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Principal's Message

Dear Hambleton Parents and Community,

We have enjoyed a fabulous fortnight with so many wonderful events occurring at our school. From our highly successful P&C discos which attracted many students, multicultural and harmony day celebrations, our first opal assembly and of course our annual Easter hat and pedlars parade run by our Student Representative Council and student leaders.

A special thank you to the many parents and grandparents who supported one or more of these events. Special mention to the number of grandparents who came and assisted with Easter hat making afternoons across our K-2 classrooms.

All of these events take many hours of work to organise and communicate with staff and families to ensure all occasions are positive and enjoyable experiences for our entire school community.

As this will be our last newsletter before the holidays I would like to wish all our families a happy and safe break from school routines. School finishes for term one on Friday 13th April. Students and families return to Hambleton on Tuesday 1st May.

Staffing News

We have been fortunate to gain approval from staffing to open up 3 teaching positions which have been vacant since the start of the year. Mrs Sandy Davidson has officially resigned from teaching, Mrs Catherine Conroy has retired and we gained an extra class requiring a permanent appointment.

It is my pleasure to announce that after an approved temporary to permanent panel process Mr Hitchcock, Mr Jordan and Miss Kent are now officially permanent members of our teaching staff. We are thrilled to finally give these teachers this wonderful opportunity as they already give to our school community in so many ways as wonderful teachers and staff members.

Congratulations to Miss McAnderson who married her fiancé last weekend. We are all extremely happy for you both. Mrs Freund is back at school this week looking radiant.

Mr Abbott will be taking honeymoon leave for the rest of this term. During his absence Mrs Tossell will be teaching 3 Saturn on a full time basis until his return at the start of term two. Mrs Tossell will then be taking long service leave from Tuesday 1st May until Friday 18th May. Mr Abbott will be teaching 3 Saturn during this time.

Mr Hitchcock is taking some paternity leave to care for his baby daughter for the next few weeks. Miss Joline Vella will be teaching 6 Hawking during his absence.

Concerns About Before School Safety

We continue to have a high number of students arriving at school before 8am.

Your child's safety is important to us. Our school playground supervision starts from 8:30am – 9:00am. For their safety it is important that students do not arrive before this time. If in an emergency, you need to drop your child off before 8:30am, they need to sit with their bags on the silver seats outside 5 Ruby, 5 Jade and 6 Hawking until the bell rings.

On PSSA training mornings, students participating in the training need to meet their coaches on the back field. Students not participating in the training session should arrive after 8:30am. If they need to arrive with their siblings due to safety reasons they need to walk straight to the playground and sit on the silver seats.

Schoolzine Newsletter Login

Don't forget to directly subscribe to our newsletter directly from Schoolzine. All you need to do is:

- Open your newsletter link. You go to the tool bar on the left hand side
- You click on the envelope symbol which states: "Subscribe to Newsletter"
- Simply fill in your details and you will receive the link directly to your email address

New Classroom Open

4 Grevillea had a very exciting week last week finally moving into their new classroom. While there are still some tasks to be completed in the room Mr Trent has already started to ensure student work is on display and work areas set up.

Many thanks to Mr Trent, Mr Hussey, Mr Shaw and Mrs Marks for assisting with this move. A special thank you to Mrs O'Hearn for her support during this change over time. I know 4 Grevillea and Mr Trent are looking forward to working in their own new space.



Opal Assembly

We were thrilled with our Opal Assembly last week. It was fabulous to see the new awards being presented to students acknowledging their hard work as learners and citizens at Hambledon.

Mrs Marks has led the team in ensuring the changeover has been smooth between the old and revised system. Many thanks to Mrs Goodfellow for her design work on the awards. They look amazing.

Our students and teachers also created some wonderful performances including our choir with Mrs Dauth and Ms Doyle, 1/2 Seals and 2 Turtles sang and danced under the direction of Miss Lee and Mrs McNaught, 5 Jade entertained us under the guidance of Mr Jordan and 3 Saturn, Mrs Tossell and Mr Abbott presented a great song for us all to enjoy.

We also enjoyed a visit from our mascot, "Crikey", who assisted with the presentation of our Pearl Awards.

Many thanks to all those families who attended and supported this very special assembly. Our next Opal Assembly will be held on Thursday 28th June 2018.



