FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today is the day that we submit student numbers to the Department. Student numbers are the basis for school funds. As of today, our enrolment is 149 students. Below is a photo of some of our new students.

CLASS MEETINGS

Thanks to everyone for attending the class meetings. Thanks also to the teachers for providing this opportunity to discuss with you class organization, curriculum content, homework expectations etc. Remember, if you have a concern or a question about your child/ren, do see the class teacher. Teachers are busy in the mornings, so please don’t be offended if they ask that you arrange a more convenient time to discuss the concern/issue. There are 2 more meetings next week.

Year 5 – Mon 9 Feb
Year 6 – Thurs 12 Feb

The meetings will commence at 3:15 and should last for approximately 30 minutes.

PARADE TIME

Our first parade went well. The school captains run the parade and they did a great job.

RECORDERS

Recorders are available from the Office ($8.50). Upon payment your child’s name is engraved on the recorder.

2015 PREPS

Below is a photo from the Prep classroom.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

My Clyde, our new Instrumental Music teacher, visited the classrooms yesterday. Instrumental Music is available for students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Unfortunately at this stage, Year 3 and below are not permitted to join the program. Notes will go home today to students wishing to continue with the program. A number of new students and Year 4 students have indicated that they would like to be involved in the program. Next Wednesday, Mr Clyde will test them on the instruments before sending their notes home. The program should be fully ‘up and running’ by week 4.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our target is 94% attendance. Below shows the percentage for each class up until today. This is not a weekly attendance rate, but a progressive rate over the weeks.

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Remember that ‘Everyday Counts!’

SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL

Don’t forget to use the school crossing!

HOUSE CAPTAINS/BADGE PRESENTATION

Our house captains were voted in last Thursday. Congratulations to the following:

Jacaranda – Lilli, Aaron
Wattle – Trixie, Cody

The Badge Presentation will be on parade on Monday.

SWIMMING

Please remember to return the swimming notes. Swimming commences next Tuesday. We are never sure of the exact number of students attending on the day. We may need to rely on staff driving some of the students to and from the pool, for which we are most grateful. If you do not want your children to be driven by a staff member, please phone the school office.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep – Madison for a cheerful and enthusiastic start to Prep.
Year 1 – Cooper for working beautifully in class and always doing his best.
Year 2 – Jazmin-Rose for being a model student and following classroom routines and expectations.
Year 2/3 – Jorja for always being organised for classroom activities.
Year 4 – Leah for starting the year in an all round brilliant manner.
Year 5 – Aleesha for some great spelling results.
Year 6 – Aaron for being an attentive and eager student and a willing helper.
Music – next week!

TUTORING PROGRAM

Our groups for tutoring, with a focus on sounds and spelling, commence next Monday. If your child/ren has been invited to attend a tutoring session/s, I do encourage you to take this opportunity for your
child/ren. I also ask that you ensure that your child/ren attend each session.

**PBAs (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD)**
Our PBA winners this week were Aaron (Jacaranda) and Kayleigh (Wattle). Congratulations! Our winning team this week was Jacaranda!

**STUDENT ATTENTIVE AWARD**
During parade, the teachers choose a student from each class who has sat and listened attentively during parade. The winner gets to sit on stage next week, in the ‘best seats in the house’.

- Prep – Max
- Year 1 – Jade
- Year 2 – Jimmy
- Year 2/3 – Lachlan
- Year 4 – Michael
- Year 5 – Domini
- Year 6 – Aaron

**PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)**
This week’s lesson was about the ‘High 5’. This is a strategy to assist students to deal with incidents that may occur at school, particularly in the playground. ‘High 5’ is an effective strategy to develop problem-solving strategies for our students. It is a 5 step problem solving strategy used by the whole school that can be used in the classroom playground and for perceived bullying incidents. It is used to build students’ social skills and resilience. It can have a positive impact for the school’s ‘Responsible Behaviour Plan’.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**
Don’t forget pies and iceblocks on Friday. 50c each.

