From the Principal’s Desk........

Welcome to 2017. I am very excited to share with you that the year has started so well. Thanks so much to parents for having their children so well prepared for school. It made our collection and labelling process so much easier. Thanks also to our awesome staff for making a huge effort to have the classrooms and other learning spaces so attractive to start the year. This includes teachers, teacher aides, our cleaner and our grounds person-Emma Pukallus, Skye Philp, Karran Simpson, Margaret Duck, Kylie Cauley, Sue Wheeler, Mychelle Derksen, Tony Wallace and Mark Kruger.

Welcome back to Mrs Philps who is teaching on Mondays in the Valley Room. Welcome back to all our staff members. We are definitely happy to be back working with our students again. Mrs Pukallus will be teaching on Thursdays (Science) and on Fridays (Learning Support and General Classroom). We are practising our routines and transitions this week and finding out how our teaching and learning spaces will be most efficiently utilised in this first week. C2C lessons started on day 1, Monday 23 January. We are teaching Maths and English on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Drama on every second Tuesday, Science and PE on Thursdays and the other KLAs on Fridays.

We hope you managed to have a read of our first Haden SS Community Newsletter. It was available at the shop from the beginning of the holidays. Students from the Year 3-6 class were the journalists of the articles. They also selected the accompanying photographs. They did a fine job! We will be aiming to print one of these Haden SS – Community Newsletters once per term. Look out for our second edition before Easter!

Our annual Swim Camp will be held in Week 4 at the Crows Nest Pool from Monday 13 February through to Thursday 16 February. To keep costs to a minimum we will be car-pooling to transport students to Crows Nest. Please refer to the Swimming Camp note for further details and the permission form.

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You will all be aware that tomorrow is Australia Day and the school will be closed so you can join in community events. We have had discussions about Australia Day at school about the types of activities that are traditionally held to celebrate Australia Day. We have also brainstormed about more culturally inclusive celebrations that are emerging in our communities and how we as a school could be a part of those celebrations. We are hopeful of being involved as a school in community Australia Day Celebrations in 2018!

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 20th February at 3.15pm. This will be the AGM followed by a general meeting. The P&C has a major fund raiser happening on Saturday 15th April at Bunnings Toowoomba. We have the sausage sizzle! This is a great opportunity for parents to support the P&C and ultimately the school. Please come along to the meetings and include your name on the roster. We will be selling sausages and drinks from 8am until at least 4pm.

We are starting up an adult marimba group this year! Please leave your name with Sharon at the shop if you are interested. Please suggest a couple of preferred afternoons/evenings to meet and we will try to be accommodating with a suitable evening.

Elaine Brennan
Principal

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BRAIN BREAK
Reminder to pack students a quick, non-messy fruit snack to have at 10am - “Brain Break” time. As we eat at our desks, it is not to be messy or need a spoon. Fruit snacks are placed on the desks first thing in the morning ready for 10am!

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Uniforms
Polo Shirts $22, Shorts $11, Baseball Jackets $27, Tracksuit Pants $16, Bucket Hats $5, Surf Hats $7

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P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday February 20th at 3.15 pm. This will also be the AGM.

All welcome
Mobile Library
The mobile library visits the school on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month between 2.10-3.15pm

2017 School Term Dates

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