Kiara Dupre
Akraxay Siroutham
Pallavi Narayan

2016 Student Representative Committee

Congratulations to the following student leaders from each class, who have been elected by their class peers, as the class SRC rep. These students will meet regularly to discuss fundraising initiatives, charity support, and new ideas for our school. Kindergarten will elect their class representatives once they have developed their confidence with their new school routines.

K/1J Sunly Thorn
1NT Damien Malakovski
1R Emily-Jane Miller
1/2Q Junior Nguyen
2H Hayley Hyndes
2N Gurleen Sandhu
2T Taleisha Tangka
2/3C Andreas Stavrinou
3A Guiselle Dimovski
3K Nicholas Camilleri
3/4L Laura You
4B Elisha Magtoto
4K Aiden Sainsbury
5P Emily Goldsmith
5S Jabriel Catic
5/6M Ben Park
6D Nathan Men
6F Bashar Naeem

School Uniform

There is a strong expectation from Hinchinbrook Public School and its community, that our students wear their school uniform. Correct school uniform helps to keep students safe and we can easily identify our students. The HPS uniform is worn proudly by students and shows they are proud of their school and the strong reputation we have within the community. Please note that proper closed in black shoes are not negotiable, they must be worn as an important part of our school uniform each day. Coloured runners are only permitted on your child’s nominated sport day.

HPS Swimming Carnival

HPS Swimming Carnival ribbons, and certificates for District Carnival will be handed out at Week 7 Primary Assembly—9th March at 2.00pm.

P&C Meeting

Our Parents and Citizens Annual General meeting for 2016 is planned for Monday 14th March, following our morning assembly. Please join us for tea and coffee in the hall, and have a chat about the exciting events and learning programs in our school.

Does your child have a Health Care Plan?

Dear parents,

Just a reminder to parents of children with a current medical condition to please update any Health Care Plans for 2016 with your GP & provide the school with a copy via the front office, as soon as possible. Also please provide an epipen with the health care plan if your child is Anaphylactic. Please note Health care plans are not needed for mild allergies or mild asthma. If you are unsure or have any questions please contact Andrea Silva through the front office or on the school number 98267855.

Scripture Classes 2016

We are in the process of organising our Scripture Classes for 2016, which will start on Thursday 3rd March. Our scripture classes will be the same as in 2015. If you do not want your child to attend scripture classes, please contact Mr Nelson via the front office.

Congratulations to the following

YELLOW AWARD winners

3-6—presented at Week 5 assembly

Robert Karanikolas
Rick Vukas
Hanzallah Ahmad
Bella Donna
Talisa Lilley
Joyce Basta

K– 2—presented at Week 6 assembly

Jonny Karanikolas
Eesha Kumar
Ethan Riddell
Ethan Chen
Olivia Huynh

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