August 1, 2014

Dear Hayman Families and Friends,

At Hayman Island State School we:
• Are SAFE, RESPONSIBLE and RESPECTFUL
• Focus on READING, WRITING & ATTENDANCE

Welcome to Term 3 and a special welcome to all our new community members now that the resort has reopened.
This newsletter edition celebrates some of our learning experiences and successes towards the end of last term and into this term and also highlights some initiatives as we move to further raise the bar and offer continued support for all our students “Learning in Paradise”.

Our Class
(L-R) Roche Y5, Jayda Y3, Chris Yr4, Maya Yr2, Mrs and Mr Robbo, Miss Nat, Sebastian Yr1, Kirk Yr4, Rama Yr2, Jack Yr5

Up and Coming Events
• P&C Meeting – Colleagues Diner – Mon August 11 (5.30pm)
• Reef Guardian Leaders Day (Proserpine) - (Yrs 3-5) Thurs August 14
• Wombat Stew Performance (Proserpine) - Wed September 3
Learning in Paradise
Our school is on our island
We are learning by the sea
We learn with friends and family
We’re happy and we’re free

Since 1956 many children from all corners of the globe
Have been “Learning in Paradise”
With Hayman Island as their abode.
By Roche Espanillo

This verse was written by Roche Espanillo (Yr 5) who is studying different forms of poetry. His task was to design a school anthem.

Photo (The new school being built in 1989)

Some important information and messages:

- **Reading and Writing** remains our main focus at school as we celebrate progress for all students in their reading levels. To date students are all on or above target.

- **QSR (Quadrennial School Review)** - As mentioned at our P&C meeting last term and also in the last newsletter, we have entered a period of school review which takes place every 4 years. Over the next 2 months the review committee will gather feedback from recent educational audits, students, parents, staff and community members in order to develop strategies for school improvement throughout the next 4 years.

- **www.haymanislass.eq.edu.au** Our website is being continually updated with important documents and information including our recent Teaching, Learning and Discipline Audit reports which reflects and celebrates our continued improvement to provide an excellent teaching and learning environment.

- **School Opinion Survey** – Thank you to the parents whom have completed the survey and I urge those whom have not to do so in order to gain valuable feedback of the service we provide.

**Prep Transition**
We have commenced a transition program for our 4 year old ‘islanders’ in the community who will be commencing school next year. Audrey and Noah will attend school on 3 mornings a week between 8.30 and 10.00 to give them a kick start to their early years of learning. Phonemic awareness, intro to SSP phonics and reading are our focus. Emily will be joining us soon.
New Programs
We have targeted some great new programs based on their success in other schools and have implemented these in our school to accompany our teaching and learning.

Reading Links - All students participate in a daily activity to enhance word recognition (de-coding) based on accuracy and speed.

SSP - A speech and sound developmental program to assist in becoming fluent readers teaching and learning spelling choices.

Moovit - We have introduced a new program at school to enhance our flexibility, coordination, movement and well-being. Moovit is a program streamed online 3 times a week to start our day.

SAS - This semester our Year 4 students are participating in the Students Achieving Success in Reading and Writing Program. The program is run as an online/interactive program from Charters Towers School of Distance Education

Class Auction
Our class auction, where students bid for items using their 'money' gained through our class rewards system, was a winner again! Everyone went home with their share of the 'loot' following some clever bidding wars!

Looking Good!
Our new uniform is now complete with our new jackets and hats.

Music
Music continues to be an important part of our development of talent at school. We were blessed with Mrs Bourcher’s generous contributions to the school last semester and we said goodbye to her with an end of term performance. Lucinda Peters (musician and singer at ‘Fire’) is now sharing her talents with our students.
Lifesaving
Some lessons learned from the school visit by Surf Lifesaving, Queensland
- Always swim between the red and yellow flags - Chris
- If you are surfing stay between the black and white flags - Basti
- Jelly Fish have 4 eyes!!! - Kirk
- Life savers wear red and yellow caps - Jack
- Life savers use a life belt to help save people - Jayda
- Never go swimming if the RED flag is up - Rama
- Always wear protection from the sun and stingers - Barry
- Red and Yellow are not my colours! - Jayda
Proserpine Show
At the show I got a big show-bag with lots of stuff. We saw a man juggle fire when he was riding a unicycle. We saw horses and chickens and lots of animals. I bought a harmonica and had fun playing it. My favourite thing in the crafts display was a wood carved dolphin. They are my favourite animal.
I liked the wood chopping.
By Maya Abbott Yr2

The show was amazing! We went to see the art work and the chickens. We met a stunt man named Scooter. He did some awesome stuff like juggling and riding a really tall unicycle. The wood chopping was fantastic! Then we all went to buy some cool show bags. On the way back in the van, Rama fell asleep and he lay on my shoulder. - By Roche Yr5
Nara Inlet Excursion - NAIDOC Week
First we got on Sun Aura and took her for a rough trip to Nara Inlet. Once inside the inlet the water became smoother. When we arrived we took the dinghy into the shore and walked up to the aboriginal caves of the Ngaro people. They were very interesting with paintings on the walls and lots of information at the site. We learned a lot about the Ngaro people and the way they lived.
We had lunch on the boat and then set home via Bird Island for a fish. No Luck 😞
Thanks to Michael and Tim for their time and effort.
By Jack Yr5
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Working Together for Our Kids

Ro Robertson (AKA: Mr Robbo)
Principal

The Buggy Bus!!!!

Our 2015 Preps – Audrey and Noah

Our MOOVIT Program!
Michelle Bridges Style 😊

Art on the deck

Our waterways are safe!

‘Hatchet’ is our current class novel.
Next week after school we will be watching the movie that was made from this story of survival.
Old resort photos pre 1980.

Our Year 4 boys doing their online SAS lessons.

Breakfast on the way to the show