Kindergarten Expo 2019

We are holding an information meeting for parents of children looking at starting school or joining our school community in 2019. We encourage you to attend this meeting as you will have the opportunity to learn a little more about Kindergarten and our school.

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- **WHEN:** Tuesday 8th May, 2018

- **TIME:** 7:00pm – 8:00pm
- **WHERE:** In our hall

Tea and coffee will be available on arrival at 6:30pm. We look forward to meeting you. If you are unable to find child minding for this meeting children are welcome to attend but they must sit in the hall for the meeting. They cannot remain in the playground area unsupervised.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting before the holidays is approaching quickly.

- **When:** Monday 9th April – please note the change in date
- **Where:** School Staffroom
- **Time:** 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Come along and join this hard working and friendly team. Help decided where our fundraising money goes this year.

Hambledon 25th Birthday Plans

Can you believe it? Next year Hambledon will celebrate 25 years of providing a caring environment in which students learn and thrive through education. We need to start planning for this special occasion now.

Parents and staff who are interested in being a part of the planning process are invited to attend a meeting:

- **WHEN:** Tuesday 10th April
- **TIME:** 3pm
- **WHERE:** Our staffroom

Come along and join this hard working and friendly team. Help decide where our fundraising money goes this year.

I understand some parents will be unable to attend this meeting but would like to provide ideas and support the planning of this year. Please email me judy.mcewen@det.nsw.edu.au and I will add you to the 25th Birthday Party email group so you can still provide ideas and support.

Another Fabulous Disco at Hambledon

We had another highly successful disco night at Hambledon run by our P&C and teaching staff. Both discos were well attended and our students were fortunate to have so many enthusiastic teachers dancing and assisting them throughout the evening.

Our special thanks to our experienced DJ Nigl and DJ Hitchcock. Mr Nigl also spent a lot of time setting up the equipment and collating the dance selection for the evening and running a highly entertaining evening for all. To our P&C we owe a huge thank you for the many hours they spent coordinating drinks, chips, ice, money and class lists. They worked throughout the evening making sure everything went smoothly. It was also fabulous to have a few extra parents on board who happily helped throughout the evening.

We look forward to our next disco in Term 3 - 14th September 2018.

ANZAC Day Service at Hambledon

On Friday 13th April at 9:30am we will be holding an ANZAC Service at our school. Parents and visitors are most welcome to attend. Could students and families remember to send flowers to school on this day to assist in the creation of our class wreaths. Thank you to Mr Trent for coordinating this very special service.

ANZAC Day Service at Riverstone

We are looking forward to once again attending the Riverstone RSL Sub-Branch service and march, which takes place on Wednesday 25 April at 5:45am in Market Street, Riverstone. We need to assemble by 5:30am at the sub branch. We would like as many students as possible to join us. I will be holding the school flag so you can find our group. Students attending will need to wear their full winter school uniform including black shoes.

Notes Sent Home

- Pobble 2018 - Stage 2
- NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 Notification
- Hills Performing Arts Stage 2 Choir – selected students only
- Recorders Rehearsal – selected students only
- Mum's Breakfast Information and invitations
- Debating Workshop – selected students only

Money Due Back

- Book / Technology Fees, Incursion and Voluntary Contributions 2018
- Year 6 Interrelate \$40 due by Friday 4th May

Congratulations to

- Charlotte L on being accepted to attend the Arts Unit dance workshop for students in Years 5 & 6
- Our Years 3 & 4 students on your outstanding behaviour on your recent excursion to Hambledon Cottage and Elizabeth Farmhouse
- To our P&C members and staff who supported our recent discos, your support is amazing and very much appreciated
- Mrs Dauth, Ms Doyle and our fabulous Blacktown Performing Arts Festival choir on a wonderful first combined rehearsal last week

Good Luck to

- Ben H and Joshua H when they compete at the State PSSA Swimming Championships
- Our Hills choir capably lead by Miss McAnderson and Ms Rumsey as they head to their first combined rehearsal this week
- Our recorder group as they head with Mrs Potter and Mrs Lingard to their first combined rehearsal in Sydney on Wednesday 9th May
- Debating students as they venture to a workshop with Ms Doyle on Thursday 5th April