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ AWARD**
Congratulations to Lexie for receiving the School Captains’ Award.

**BOOKCLUB**
Orders need to be returned by Tuesday 10 February.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Breakfast Club commenced on Wednesday morning. Breakfast Club is run by the Student Council with assistance from Don, our Chaplain. We provide cereal, toast, juice and occasionally other breakfast treats. It operates outside the library from just after 8:00am. We usually close about 8:40am. There is no cost associated with Breakfast Club. We rely on donations from community organisations as well as funds from the Student Council.

**MEDICATION**
Only prescribed medication can be given at school. A signed permission form (available from the office) needs to accompany the medication. The medication must have the pharmacy label, child’s name, doctor’s name and instructions clearly labelled. One medication form (for the year) is required for long term medication (eg asthma puffers). Please ensure that we have your child’s medical conditions up to date.

**NAMING OF ITEMS**
Please ensure that all items are named – clothing, hats, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. Lost property is stored in the green locker near the stairwell to the Office.

**NEWSLETTERS/PARADE/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**
Newsletters will go out on Thursdays and Parade will be held on Monday afternoons from 2:30pm.
Newsletters will be uploaded to our website.
If you haven’t already done so, remember to ‘like’ Helidon State School on Facebook to receive information about current happenings.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
School banking resumed this week. Information about banking was sent home with our prep students. If you would like your child/ren to be involved with school banking, please see Mrs Jones.

**EARLY LEARNERS’ GROUP**
Mrs Zupp was at school yesterday preparing for our Early Learners’ Group. Unfortunately we are unable to survey parents and the community regarding a suitable day, as discussed at the P & C meeting at the end of 2014. This is due to a change in the staff member leading the group. Mrs Zupp also has responsibilities in teaching in the Prep and Year 1 classrooms after the Early Learners’ Group. Wednesday was the day that suited both Mrs Zupp and the teachers.

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**More about the Early Learners’ Group**
The Helidon Early Learners Group will start Wednesday 18 February (not next Wednesday, but the next!) This group is designed for parents/care-givers with pre-school aged children 0-5 years old. Our Early Learners' teacher/coordinator, Mylie Zupp has had many years experience in running a program that aims to help children: explore new art and craft experiences, build social and play skills, and have fun, while parents/care-givers can build a supportive network in which to share experiences and ideas. Helidon School has taken on all responsibilities for this group and as such there will be no fees or charges to participate. So come along and join in the fun!

**Early Years Group**
**Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00**
**Commencing Wednesday 18 February**
P & C NEWS
Our first P & C meeting for the year is TUESDAY 10
FEBRUARY, 3:15 pm in the Library. I encourage as
many people as possible to attend. I look forward to
catching up with everyone and also hopefully meeting
some new faces. The AGM will be in March.
Thanks, Sam

COMMUNITY NEWS
Advance Notice – International Cycling in the Helidon/
Grantham area
Friday 13 February 2015

I am providing information on the Zarraffas Coffee Oceania
International Road Championship Series in a genuine effort to
assist you in planning your activities on Friday 13 February.....
and therefore reduce the possibility of inconvenience to you
as well as other residents in the Helidon/ Grantham area.
I wish to also notify you that part of the race will be utilising
the intersection/underpass near the Grantham School. We do
invite students and families to attend the event.
There will be a total of 5 Championship races for female and
males as well as para-cyclists on both days.
You are most welcome to come down to the area opposite to
the Helidon Cricket Grounds to see the cyclists prepare to line
up for the start of the events.
With the support of The Queensland Police Service officers
controlling traffic and the official moto-scouts as well as the
SES, we are confident of minimising inconvenience to you
and others using these roads.
Your support and cooperation would be greatly appreciated.
Remember if you have any concerns please call me on 0419
650 459'.

Regards
John Osborne
Event Manager
Zarraffa’s Coffee Oceania Road Cycling Championships