



School Newsletter

Term 2—15th May 2026




Dear Parents and Members of our Wider School Community,

As we move further into what has already been a fantastic term at Hambleton State School, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our families and wider community for your ongoing support and involvement in school life.

It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout at last week's P&C meeting. The evening was filled with positive conversations, creative ideas, and a shared commitment to continuing to make Hambleton State School the very best it can be for our students. Our P&C plays an invaluable role in supporting the school through fundraising, community engagement, and advocacy, and we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing dedication and contributions. Together, we continue to build a vibrant and supportive school community where every child can thrive.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Mr Brad Hurrell, who has joined our leadership team as the new Deputy Principal for Prep to Year 2. Brad joins us from Innisfail East State School, where he most recently served as Principal. He brings with him a wealth of educational leadership experience, a passion for early years education, and a strong commitment to student success and wellbeing. We are excited to have Brad as part of the Hambleton team and know he will make a wonderful contribution to our school community.

The coming weeks promise to be busy and exciting for our students and staff alike. On the 21st of May, we are looking forward to celebrating Under 8's Day, a special occasion that recognises the importance of play-based learning and celebrates the wonder of childhood. On the same day, many of our talented students will also be proudly representing our school at Fanfare, showcasing their musical skills and dedication.



Looking ahead, we are excited for our students participating in the Cairns Eisteddfod on the 22nd of June, where they will have the opportunity to perform, build confidence, and celebrate the arts alongside schools from across the region. We will then round out Term 2 with one of the highlights of the school calendar — our Annual Athletics Carnival in Week 10. This event is always a fantastic display of teamwork, sportsmanship, school spirit, and student achievement, and we look forward to seeing our students give their very best both on and off the field.

Thank you once again for your continued support of Hambledon State School. Strong partnerships between school, families, and community are at the heart of student success, and we are proud to work alongside you in supporting every child to learn, grow, and succeed.

Kind regards,
Finn Buckley. Principal
Hambledon State School



Deputy Introduction

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to introduce myself as the new Deputy Principal of Hambledon State School and becoming a part of the Hambledon school community.

I began my teaching career in 2010 as a high school teacher at Peace Lutheran College. Soon after, I accepted a full-time teaching position at Hope Vale State School developed my strong appreciation for Australia's rich culture and history.

I spent more than eight years teaching and coaching in classrooms across a range of Cape York community schools before moving to the Sunshine Coast as a general classroom teacher. My experiences and passion for the Far North eventually brought me back to Regional Office supporting schools and students with complex needs.

During my time in Regional Office, I had the opportunity to relieve principal in a number of small schools. This led to my appointment as Principal of Lockhart State School and more recently as Principal of Innisfail East State School.

Throughout my career, I have learnt some universal truths that continue to guide my values as an educator. The first is, "We are all in this together." I believe learning is a partnership between students, parents, carers, teachers and the wider school community. When we work together, we create the strongest conditions for children to grow and succeed.

The second is, "Students are at the centre of all decisions." Every decision we make as a school should have the learning, wellbeing and future success of our students as its focus.

The third is, "School are a place we belong to." This means working together to create safe, supportive and engaging learning environments where students are known, valued and heard.

I am excited to join Hambledon State School and look forward to meeting students, families and staff as we continue working together to support every child to be the best learner they can be.

Kind regards,
Brad Hurrell



HAMBLEDON STATE SCHOOL

UNDER 8'S Day



A CELEBRATION OF PLAY, LEARNING,
CREATIVITY AND CONNECTION

Play,
Learn,
Grow
Together! 

Join us for a fun-filled morning of engaging activities,
games and experiences for children and families
to enjoy together.



DATE

Thursday
21 May 2026



TIME

9:00am –
11:40am



LOCATION

Hambledon
State School



Families are encouraged to join in the fun
and stay for a *picnic lunch* afterwards! 

PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN:



Wear
comfortable
clothing that
can get wet/
messy and
enclosed shoes
*(Pack school
uniform to change
into after)*




Bring a
water
bottle
and hat




Bring a
picnic
lunch for
afterwards
if staying

We welcome
local kindly
providers and
future Prep
students!

We look forward to celebrating Under 8's Day with
our wonderful school and community families. 



HAMBLEDON
STATE SCHOOL

Growing together,
achieving our best. 

Cross Country



Well done to Phyllence who finished **3rd** at the **District carnival**.

She will now compete at the **Peninsula carnival** in Yungaburra next **Tuesday**.

Best of luck!

REMINDER

If you have not completed your Back To School Boost choice form, please come in to the office to fill one out

Back to School Boost Information

The Back to school boost provides a \$100 credit to assist parents with costs associated with school essentials for each primary school student. A \$100 credit has been added to the account of all students enrolled in Prep to Year 6 this year.

Families choose which cost they will use their \$100 for throughout the year. For example, families may apply their 2026 Back to school boost towards the cost of the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) or, other school related expenses such as excursions, camps, or extra-curricular activities.

Please note that the Back to school boost cannot be used for reimbursement of purchases made at external stores, nor can it be provided as a cash payment.

Please contact the school administration to discuss how you'd like to use your Back to school boost.