Thank you

- Mr Shaw, Miss Hudd, Mrs Tossell, Mr Abbott, Miss Sullivan Mrs Rodgers, Mr Trent, Ms Rumsey and all our parents helpers for making the Stage 2 excursion such a fabulous experience for our students
- Mrs McNaught, Mrs Cumming. Mrs Kim, Miss Blagg, Mrs Cuthbert, Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Potter Miss Ha, Miss Lee, Mr Nigl and Mrs Emerson on all your hard work with our fabulous harmony and multicultural day last week
- Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Rodgers on your amazing work with our fabulous SRC and student leaders last week for another fabulous Easter hat and pedlar's tray parade
- Mrs McNaught for coordinating our Personal Learning Pathways meetings for our Aboriginal students this term
- Mrs O'Hearn and Mrs Tossell for all their hard work in getting our scripture classes up and running this term

Judy McEwen

Principal

Deputy Principal's Message

InRhythm

InRhythm is the first of the incursions set for the year. The course will cover various outcomes from our personal development, health and physical education syllabus in regards to Wellbeing as well as outcomes from the music syllabus. The program's mission is to help people connect and thrive through the power of rhythm. With a drum in each child's hands, students will be lead on a magical, exciting journey into African music and culture that is more than just immense fun! The incursion will teach musicality, culture and mindfulness all at once. The program is perfect for improving social skills, confidence & self-esteem, reducing stress & exploring resilience!

We highly encourage participation from all students and feel that this African Drumming Incursion will be highly beneficial for your child. The cost for the program is being covered by the incursion fee issued at the start of the year.

Incursions

As well as the InRhythm incursion, we have the Aboriginal performance and the author visits set for later in the year that are covered by the incursion fee of \$20.00 issued this term as part of our school fees. The incursion fee can still be paid in order for your child to participate in all of these events.

Tell them from me student feedback survey - Term 1, 2018

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them from Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus

of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell them from me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 26th March and 13 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 23rd March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/pdf/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12018.pdf

The consent form and FAQs are available in 23 languages.

Glenda Marks –Relieving Deputy Principal

Term 1 Events Reminder

Thursday 5th April

- 8:15am – PSSA Training
- 8:45am – 12 noon Hills Music Festival Combined Choir Rehearsal
- Debating Workshop – Matthew Pearce

Friday 6th April

- 10:20am – 1:00pm PSSA

Sunday 8th April

- 8:30am – 3:30pm P&C Family Portrait Fundraiser – pre booked appointments only
- Happy Orthodox Easter

Monday 9th April

- 7:00pm – 8:30pm P&C Meeting

Tuesday 10th April

- 9:00am P&C Fundraising Meeting in Uniform Shop
- 3:00pm 25th Hambledon Birthday Planning Meeting

Wednesday 11th April

- K-6 Drumming Incursion
- State Swimming

Thursday 12th April

- 8:15am PSSA Training
- State Swimming

Friday 13th April

- 9:30am ANZAC Service at School
- 10:20am PSSA
- Last Day of Term One – Enjoy your holiday break

Term 2 Events Reminders

Tuesday 1st May

- Students and families return to school today

Wednesday 2nd May

- School Photo Day @ Hambledon – our promotional shots will be taken on this day too

Thursday 3rd May

- 9am – 1pm Hambledon Cross Country Years 2-6

Friday 4th May

- PSSA Winter trials
- Operation Art deadline for entries

Monday 7th May

- Premier's Sporting Challenge Day at Wyndham College
- Quakers Hill High School Diagnostic Testing

Tuesday 8th May

- 7:50am ICAS Digital Technology Competition in 5 Sapphire and 6 Darwin Classrooms
- 7pm Kindy Expo Night

Wednesday 9th May

- Newsletter
- 9am Mother's Day Stall Wrapping
- Recorders at Salvation Army Sydney Rehearsal

Thursday 10th May

- 8:30am – 9:30am Prosperitas at Quakers Hill High School'
- 9:00am Mother's Day Stall

