COMING EVENTS
17 November—Timbarra Productions—Santa Around the World—Preps & Yr 1s
11 November—Remembrance Day
Prep 2016 Parent Interview Session -
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2 December, Wednesday - 9.00-10.30am—Senior Academic Awards
3 December, Thursday - 9.00-10.30am—Junior Academic Awards

5/11/2015

Key to Success this fortnight: Confidence
From the Principal - Sharon McMorrow

Newsletter a Little Late
My apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. I was caught up in a number of meetings at the end of last week and was unable to submit my newsletter articles in time to meet the publishing deadline of the 5th November.

A Change of Date for Music Showcase
Our annual Music Showcase Evening in which we celebrate the achievement and involvement of our children in Instrumental Music and Choral programs was planned for Thursday 19th November. We recently learnt that this event clashes with the Urangan State High Year 12 School Leavers Ceremony and many of our families will be in attendance at that event.

A new date for our Music Showcase Evening will be selected and we will advise all of families via a letter and posts on facebook in the coming days. Please stay tuned for this update.

Leap into Learning Target and Goal Setting Reviews—Measuring Progress Gained
As part of our Leap into Learning process teachers from across the school meet with their Leadership Team Rep (Principal, Deputy Principals, Head of Special Education) every 5 weeks to review class and assessment data and set goals for the coming 5 weeks.

Last week we had meetings with all of our teachers to review the progress of students from Feb through to November using a range of assessment tasks.

It has been very pleasing to measure the large gains that have been made by many of our students in the key areas of Reading, Word Study and Numeracy.
As part of our target meeting process we also reflect and review various teaching practices that have contributed to these gains. Our school wide approach to explicit teaching in Reading and Word Study and deepening understanding in Numeracy through problem solving and explaining mathematical reasoning has been clearly identified as major contributing factors.

Our teachers across the school are very focussed on the goals they set for the children with numerous children exceeding their individual and class goals.

At this time of the year teachers are formulating report cards and finalising assessment tasks linked to their current units of work. Student Report Cards will be issued together with the Student Assessment Folio on the 9th December for Year 6 Students and the 11th of December for students in years Prep to 5.

**Semester 2 Academic Awards**

As part of our recognition of outstanding Academic Achievement, I will be presenting all students from Prep to Year 6 who have achieved outstanding results in English, Maths or Science with a Principal’s Academic Award. Students who have made wonderful progress through hard work and dedication in Word Study or Numeracy Warm Ups will also be awarded with a Principal’s Encouragement Award.

This Semester a Principal’s Academic Award will also be issued in Visual Arts following the implementation of our school wide Visual Arts Program throughout Semester 2.

This Semester Principal Award Letters will be sent home to all families of children receiving awards from the 23rd November.

Due to the heat this time of the year and to ensure that there is ample time to complete the ceremonies both the Junior and Senior Award Ceremonies will be scheduled in the morning session.

The Senior Academic Awards are scheduled for Wednesday 2nd December from 9.00 - 10.30am.
The Junior Academic Awards are scheduled for Thursday 3rd December from 9.00 - 10.30am.

I look forward to celebrating the outstanding achievement and efforts of our students with our school community during both special awards ceremonies. Please be sure to add these dates to your diaries.

Thank you for Supporting the P&C Disco

On Friday 30th October our fabulous P&C conducted a Halloween themed disco for both our junior and senior students. It was wonderful to see the number of families attending with ticket sales far exceeding our expectations.

Such an event would not be possible without the hard work of a team of dedicated parents who worked tirelessly in the weeks leading up to the disco. A big thank you to Kylie, Belinda, Libby, Heidi and all of our parents who assisted on the night. A huge thank you to all of our staff who also attended both discos and joined in with all of the fun.

We were very proud of all of our terrific students who danced the night away and helped with the clean up at the end of each disco.

**Planning Ahead for the 2016 School Year**

In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2016 school year it is essential that our enrolment predications are as accurate as possible.

I would ask all families who may be moving or relocating a new school for the start of the 2016 school year to please contact our school office so we can update our records.

If you have family or friends who are planning on relocating to Hervey Bay or enrolling in our school for the 2016 school year I would also ask that you encourage them to contact our school office for an enrolment pack so we can also have up to date information about new families arriving.

Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try and ensure a smooth start through accurate staffing and class numbers for the upcoming school year.

**2016 Prep Enrolment Forms**

Thank you to all of our future Prep families who have completed and returned your enrolment documentation. Your child’s enrolment and confirmed placement in our 2016 Prep Program is secure and guaranteed with the return of these forms.

If you have yet to return your completed enrolment documentation and forms can you please do so ASAP.

If you have friends or family who have yet to return their completed paper work who wish to secure their placement in our 2016 Prep Program can you please pass on this message.

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**Prep Beach Excursion**

Last Thursday our Prep students, accompanied by their teachers, teacher aides and parent volunteers, headed off on an exciting beach excursion. This excursion was a culminating activity for their Geography unit this term. Well done, Preppies!

**Prep 2016 Parent Interview Session**

Four parent interview sessions will be held in Week 8, of this term, to provide information about our school and to allow for any parent questions. These sessions replace the formal one on one interview process.

Parents are asked to complete a questionnaire, which is provided in our Pre-Prep pack for this Friday’s session, and return to the school’s Office by Thursday the 19th of November. The questionnaire allows an insight in to your child and allows us to make an informed judgment about the most suitable placement for your child.

If you cannot attend this Friday’s Pre-Prep session you can obtain a copy of the questionnaire from the school’s Office.

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2. Don’t incite any bullying, by arguing, flaming or annoying someone
3. Don’t share passwords with friends – they fight!
4. Make hard-to-guess secret questions so people can’t get into your accounts
5. Turn on comment moderation to stop offensive comments from ever being published
6. Tell your friends if a joke goes too far
7. Ask them to stop harassing you, and if they don’t, read on…

Resolution – 5 Steps:
1. Don’t respond to the bully at all
2. Save the evidence, whether it is text, images or websites
3. Block and delete the bully from the service
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News from the Senior School—Mr Bruce Jackson

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News from Finance

As we start to plan for 2016, we are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Staples for your child’s back to school stationery needs (Book List). Ordering through Staples takes all the pressure off parents, and our office staff, to have your child’s booklists paid for by a specified timeframe. The parent portal, on Staples website, is open from now until December for you to purchase your items.

We have selected items from the Staples “Back to School” range which you can order through their secure online Back to School ordering platform. The ordered items will then be delivered straight to your door at the beginning of 2016. You will be able to pick the items you wish to purchase as you do not have to purchase the entire booklist from them.

You also still have the option of purchasing the booklist, yourself, from your chosen supplier (Newsagent/ Officeworks etc).

Full details of ‘How to Order’ and booklist will be going home with your child by the end of this week.

News from Tuckshop

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**Community News**

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**School Officer (Groundsman)**  
Full Time 38 hour per week  
Permanent Full-time Position  
Vacancy Reference 50/27/15  
Hervey Bay State High School

Application packs are available from the school administration office between 8:00am – 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

Applicants must address the ‘How you will be assessed’ section of the role description to be considered for the position. Successful applicant must have a Positive Notice Blue Card for Child Related Employment.

Applications close 3.00pm Friday 30 October 2015

Applications will remain current for 12 months

Applications to be address to:  
Business Services Manager  
Hervey Bay State High School  
Beach Road  
HERVEY BAY QLD 4655

Or email to:  
spe@thp.qld.edu.au

Department of Education, Training & Employment

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**BIG W**

Big W Hervey Bay would like to WELCOME all families to our amazing NEW Party Store located in the old Pet Centre within Big W at Pialba Place Shopping Centre

**NOW Stocking:**  
- A Large Range of Helium Grade Large Balloons & foil balloons – Balloon Bouquets & helium available!  
  (Price list In store)  
- Kids’ & Children’s Costumes  
- Large Range of Licensed Party Products  
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- **Plus**  
- Colourful Plastic Plates, Cups, Bowls & Cutlery to suit all occasions  
- Large Colour Themed Lolly Buffet Range  
- Girls’ Night Out Games, Crowns & Sash  
- **Party Decorations**  

& Much Much More so come in & see the Party Enthusiasts to help organise your next party or event.

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