Welcome to the first edition for 2015 of our Interface newsletter, an important device in ensuring you are kept up to date with the varied activities and opportunities on offer for students at Hampton.

The Interface is our information newsletter and will be produced weeks 1, 4 and 8. Only the first edition for each term will be sent home or emailed. The other editions will be emailed only and placed on our webpage. Please ensure our office has your correct email address.

The Circuit Maker will be sent home at the end of each term for all families as this publication celebrates the many achievements and activities of our students.

As this is my first newsletter as Principal I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the students, staff and community members I have met over the past few weeks for making me feel welcome. Prior to coming to Hampton I had viewed the Aspire, Innovate, Achieve video on the school website and was pleased to hear of the positive relationships between students and teachers. This has proved to be extremely evident as I have walked around the school and I am consistently impressed by the ability of Hampton staff to go above and beyond for students (after school tuition, curricular activities and extra-curricular pursuits to name a few) which is a key feature of any quality school.

Well done to the Years 7 & 8 students who have settled into life here at Hampton as if they were long time students. Each of these cohorts brings a freshness and keenness to the school and we are happy to have them in and around the place.

*D&C Involvement* I urge all interested parents who would like to be a part of the parent decision making body in the school, to consider being part of the P&C. The school's
ASPIRE INNOVATE ACHIEVE

home and to log into the program and see what it has to offer as it is a wonderful resource for students of all ages to gain academic assistance outside of the school.

Calendar  One of the great aspects of Hampton SHS is the sheer number of extracurricular activities on offer after school along with special performances and sporting events. Please take the time to review the calendar of events to determine how you can be involved with the school.

New information, calendar events and activities will be regularly attached to our Website, Facebook page and Twitter Account (details of which are on the website) and should you require further assistance please don't hesitate to call one of our School Officers on 9270 5700.

Steve Beaton – Principal

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Contributions and Charges
Thank you to those parents who have paid their child’s contributions and charges for 2015. This assists the school in providing a variety of programs to provide all students with a quality educational program.

Please note the following:

- Charges apply to all courses in Years 11 and 12.
- If payment is not received (or arranged) for a charged course by the end of Week 4 Term 1 (27th February), then the Principal may provide the student with an alternative course or activity that allows the student to achieve similar educational outcomes.
- Voluntary contributions for Years 7 – 10 are capped at $235.00. Special programs charges apply
- Payments can be made at any time, and should be paid by the end of Term 1.

These can be paid any time by EFT. Our bank account details are:

Account Name:  HAMPTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
BSB:  306067
Account Number:  4167884

- Payments are also accepted by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS at Admin Services or by direct deposit through Human Services / Centrelink.
- Credit Card payments may be made over the phone and cheques should be made payable to Hampton Senior High School.
- Periodical payments may also be arranged.

Secondary Assistance Applications

- If you have a current Family Health Care card or Centrelink Pension card you may be eligible for financial assistance for clothing and contributions and charges.
- Please visit Admin Services with your card to complete a form before the end of term 1. No late applications can be accepted.

ATTENDANCE

HAMPTON SMS SERVICE  0407 192 197 OR RING 9270 5700

Parents can help the school with attendance by:

- Keeping your contact details (home phone, mobile number, email, emergency contacts) up to date
- Notifying the school in advance when your child is absent
- Providing written notice in advance if your child needs to leave school early
- Encouraging students to see the nurse or office staff when unwell
## SCHOOL TERM 1 CALENDAR

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TERMINATION OF SCHOOL TAX FILE PROGRAM

Students can no longer obtain a tax number through the school as per information from the Australian Tax Office. Information below explains the new process.

Why was the program terminated?
The Australian Government is strengthening proof of identity (POI) processes through a standardised national approach for government agencies. The Secondary Schools TFN program does not comply with these guidelines which require sighting and verification of original proof of identity documents.

How can students apply for a TFN?
Applying online and presenting POI documents at a participating Australia Post Office is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’
Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’

SCHOOL COUNCIL & P&C

The School Council will be holding a Public Meeting on Monday 9 March in the Library at 6pm. The aim of this meeting is to formalise the transition of the School Council to a School Board in keeping with the IPS structure.
All interested parents are welcome.

STUDENT SERVICES

Hampton SHS is proud to announce that the relaunch of Vivo Miles, an online rewards system for promoting positive behaviour

- Vivo Miles is the new way to be rewarded as students progress through their school life
- Teachers will award students for positive behaviour with electronic points called Vivos
- Students can spend their Vivos on an exciting range of products on the Vivomiles.com.au website
- Every student is given a personalised Vivo account, very much like a frequent flyers account
- Students can check how many Vivos they have been awarded by logging on to their account through the vivomiles.com.au website
- Parents will also be given a login so that they can monitor how their child is progressing.
- We hope students and parents find Vivo Miles an exciting and relevant way for students to be rewarded for their hard-work, effort and contribution to the school
YOUR TUTOR

Now your child gets homework help, thanks to ECU

Learning can happen anywhere, anytime.
No appointments needed.
No travel necessary.

Parents have said it can be stressful trying to help with their child’s homework, whether Maths, English, or Science, and especially through high school.

With your tutor, a little help for your child is only ever a click away.

Personal activation code will be posted to students shortly.

UNIFORMS

The Uniform Shop is open Thursday 8 – 12 for trying on for sizes
Orders can be paid at Admin Services.
Please ensure that students are in correct school uniform.

TERM DATES 2015 – STUDENTS

Term 1
Monday 2 February – Thursday 2 April

Term 2
Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

Term 3
Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

Term 4
Monday 12 October – Thursday 17 December

CANTEEN – URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

As there are only two employed ladies in the canteen the queues for service at recess and lunchtime are very long.

If you have time and would like your child to be served more quickly then perhaps you could volunteer a couple of hours once a week/fortnight/month to serve (especially at lunchtime)

If you can help please call the canteen manageress Dianne Royer on 92797843.

Parents are asked to ensure correct email information is provided to administration.