Friday 11th May

- 8am – 9am Mother's Day Breakfast in our hall
- PSSA Winter trials at Hambledon

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Learning Focus

I ask questions

Citizen Focus – Safe

Line up and wait quietly for my teacher

White Opal Awards

Congratulations to the following winners of the first White Opal Awards

- **3 JUPITER:** Alyssa, Zoe
- **3 SATURN:** Fareeha
- **3/4 WATTLE:** Ethan, Joseph, Jahaan, Justin
- **4 GREVILLEA:** Lilyan
- **5 RUBY:** Ella

Pearl Awards

Congratulations to the following winners of the first Pearl Awards

- **1 BROLGAS:** Ananya
- **3 JUPITER:** Liam, Alyssa, Zoe
- **3 MARS:** Anjani, Corey, Parvaneh, Arabella, Ashton, Torsten
- **3 SATURN:** Fareeha, Tamika
- **3/4 WATTLE:** Ethan, Joseph, Jahaan, Justin, Gloria
- **4 GREVILLEA:** Lilyan
- **5 JADE:** Mia
- **5 RUBY:** Ella
- **5 SAPPHIRE:** Michala, Sahibnoor
- **6 HAWKING:** Charlotte, Madison, Emily
- **6 NEWTON:** Kavya

Crikey Awards

Congratulations to the following winners of the Crikey Award

WEEK 8

- **K/1 LORIKEETS:** Mariam, Aedan, Tash
- **1 OWLS:** Nahla, Isabellarose
- **2 TURTLES:** Ben, William
- **3 JUPITER:** Alyssa, Zoe, Alec
- **3 MARS:** Anjani, Ashton, Ethan, Torsten
- **3 SATURN:** Julian
- **3/4 WATTLE:** Rayna, Ritwika, Ethan, Ibrahim, Chantal, Joseph, Jahaan, James, Luke, Elora, Justin, Rihanna
- **5 SAPPHIRE:** Olivia

WEEK 9

- **1 OWLS:** Jerry
- **1 ROSELLAS:** Bjorn, Jiya, Shiv, Oliver



Crikey Says

- **1/2 SEALS:** Maddison, Azaan
- **3/4 WATTLE:** Jasmine
- **6 DARWIN:** Marlee

Cultural Celebrations

Easter

Easter is a Christian feast day - these are significant days in the life of Jesus Christ or saints. Unlike most days in the Christian calendar, Easter does not have a fixed date.

Easter feast days are moveable days, in that they don't fall on a fixed date in the normal Gregorian or Julian calendars, which follow the cycle of the sun. Easter instead is determined by the lunar calendar, which is based on the phases of the moon. Easter is scheduled to fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox around March 20.

The spring, or March, Vernal Equinox is the moment the sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator – from south to north.

So, in Western Christianity, Easter will always fall between March 22 and April 25.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion, which is marked on Good Friday. Christians believe rose again three days later. The three days are known by the Church as the Easter Triduum.

The Easter season begins on Ash Wednesday - the first day of Lent, which lasts 40 days - if you leave out the six Sundays in between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It is a time when Christians fast, or give up a particular food or vice. The fasting period is to remember when Jesus went into the wilderness and fasted for 40 days despite being tempted.

Ash Wednesday takes place after Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, when rich foods like eggs are used up before Lent and the fasting period begins.

The Easter week, also known as Holy Week, includes Maundy Thursday, which marks the Last Supper Jesus had with his 12 disciples. Maundy Thursday in Jesus' time was the time of Passover - a Jewish celebration. Passover is the time the disciples and Jesus shared a meal together. The tradition was to have roast lamb (hence the tradition for Easter lamb today), bread and wine. It was Jesus last meal before he was killed, which is why it's now called The Last Supper.

Jesus' actions during the dinner have a crucial role in Christianity. During the meal he's said to have taken the bread and wine and offered them to the disciples saying they were his body and blood. This is now emulated in Mass and services today in remembrance of what happened.

Today we mark Maundy Thursday with a service, this includes the washing of the feet. Jesus is reported to have washed his disciple's feet to show how he served. Washing feet was normally done by the lowest servants, as people wore sandals and could end up with very dirty feet, so Jesus' action would have been very symbolic.

Good Friday is what Lent has been building up to - Jesus' death. It may seem strange to call a day someone died as 'good' but at the time it really meant 'holy'. Christians remember how Jesus was flogged and taken, as he carried the cross, to the hillside where he was crucified with two criminals, even though he had done nothing wrong. He was nailed to the cross there and left to die. This is why a cross is used as a symbol of the Christian faith.

