

INTERFACE

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From The Principal***Safer School Survey: 2007***

Last term many parents, students and staff participated in the survey conducted by the school so that we could examine how our school community views Hampton SHS in this area. We all want to be assured that school is a safe place and where there is room for improvement, base our decisions to make changes on the information gathered from various sources. A special thank you to all those who participated and assisted us by returning the surveys. Your feedback is highly valued by the school and overall has assured us that Hampton is a safe and caring school. It was particularly rewarding for staff to hear that Year 8 students feel so safe and welcome in the school.

Over 80% of parents consider the school to be safe and less than 5% an unsafe place for their children. Similar views were expressed in the student returns. This is very positive news and given that parents and students expressed the view that they consider Hampton is a safer place than when they are out of school it is a very positive reflection of the efforts by the school to provide for the security of our students.

About 50% of parents and students are of the view that there are some incidents of bullying that take place in the school and a similar percentage report that they believe the school deals with it effectively. There were also a number of positive comments and suggestions

about this issue that we will be reviewing and making use of to improve our practices in dealing with this issue. Students are part of the community and bullying takes place both in and out of school. The use of technology has made communication more widespread and accessible. This is often the avenue used for bullying amongst young people. This makes it very difficult for schools to manage as it often starts out of school and then is carried on at face to face meetings in school. At Hampton we are endeavoring to prevent it in school by confiscating mobiles, blocking web sites and educating students about the impact of bullying on others. Since the start of the year our records indicate that fewer incidents are being reported and managed by the school. It is certainly very pleasant to walk around the school, feel safe and see students enjoying themselves and conducting behaving in a positive manner.

On Wednesday 9 May the school will be conducting a Year 8 "It's Cool to Care Day". This is part of our anti-bullying campaign and one example of how the school is being proactive in promoting positive relationships amongst the student body.

Term 2 Parent Meetings

Parents are encouraged to take the opportunity to make a booking to meet teachers on one of the two days being made available. Information is being provided to parents and students about making the bookings. Student Services are coordinating the event.

Lindsay Pearce
Principal

Welcome on behalf of the student council

After attending an eventful and memorable leadership camp early in Term 1, the student council elected Jade Webster and Jac Tong as vice-captains, and Linda Stasinowsky and I as school captains. The student council consists of students from year 9 – 12, who all demonstrate strong leadership skills, responsibility, and the potential to be great role models to all students.

We attend regular student council meetings to discuss our plans for this year, and busy preparing for a number of student reward excursions, fundraisers, competitions and student activities, and also various student initiative, which we hope will enhance the school facilities. We all look forward to another happy and successful school year!

Mai Le
Student Council

...from the Business Manager

Thank you to all the families who have paid their school contributions and charges for 2007. Please be reminded that the charges portion of your child's account is compulsory and the school requires payments as early as possible in the school year. We use the money to purchase essential items for your child's education and elective courses cannot run without the parent contributions.

Upper school charges are now overdue. Please contact the school to make a payment plan if you are unable to pay them in full at this time

Stacey Burton
Business Manager

from Student Services & Health

from the P&C

Team work at Ern Halliday

Year 10 11 & 12 exams

Parent evenings

Attendance desk contact

... from Student Services

Uniforms

Pre-ordered winter uniforms have been ordered and only small supplies of extra items are available in the uniform shop. Parents are reminded that uniform is compulsory. When purchasing items from stores avoid stripes and logos as they are **not part of** the Hampton Uniform.

If you have not placed an order for winter uniforms please visit the uniform shop on Thursdays between 8:00am and 12:00 noon for information about delivery times.

Do you have any homework?

This question is asked in many households every night and the most common answer is NO. Many parents know that children should be doing homework regularly but how can this be achieved when it's not always obvious if homework has been set.

If you have any specific concerns please contact subject teachers to discuss the issues of progress or homework.

All students were supplied with a diary at the beginning of Term 1 and teachers encourage students to record all homework in the diary.

Some helpful hints for parents:

- Ask to see your child's diary.
- Allocate 30 minutes several times a week for homework.
- Homework includes organising their subject files, reading through their notes or worksheets, learning to spell key words for each subject and keeping things ready for the next school day.
- Allocate a set area for homework, away from TV, music and mobile phones.
- Ask questions about work they did during the day.
- Monitor use of computers or internet when being used for homework assignments.

