Dear Hayman Families and Friends,

At Hayman Island State School we:

- WE ARE LEARNING IN PARADISE
- WE ARE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL
- WE FOCUS ON READING, WRITING & ATTENDANCE

Term 3 is Quickly Coming to an End

As our senior students complete their assessment tasks this week at the end of their current 5 week unit, we are all looking forward to our 2 weeks of holidays ahead.

Kirk and Chris are being assessed on retelling a poem as a narrative story and using PowerPoint to present their creation.

Maya and Basti are re-writing the story, Kumiko and the Dragon, and also presenting their work using PowerPoint.

The prep students are also being assessed at the end of their unit of work on their recall of poetry and response to poetry.

We are blown away by the level of work produced by all our students this week and very proud of their achievements.
Mr and Mrs Robbo will be travelling with Noah and Tilly to a family wedding in USA in the holidays with an extended holiday period followed by some professional development upon returning to Australia.

Mr Daniel Farrawell, a teacher from Hamilton Island, will be Acting Principal whilst we are away for the first 2 weeks of next term and Ms Jade Olsen will be the other relieving teacher. We wish all our children and their families a wonderful and safe holiday.

**Book Week**

Every week is book week at Hayman Island State School! We are READING to LEARN ... NOT JUST LEARNING TO READ 😊 We have a daily focus on reading in class and for homework. We celebrated book week with a visit by our senior students to Cannonvale State Library where we were entertained by the narrator Stig, who brings Andy Griffiths' stories to life. Following the presentation the library kindly hosted us for morning tea and some other activities.

We celebrated Book Week as a school by dressing as characters from much loved books.
**Happy and Successful Students**

The recent NAPLAN results for our students reflects our ongoing strive for success. Our students not only demonstrated personal gains in all areas of the assessment, many of the results far exceeded the levels expected of the same aged students country wide. We have students demonstrating knowledge and understanding in areas of both literacy and numeracy up to … and beyond … 1 and 2 year levels above their virtual classmates Australia wide!!

These results do not only reflect the ability and commitment of our students but also the high expectations of students at Hayman Island State School. As teachers, Mrs Robbo and myself give no apologies for ensuring the bar is raised high for our students. The school’s achievements have not gone unnoticed with a commendation coming to the school from Regional Office.
Every Day Counts
I cannot express more the importance of **every day** attendance at school for our children.....unless, of course, if they are sick. Studies and data conclusively show that kids whom have greater attendance at school are more likely to achieve higher results. Education Queensland has published data obtained over 12 years specifically demonstrating this fact. Our island home is, however, a unique environment where from time to time students will legitimately miss some school when needing to travel off island.

Successful Kids
I recently read an article from Bill Gates who spoke of key factors that parents of successful kids have in common. Some commonalities may be out of our personal control, but for me it was a good read for reflection. The full article can be 'googled' but what follows are some commonalities:
• Parents teach their kids social skills
• Parents have high expectations
• Parents teach their children maths earlier
• Parents read to and with their children
• Parents develop strong relationships with their children
• Parents are less stressed
• Parents value effort over avoiding failure

Keys to Success
At Hayman Island State School we strive to help our students unlock their success by promoting the following KEYS FOR SUCCESS in all that we do at school.

• GETTING ALONG
• PERSISTENCE
• RESILIENCE
• CONFIDENCE
• ORGANISATION

Buggy Wash
A huge thankyou to the generosity of the community in assisting the P&C in raising over $600 at our buggy wash. Thanks to Scott Ryan for co-ordinating this event. With hoses, sponges, suds and kids all over the place, I must admit that I was a bit worried when Mr Guenter rocked up with the Range Rover 😊

Creativity in the Classroom
The students have numerous opportunities to express their inner artist with some very talented young men and women in our midst.
Sport and Rec – On the Move®
In this very unique environment and location our students have opportunities not normally available to kids at other schools. They also have to learn and work as a team of multi-age children making compensations and learning and growing together similar to a family with 10 children. It is a delight to be a part of their growth and development.
Visitors/Goodbyes/Togetherness

One thing about life on the island …. It is full of “Hellos”, “Goodbyes” and celebrations. We farewelled Alice from Kids Only, celebrated an old man’s birthday and welcomed back an ex-student Isabella Grun who now lives in China.