Easter Sunday is the most important day of the church year for Christians. It is when they believe Jesus rose from the dead three days after he was killed. It is often called the 'resurrection'. The Bible says the women returned to the tomb and found it open, they were told to go and tell the disciples 'He is risen' - the he being Jesus. It is only later, when Jesus is on the road and joins the disciples walking that he crops up again. In the Bible it says when they're all gathered Jesus reveals himself to them, and doubting Thomas touches his wounds as proof of who he is.

Orthodox Easter- 8th April 2018

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Христос воскрес! Chrystus zmartwychwsta!

To all the families that are celebrating Orthodox Easter this year. We rejoice the end of lent with you and we hope you enjoy celebrating this Pascha with your family and loved ones.

Orthodox Pascha means Passover/ Easter Sunday and the three phrases are from different languages- the first is Greek, the second is Russian, the third is Armenian- the three main orthodox religions we have at our school. They all mean "Christ is Risen!" it is the typical greeting said at Orthodox Easter. The reply is not said until after Pascha which is "Truly, He is risen!" obviously translated differently into different languages.



Orthodox Easter

School Photo Day

Wednesday 2nd May

Envelopes have been sent home for our annual school photo day at Hambledon Public School. This year we have booked our school photographers to take all individual, sibling and class photos on this day.

All students are asked to wear their **summer uniforms** for their photo; dresses or skorts and red and black polo shirt for girls and shorts and red and black polo shirt for boys. Both girls and boys are asked to wear white socks and black shoes. As the weather is cool please send the children in their winter jackets, which can be easily removed. We will however ensure that they stay warm in class.

Please note: summer uniform is preferred by all school photographers at it provides a neater / brighter look in the photo.

Family Photos

We will take family photos before school from 8am onwards – families with surnames starting **A-M from 8am to 8:25am** and families **N-Z from 8:25am to 8:45am**. If you need to get to the hall earlier our photographers will accommodate you to the best of their ability.

These envelopes are available from our school office.

Before School

- **8:30am** - Our school captains, vice captains and leaders will have their photos taken.
- **8:40am** - Our house captains will have their photos taken.
- **8:50am** - Semester 1 SRC representatives will have their photos taken.

Please ensure all students wear their badges on this day.

Please remember all photo money needs to be at school by Wednesday. You are able to pay in the following ways:

- Cash
- Credit Cards – please go to the online facility with "The School Photographer" visit their website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and complete the secure online payment option. Return your child's photo envelope with the 6 digit order number recorded on the envelope

This day has a tight schedule and we need all students to be at school on time in particular on this day. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance with this important day.

Mrs Kim – School Photo Coordinator

Events

Multicultural Day and Harmony Day Celebrations

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) and the English as a Second Language or Dialect (EALD) teams would like to thank students, parents and teachers for all helping us to celebrate Multicultural and Harmony Day. It was fantastic to see so many students representing their cultural heritage and to celebrate the diversity within our community.

We started the day with our cultural parade and quickly moved into the classrooms where each teacher chose to celebrate a different country.

We had students in kindergarten make dreamcatchers to celebrate Native American culture, amazing art of the Northern Lights to celebrate Iceland in year one and a beautiful peacock to celebrate India in year two. Year three celebrated Japan by making koi fish streamers, year four all loved making Matryoshka dolls, year fives all loved making their Mexican mirror plates and year six celebrated the Maori culture, by performing the Hakka from New Zealand.

Here are some photos from our great day.

What an amazing day for Hambleton!



Mrs McNaught and our Stage One Team, Mrs Cumming, Mrs Kim and Mrs Blagg

Easter Hat and Pedlar's Parade

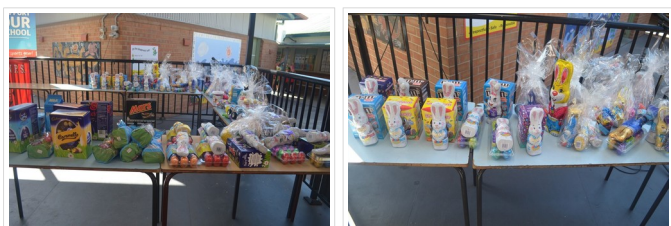
Hambleton Public School held our annual SRC Easter Hat and Pedlar's Parade on Thursday 29th, a great lead up to the Easter long weekend. Students in Kindergarten, Years One and Two proudly paraded in their bright and colourful Easter hats. Students in Years 3-6, also joined in the fun, enthusiastically parading their exceptional looking pedlar's trays, filled with a huge array of special treats! The always popular Easter Raffle was drawn throughout the parade with the lucky winners, excitedly collecting their prize.