Mrs Paula McMahon
Student Services Coordinator

2007 P&C Members

Annual General Meeting On Monday 19 March 2007 the AGM was held and below is a list of the members of the P&C. It has been fabulous to see that over the past 12 months the number of people attending P&C meetings has increased. P&C meetings are held once per term. The P&C do not engage in fundraising so we rely on the profits from the canteen and parents' contributions as outlined on the school charges and contributions sheets. This year the P&C will donate:

- \$10 000 towards the leasing of student computers.
- \$2 500 towards the Year 12 graduation.
- \$3 500 for P&C encouragement awards.
- \$1 500 for student leadership programs.
- Approx \$10 000 for school and /or student initiated projects.

I would like to add a final note of thanks to long serving members, Martino Caratti and Catherine Van Delft. Martino has been a member of the P&C for more than 15 years and has been president for the last 5 years. Catherine has been a member for 5 years and been secretary for the last 4 years. We thank both of these members for their hard work and dedication to Hampton Senior High School.

Garry Taylor	President
Paula McMahon	Vice President
Julie Burnham	Vice President
Robyn Harkins	Secretary
Frank Duda	Treasurer
Maureen Gregory	Executive Committee Member
Kathy Mortin	Executive Committee Member
Liz Mulvey	Executive Committee Member
Jan Zeplin	Executive Committee Member

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 11 June at 7pm in the ICT building. I would encourage parents to join us.

It's all about safety of our students...

During the past 18 months the P&C has been working towards applying for a manned crossing on Morley Drive. After many surveys of traffic flow and local needs it was decided by Main Roads that a manned crossing was not warranted. Part of the reasoning was that the traffic lights on the corner of Morley Drive and Beechboro Rd have light controlled crossing on three of the four directions.

This proved disappointing to the P&C members, so it is necessary to work with parents to ensure the safety of all students. Parents are reminded that parking on the median strip of Morley Drive is unsafe and that the speed limit around the school is 40 kilometres per hour. The parking areas within the school grounds are for staff only and children should be encouraged to walk up the sides of the driveway and not the middle.

Parents are encouraged to park their cars on the Peterborough Crescent and Harrowshill Road for drop off and pick up. Please remember that the school buses use most of Maidstone Way and as such parking here is illegal.

It is necessary for the whole school community to work together to ensure the safety of our children.

From the P&C

Employment Opportunity

Hampton Senior High School is looking for relief staff to work in our Home Economics Department. Home Economics Assistants work an 8 hour day from 7.30am until 4.00pm. The job entails preparation for cooking, craft and textile lessons, cleaning, laundry and tidying at the end of the day as well as some administration tasks. If you would like to discuss this opportunity for relief work please call **Stacey Burton, Business Manager** on 9270 5708.

Health

National Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination Program

The Human Papilloma Virus Vaccination Program which is also known as the cervical cancer vaccine will be offered free to all females between 12-26 years old.

There are two components to this program. Firstly, the school based program which will target girls aged between 12-18 years of age in 2007 and 2008. From May 2007 this will be offered through schools in WA to year 10, 11 and 12 girls. In 2008 this will be offered in school in WA to year 7, 8, 9 and 10 girls.

Secondly, is the general practitioner and individual immunisation program which will target the 18-26 year old women and those aged 12 – 18 years who have missed doses of the vaccine through the school program or who were not attending school. This will run from July 2007 to June 2009.

On completion of this catch up program in June 2009, there will be an ongoing school based immunisation program offered to girls between 12-13 years.

Parents need to be aware the consent letters will soon be distributed to female students in years 10, 11 and 12. If you have any questions about this program please contact **Claire Bishop (school nurse)** at Hampton SHS.

Helping People Breathe Better

Smoking and asthma don't mix Asthma can be triggered by many things and cigarette smoke with its harmful chemicals is a major trigger.