We farewelled Izzy as she set out on a very noble journey to help a small community in Nepal and thank her for visiting the school to share her stories from her previous volunteering in Nepal. We sadly farewelled Roche, Audrey, Arcel and Rommel as they left the island after Arcel and Rommel had humbly served the resort for 10 years!!!
**Goodbye Wallabies**

The Proserpine Rock Wallaby loves it so much on Hayman Island that they, over time, increased in number to the point of nearly taking over the island. I actually believe that there might be one or two who, in disguise, work in landscaping...Bushy, Danny (AKA Awesome) ... maybe Steve???

They have been in plague proportions and over the past year a program has been in place to trap and release many of these amazing little creatures to areas on the mainland. We have been very fortunate to be witness to this exercise which includes weighing, tagging and, for some, fitting a tracking device. Thanks to Parks and Wildlife and Landscaping team for giving us this hands-on learning experience.

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**Reef Walk**

How lucky are we to have such a wonderful learning environment in which we work and play. Off with the school shoes and on with the reef shoes to learn about the reef!!!
First Aid Training

This week saw the third class of resort staff training in First Aid and CPR. This training is essential for much of the adventurous work tasks on the island and working with children and, as a part of our community connection and support, training is hosted at the school, after-hours, when there is a requirement. Stu Casey, from Royal Life Saving Queensland, with the support of One and Only HI HR, is able to offer user-pays training in this way on the island at mainland cost. Being an after-hours timeslot, for most, this means that a day off the island to receive this training is not required. Most importantly, this is a prime example of ongoing, lifelong learning and it is a pleasure to facilitate that at our school.
A craze hit Hayman Island State School with paper planes the order of just about every day this term. The interest came from reading the wonderful Australian novel, *Paper Planes*, as a class. And what better place to hold our paper plane competition than the Helicopter hanger??!!!
Preps Learn About Our Unique Community - “It takes a village to raise a child”.
**Computer Coding**

Our new Prime Minister, Malcom Turnbull, said about 3 months ago that Australian kids should be learning about computer coding (programming games/developing apps etc.) in school. In fact, come 2020, over 1,000,000 positions in computer coding will be unable to be filled. With this in mind we enlisted the skills of a computer coding teacher from the mainland. Ms Esther Miller worked with all of our students in the basics of computer coding and fell in love with our students and the school.

**Science and Technology**
Water Measurement, Capacity and Volume
Rookies to Reds Rugby Program
A 5 week program was run at school to develop skills and knowledge in the game of rugby. A big thankyou to Rama for travelling every Wednesday from the mainland and our local rugby legend, Sam, for volunteering his time and skill. Thank you also to Mrs Karen Meares for her initial contact with the Rookies to Reds Program.

Team Work Makes the Dream Work 😊
**Salty Sea Dogs**

It was wonderful to share in the visit by VMR when the **Salty Sea Dogs** handed over $1500 of funds raised for this wonderful service to the community.
Billy The Kid
A young man arrived on Hayman Island in the late 'swinging sixties'... I wonder if you can recognise him in the photo below? Bill is, undoubtedly, the longest resident on Hayman Island and the closest to that would be Jacko in the marina!

There are many a story that we know about Bill and probably 1000 times that amount that remain in Bill’s closet - sealed and locked 😊!
One such story is of his amazing survival and human endurance when his boat, Jane, was sunk along with 2 other Hayman Island boats during Cyclone Ada in 1970. The story below, captured from Ray Blackwood’s book, *The Whitsunday Islands – An Historical Dictionary*, does not fully depict the harrowing experience for Bill, a night when he, and Hayman Island, lost 2 colleagues and friends who drowned following the sinking of *Island Gypsy*.

Above: *Jane* (14.4 metres)

To the Left: *Island Gypsy* (19.5 metres)
Above - The students look at a small piece of the wreck of Jane located by Noah and his dad in Jane Bay – Stonehaven. If only those pieces of wood and copper nails could talk!!!

Ray Buschel, father of Trevor, and the driver of the speed-boat went to Stonehaven and picked up the three survivors, all of whom fortunately recovered from their ordeal (Bill Hutchinson; Ray Buschel; David Steen).

Jane was badly damaged with her superstructure torn off and hull badly holed so it was decided she be abandoned where she lay. She was stripped of her motor and any other useful gear and left to rot. In 1993 a trail of decaying timbers leads up the creek in the north-east corner of Stonehaven to where, about 200 metres inland, her fore-deck lies still recognisable while further on a section of her planking can be found.