A huge thank you to all the families who supported our children in putting together a pedlar's tray, and to those who assisted in making Easter hats in the classroom and/or through supplying donations. An extra special thank-you to our SRC members and school leaders, who helped to organise and run this special event.

All your donations for the Easter raffle and purchases on the day, has allowed us to raise \$2935.90, which help obtain valuable resources for the school.

A great effort by our fabulous Hambleton community!

Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Jenkins - Student Representative Council Coordinators



Mum's Breakfast

We would like to invite all our Mothers and Grandmothers to come along to our Mum's Breakfast.

- When: Friday 11th May
- Food Service from 8am – 8:45am
- Classrooms Open from 8:45am – 9:15am

We will be serving FREE Bacon and Egg sandwiches for you to enjoy. A donation on the day for Stewart House will be greatly appreciated.

Please go online and order your bacon and egg sandwiches at the website below and enter the **code upbyj** or complete the form provided in the flyer below and return it to the office.

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/home>

Closing date for orders is Monday 7th May at 3pm.

Miss R Porter - Stage 3 Team Assistant Principal

Stage News

K/1 Lorikeets Heroes

The photos missed our newsletter last time. So here they are now for your enjoyment.



Stage 2 Excursion

In Week 8, our Stage 2 students visited Hambleton Cottage and Elizabeth Farm in Parramatta. This excursion linked with our History unit 'First Contacts' and focussed on what life was like for Indigenous people and European Settlers in the early 1800s.

Students were able to try on clothes from this era, play with toys and tried their hands at convict chores. Here are a few recounts about this wonderful experience.

A special thanks to all our parent helpers who supported this excursion.

Recounts

At Hambleton Cottage we learnt that it would be dark for the Europeans in their everyday life. The three layers of the Europeans bed were straw, horse hair and goose feathers. The toys they used to play with were Jacobs Ladder, picture flipbooks and string illusions. The string illusions are where there is two pictures, one on each side of a piece of paper and you spin the string to make a string illusion.

Emily 4/5 Topaz

At the excursion it was so exciting, enjoyable and fun. First we went to Elizabeth Farm on the bus. After, we walked to Hambleton Cottage and all the stuff was over 200 years old. Our favourite part was when we got to put the candles out at Hambleton Cottage.

Sonny and Nairuti 3 Jupiter

On Tuesday the 20th March 3/4 Wattle and 3 Saturn went to Elizabeth Farm and Hambleton Cottage. We went there because we are learning about First Contacts in history this term.

While we were there, we learnt about how the convicts and Aboriginal people used to live and the different things they used to do. We got to dress up, write on slate, play with the old games they used to play and even had a turn at washing clothes like the convicts used to! It was a great day!

Samantha, Charlotte & Eqan - 3/4 Wattle



Interrelate – Year 6

In conjunction with Interrelate, we are offering our Year 6 students a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in their life. The course will explore a range of adolescent issues in preparation for high school and will also meet the outcomes of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus in Growth and Development. It will assist our students to value the uniqueness of their own personal development and take increased responsibility for their own well-being. Interrelate is in the process of updating their flyer which will give more detail about each individual session. It will be sent home as soon as it becomes available.

The sessions will be held **during school hours** on three consecutive Mondays during Term 2.

- **Dates:** Monday 14th, 21st, 28th May 2018
- **Cost:** \$40.00 (includes student workbook)

Please return the permission slip and payment, to the school office no later than **Friday 4th May**.

Miss Porter – Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Library

Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC site opened on Monday 5 March. The site is

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

The PRC logon details for students are the same as the ones they use to access the computers at school. I will be sending home student logons details for students in Kindergarten to Year 2. Students in Years 3-6 have their own unique private password. If you have any difficulties please see Mrs O'Hearn in the library.