If you have asthma here are some helpful hints to reduce your exposure to asthma:

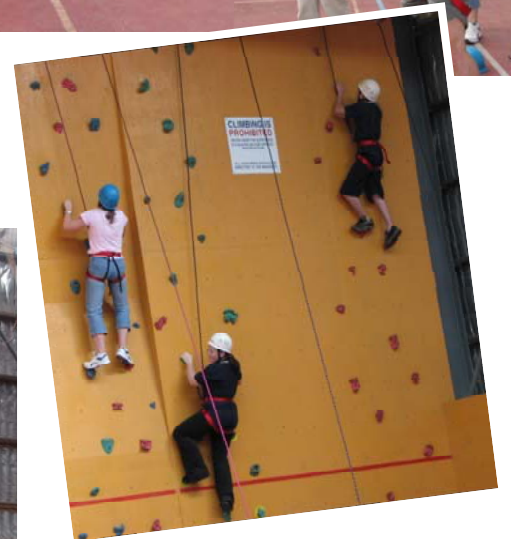
- Don't smoke
- Make your home and car smoke free – put up some no smoking signs
- Avoid smoky environments
- Ask people not to smoke around you or your children

For more information about asthma and smoking, please contact The Asthma Foundation of WA on (08) 9289 3600.

Claire Bishopp
School Nurse

Teamwork at Ern Halliday, Hillarys

The Integrated Studies students and their teachers went to the Ern Halliday Recreation Centre in March...to practice team work and personal achievement. The pictures tell at least half the story.



Year 10 Integrated Studies students in team action

Exams

Year 10s

For the first time this year, year 10 students will have exams from 28 May – 31 May. The results of these exams in Science, English, Maths and Society and Environment will be considered when career counselling for upper school subjects takes place for all Year 10 students and their parents.

12 exams

These will be held from 1 June – 8 June. Students will be given a copy of the exam timetable.

Year 11

These will be held from 8 June – 15 June. Students will be given a copy of the exam timetable.

Year 11 and 12 exams will usually be held in the 'K' rooms and commence at 8:25am for morning exams and at 12:25pm for afternoon exams. Students should refer to their exam time tables for alterations.

Students are required to bring their school library cards or smart riders as identification at the exam. Please ensure that this is arranged well in advance.

Contact Mr Farr, Deputy Principal for any time table queries.

Students who are not sitting examinations may be asked to attend classes if their teacher requires them to complete or improve on their work.

Community notices:

Athena Callisthenics Club

TWO FREE LESSONS offered to new students. Make friends and have fun while learning a variety of routines including simplified ballet, club swinging, rod exercises, rhythmic dance, marching and gymnastics movement.

Classes are held in Ballajura, Girrawheen, Ellenbrook and Mirrabooka. Please phone Nicole on 9296 8762 or Kerry on 9249 3094 for more details.

The Green Room Entertainment is offering a free lesson in any of their dance classes: Tiny Tots, Hip Hop, Jass, Singing, Tap, Acrobats or Break dance. Age 2 upwards.

Contact Kristy on 93752056 or 041256268. Check out our website at www.thegreenroomentertainment.com.au

Year 7 Parent Evening @ Hampton Senior High School

This will be held on 19 June 2007 at Hampton's Eric Strauss Community Centre (in the Gym area) at 7:00pm – 8:00pm. This will be a good opportunity to find out about the special programs that the school offers in the area of pastoral care for our students, other subject specialist programs and school policies that enhance the student's experience at school. The school's uniform will be available for parents to look at and find out about placing orders prior to their child joining year 8.

Change of number

The number for the Attendance Officer, Michelle Johnson is 92505797. Michelle is available from 7.30am to 3:00pm everyday for absentees

Lost Property

If your child has lost a school tracksuit jacket it may be in Student services. Please contact Paula McMahon.

Term dates

Term 2 ends Friday 6 July
Term 3 commences Tues 24 July
Staff PD day 1 June – no classes

Parent invitations

Parents are invited to meet their child's teachers on the 15 May or 23 May between 3.30pm – 6pm. Appointments can be made in advance. (See enclosed appointment sheets and details.) Interpreters can be organised for parents if required. Please ask your child to complete the section below and return to Student Services by 14 May or 18 May.

-----Tear off here and return to Mrs McMahon in Student Services -----

Student Name _____ Year _____

Parent Full Name _____ Phone _____

Language required _____

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