Volunteering in 2026

Our volunteers are an incredible and valued part of the Hambledon community. From supporting in classrooms and helping on excursions, to running discos, assisting at school events, and serving in the Tuckshop — our volunteers help make it all happen.

In 2026, we need your support more than ever!

Annual Registration & Induction (Required)

To meet Department of Education requirements, **all volunteers must complete an annual registration and induction process.**

The good news? It's quick, simple, and can be completed entirely online from the comfort of your home.

If you plan to help:

- In the classroom
- On an excursion
- In the Tuckshop
- At school events
- P&C

Or in any other volunteer capacity

You must complete the 2026 registration and induction.

Start your volunteer registration and induction here: [Volunteer Registration and Induction 2026](#)

Working with Children (Blue Card) Information

Please review the following requirements carefully:

Parents:

- Volunteering **onsite at school** – *No Blue Card required*
- Assisting on **excursions** – *A valid Blue Card is required*

Volunteer Blue Cards are **free of charge**

Non-Parent Volunteers

(Step-parents, grandparents, carers, extended family members, and community volunteers)

A **valid Blue Card is mandatory** before volunteering in *any* capacity.

If you have any questions about volunteering or the registration process, or require assistance with a Blue Card application, please contact the school office — we're happy to help.

Thank you for supporting our school community.

We truly couldn't do it without our wonderful volunteers!

After School Pick up

Just a reminder to parents and families that school finishes at 3pm each day. It is therefore an expectation that all students are **picked up no later than 3:20 pm** as we do not provide supervision after this time. We understand that there are times when parents and carers are unable to collect their children at this time but unfortunately the front office staff are not able to supervise the students beyond 3:20pm.

Please assist us by ensuring that you make contact with the office if something unforeseen has happened so we can support you and your children appropriately.

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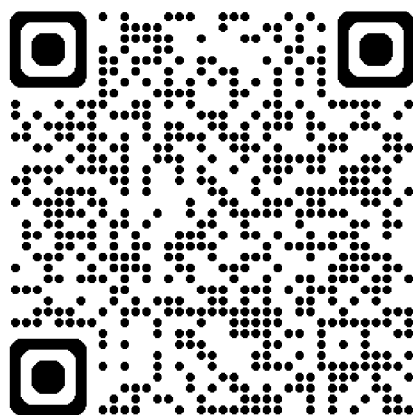
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Free Prep Vision Screening is coming

Have you completed your
consent form yet?



Hambledon State School

Please scan this QR code to complete your child's
consent form by **Thursday, 21 May 2026** to
secure your spot



CLASSROOM

NEWSLETTER



Classroom newsletters have been emailed home this week.

If you have not received it, we may have the incorrect email address.

Please update by sending an email to admin@hambledonss.eq.edu.au

Make sure you tell us who you are and your child's name.



ATTENDANCE CHAINS

BE AT
SCHOOL
90% OF
THE TIME

*ADULTS AT
HOME TO LET
THE SCHOOL
KNOW IF YOU
ARE ABSENT*

*ENCOURAGE
YOUR MATES
TO COME TO
SCHOOL!*

**EACH DAY YOUR CLASS
GETS 90% ATTENDANCE
YOU WILL GET LINK
ADDED TO YOUR CHAIN.**

**YOU WILL GET THREE
GOLDEN LINKS FOR A
FULL HOUSE.**

**GET THAT CHAIN TO THE
FLOOR AND YOUR CLASS
WILL GET A PRIZE!**



Every day counts.



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FAMILY HUB

When schools and families speak the same language around mental health, our young people thrive.

Our **Family Hub** is designed to keep you in the loop, inspire everyday **wellbeing practices at home**, and help strengthen the connection between what your child is learning in the classroom and how you support them in life.

[Click here](#) or scan this QR code to learn more about our Family Hub.



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The BRAVE PROGRAM.

Supporting Young People with Anxiety

The **BRAVE Program** is a **FREE online self-help program** that contains resources and information for both children and their parents. It is specifically designed to help young people with anxiety overcome their worries and improve their quality of life.

The program supports young people and families to develop practical skills and coping strategies so that worries and anxiety do not stop children from doing the things they want or need to do.

What Does the Program Offer?

Interactive online sessions for children and teenagers

Helpful information and support for parents

Strategies to manage worries and anxious feelings

Practical coping skills to build confidence and resilience

Flexible access that can be completed online at home

Why Families Love BRAVE

The BRAVE Program is easy to access, child-friendly, and designed by experts to support the wellbeing of young people. Families can work through the program at their own pace in the comfort of home.

Access the BRAVE Program

For more information or to register, visit:

<https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/>

What is on at Hambledon State School

Term 2

What	When	Information
Free Prep Vision Screening Consent Form due	21st May	See previous pages for more information
Prep Vision Screening	28th May 29th May	See previous pages for more information

Have your details changed?



Have you recently...

- Moved House?
- Got a New Phone number or email address?
- Changed family circumstances?
- Or need to update emergency contacts?

If this is you, please contact the office so we can keep your records up to date.

Phone : 4040 8666
Email: admin@hambledonss.eq.edu.au