Book Covering

Do you enjoy covering books? If you do, please visit Mrs O'Hearn in the library. This would involve covering about 6-12 books twice a term.

Library Parent Helpers

I need parent helpers each morning who have an hour to spare, between 9-10am. If you do, please see Mrs O'Hearn. I will show you how to return books and put them back on the shelves.

New Parents

Did you know that parents could be members of our library?
Being a member of the library means that you can borrow extra books for your child.

We also have a good range of books for pre-school students too. Borrowing books for your pre-schooler is a great way to develop good reading/borrowing habits!

Terrie O'Hearn – Teacher Librarian

Extra Curricular Opportunities

Multicultural Public Speaking

Each year students in years 3-6 have the opportunity to represent Hambledon at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition provides students with an opportunity to improve and showcase their public speaking skills as well as heighten their awareness of current multicultural issues in society.

Two students from Stage 2 and two students from Stage 3 will be selected based on a speech presented at school next term. Students will also be required to present an impromptu speech in which they will be given a topic 5 minutes beforehand to prepare. All speeches are to be presented on palm cards and no props or microphones are to be used. A separate note has been sent home if your child is interested in competing.

Students will need to have speeches ready to present in Term 2, week 3 and the school final will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd in Term 2, Week 4.

STEAM Team 2018

Last week students who have been chosen in our STEAM teams for 2018 should have received their note regarding the program this year.

The STEAM Team Challenge is a non-competitive, task-oriented program aimed at building students' capacity around coding, robotics and Digital Technologies. Teams of 8 students will meet once a week at school to develop a project designed to integrate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. The main goal of the program is to teach students to think critically and have an engineering or design approach towards real-world problems. The program will culminate in a STEAM Team Expo on Thursday 8th November, 2018.

Permission slips need to be returned to Miss Kent by Tuesday 30th March, 2018.

K-2 Dance

Due to wet weather and other restrictions on the use of the hall our K-2 dance tryouts will continue next Friday, 6th of April. We have been overwhelmed by the large number of students wishing to participate in the group this year.

At this tryout students will find out who is through to the second round of dance tryouts.

Once this has taken place, numbers for the dance group will be finalised and notes will be sent home.

Thank you for your patience,

Miss Lee – K-2 Dance Coordinator

Digital Technologies ICAS Exam Reminder

Students who have elected to sit for the **Digital Technologies** ICAS exam are reminded the exam will take place on Tuesday 8th May. Students need to arrive at school promptly at 7.50am so we can commence the exam at 8.00am in 6 Darwin and 5 Sapphire classrooms.

Science ICAS Exam Reminder

Students who have elected to sit for the **Science** ICAS exam are reminded the exam will take place on Tuesday 29th May. Students need to arrive at school promptly at 7.50am so we can commence the exam at 8.00am in 6 Darwin and 5 Sapphire classrooms.

Sport

Swimming Age Champions 2018

Congratulations to the following students who received their medallions last week for their efforts in our school swimming carnival.

Junior Boys	Junior Girls	11 Years Boys	11 Years Girls	12 Years Boys	12 Years Girls
1st Joshua H	1s Ashleigh J	1st Kaleb S	1st Shayanne V	1st Taje P	1st Chloe L
2nd Justin P	2nd Kyla L	2nd Daniel A	1st Mia F	2nd Max S	1st Shey M
3rd Nathan C	3rd Kara C	2nd Joshua S	3rd Olivia H	3rd Harry W	3rd Elizabeth

Joshua H and Kaleb S also received their medallions for winning their age division at the zone carnival. Joshua H also took out his age division at the regional carnival.

Hambledon Cross Country 2018

Our school cross country will now take place on Thursday 3rd May, 2018. Students in Years 2 to 6 all participate in this event at school. We start the day with the 7 year olds racing at around 9:15am and continue until all age groups have raced.

Only students who are 8+ years old or turning 8 or older this year are eligible to compete at the next level.

Mr Alan Jordan – Sports Coordinator

Hambledon P&C



Find us by searching **Hambledon Public School P&C** or by typing:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HPSPandC/>

We are excited to announce that Hambledon Public School P&C Association Inc. are now on Facebook!

We aim to use this forum to engage Hambledon families in the activities of P&C including meeting reminders, upcoming events, fundraising and parents helping other parents with all things related to our school community.

To ensure the group is supportive and respectful, we have uploaded our Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy to the 'files' section of the group. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with these policies.

I look forward to growing our P&C Community in this online forum.

Warm regards,



Alison Ballard
 President
 Hambledon Public School P&C Inc.

Our P&C now have a Facebook

Follow us on Facebook

Hopefully if you came along to drop your kids off to the recent disco, or if you've been checking out the Hambledon Public School Facebook page, you'll know that the Hambledon P&C now has our very own Facebook group!

We highly recommend you follow the link, jump on and ask to join – this is the place where you can find out first hand all about our upcoming events, meetings and more.

Disco

Speaking of the disco, thank you to all the teachers and parents who volunteered to make both discos hugely fun and wonderfully successful. In the end, we raised \$1,761.70 for the school – go team!

We are considering running a BBQ for the next disco in September – please join our Facebook group to voice your opinion on this. We are hoping that by offering this, it will save our families time and money on the night of the disco.

Hot Cross Buns

Thank you to all our families for their Hot Cross Buns orders. We raised \$282 AND got to eat yummy hot cross buns in the process! Special thank you to Kylie Verma for this great fundraising initiative. Watch this space for an exciting announcement involving Baker's Delight, Stanhope Gardens...

Family Portraits

There are now only VERY few spots left, so please jump online to avoid disappointment!

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

and code wsvms

Payment is due to the office TODAY, Wed 4th April and the actual photo day is this coming Sunday 8th April. Once again, this is a great idea for Mother's Day gifts for the whole family!

2nd Annual Outdoor Movie Night – Save the Date

Last year we ran our very first Outdoor Movie Night – with hundreds of people from our community joining us to watch Boss Baby. The event was so good, we can't wait to run it again!

This year it will be held on Saturday 3 November. Make sure you "like" the event on our Facebook page to stay up to date with all important information like sponsors, activities on the night and movie choice.

We are looking for local businesses to sponsor this event, so please contact our Fundraising Committee at HPSfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved.

Meet the Team - Episode 2

- *Name:* Deb Corkery
- *Current role on P&C Committee:* Uniform Coordinator
- *How many years you have been a part of Hambledon P&C?* 10 years
- *What roles you have held during this time?* Uniform Coordinator, secretary & treasurer
- *How many children do you have (and how many still at Hambledon)?* 3 children -1 still at Hambledon in year 5
- *Why do you feel it is important to be involved in P&C?* I like being involved in the school community and helping out
- *Favourite P&C Fundraising Event and why?* Ladies Night, it was a great night to catch up with other mums and do some shopping
- *What do you and your family spend your time doing on the weekends?* Our weekends are mainly spent with sporting activities.

Uniform Shop Helpers

Speaking of Deb and the uniform shop.

We are looking for expressions of interest from parents who would like to be involved in an ongoing roster, starting this year, in order to have a whole team of parent helpers involved. For more information, email us at hambledonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Fundraising Committee

If you are keen to be involved in the fundraising that goes on with the P&C – both running current initiatives and also being a part of the team that decides what we could do in the future – the fundraising committee is the place for you!

The first meeting of the committee is happening on Tuesday 10 April, at 9am in the newly refurbished Uniform Shop – All are welcome, we'd love to see you there.

If you have any questions, or if you can't make it but are keen to be involved at other times, send an email to Louise at HPSfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Next P&C Meeting (NOTE CHANGED DATE)

Last but not least, please note that our April P&C meeting has been moved from week 3 of the month to week 2 for this month only – due to the school holidays.

Therefore our next P&C meeting will occur at 7pm on Monday 9TH April (next Monday night). Again, we'd love to see you there!

Mother's Day Stall Helpers

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 10th May. We are looking for parent helpers to assist at the stall from 9am. In addition, we also need help to wrap presents in the hall on Wednesday 9th May at 9am.

If you are able to assist with this event, please email our Secretary to register your interest at hambledonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Please note, any helpers will need to ensure they have completed their Working with Children Check via Service NSW. There is **no cost** involved in obtaining your volunteer WWCC, simply visit the Service NSW website and complete the online form, then attend your local RMS to show your driver's licence. The website is:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

Many thanks to our major sponsors last year.

