Focused Areas of Improvement 2016:

* Reading

* Attendance

Staff

Teaching Principal
Emily Robinson

Teacher Aides
Shelley Johnston
Selina Halls
Lisa Knight

Administration
Kim Burke

Grounds/Cleaner
Sue Guihot

Visiting Teacher
Annette McLean
Luke Todd

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE HEBEL NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL? IF SO, PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO: the.principal@hebelss.eq.edu.au

From the Principal

Flying Arts
A massive thankyou to the team at Flying Arts who organised for the very talented Therese to come and spend the day with us in Hebel last Friday. Therese is an artist, and a teacher, so she knew what she was doing when it came to teaching us about art. In science we are learning about the Solar System and Therese was able to put an artistic spin on what we were learning. Thanks Flying Arts and Therese for a great day.

Instrumental Music
All students who participate in the Instrumental Music program are encouraged to take full advantage of the extras on offer such as Band Camps, Eisteddfod and Winter Music Festival. While these extras need a little more organisation and planning from parents and guardians they provide an excellent opportunity for students to play their instruments and learn their music in a larger group situation not available within their own school. Being able to perform as a member of a ‘big band’ in front of an even much larger audience is a great confidence booster for our students.

Under 8’s Day
Next Thursday, the 2nd of June, the Prep-3 students will be heading off to Thallon to participate in the annual Under 8’s day. Permission letters were sent home this week, if you haven’t already done so please send them back ASAP. The students will be leaving school at 8am and will return just before 3. If you have any questions please contact the school. Members of the community with small children are welcome to attend, however non school aged children must be supervised at all times.

Scripture Patrol
Thanks to Scripture Patrol who came and visited last week. We really love having you come and share your stories with us. We are looking forward to next time already.
Naming Clothing
We haven't even got into winter yet and Miss Robinson has a very large pile of winter clothing that has been left around our school. The reason Miss Robinson has this large pile is because there are no names on these articles. Please, name your child's clothing and if you are missing something please feel free to come to the school and have a look at what has been left behind.

Behaviour Expectations
Please keep up the great job of encouraging students to uphold our school rules and focus on our fortnightly behaviour expectation.

At Hebel State School we are—Respectful, Responsible, Learning and Safe

Our Behaviour Expectation for this fortnight is to:

Be Safe
*Chair legs flat on the floor
*Wear shoes and socks at all times
*walk on concrete
*Wash our hands thoroughly

Focused Areas of Improvement
Improving reading and attendance are our primary focus areas for 2016. To improve reading at Hebel, we are improving our explicit whole-school approach to teaching reading procedures, decoding strategies, comprehension strategies, and vocabulary.

One way you can help improve your child's reading results is by actively engaging in daily home reading which also plays a highly important role in your child’s reading and comprehension development. Ensure that your child is reading to you, listening to you read, and reading for enjoyment, daily. Discuss what has been read with your child. Use prompts such as:

Describe the events in the text.
- What is the main idea of the text?
- What challenges did the main character face?
- How did he/she resolve them?
- What adjectives (describing words) describe
- How the character felt throughout the text?
- What verbs describe the character’s actions throughout the text?
- What did you like/dislike about the text?

Attendance

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2016</th>
<th>Hebel State School Attendance Tracker</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>92.8%</td>
<td>2016 Current Attendance Rate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>95%</td>
<td>Hebel Expectation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>93%</td>
<td>DDSW Expectation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>88.2%</td>
<td>Attendance Rate this time last year</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Flying Arts Visit
Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration... easily distracted... a pleasure to teach... Do these comments, taken from a bunch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pressure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. **Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?**
   Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2. **Do you believe that children learn at different rates?**
   There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. **Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?**
   Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

- **Focus on strengths.** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.
- **Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.
- **Take note of student self-assessment.** Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- **Discuss the report with your son or daughter** talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.
Calendar

**June**
- 2nd: Music
- 2nd: Under 8’s Day Thallon
- 7th: PE
- 9th: Bre Mobile Kindy
- 14th: PE
- 16th: Music
- 23rd: Bre Mobile Kindy
- 24th: Holidays End First Semester

**July**
- 11th: School Resumes 3rd Term
- 28th/29th: Dirranbandi Athletic Carnival

*Birthdays*

**June**
- 1st: Theo

*Footy Tipping Results*

1st: Thomas Dyer 67
2nd: Frank Deshon 64
3rd: Jessica Halls 60
4th: Mr B. 58
5th: Rhett Butler 57
6th: Rainey Day 56
7th: Grinner 55
8th: Selina Halls 54
8th: Lauren Crothers 54
9th: Emily Robinson 53
9th: Mish 53
9th: Wally Bell 53

*Payments due by Friday 23rd June.*
Pathways toward Succession
(Know what is ‘out there’ ahead of time)

FARMERS  GRAZIERS  PASTORALISTS
A lot of information has been offered to the Rural Sector involving business development, improving the bottom line and Succession planning. But how do you actually begin the process from actively running the business, to stepping back, final retirement and is an Age Pension likely?

Please come along to a relaxed and informal setting to discuss this interesting and important subject.

Preliminary notice of sessions: -
Dirranbandi 15th June 2016

John White has a passion for people on the land. His family are farmers in the Mid North of South Australia, and the ‘young ones’ are now running the farm. As a previous Rural Financial Counsellor, John has a strong understanding of the dynamics of landholders and the emotional decision making involved”.

For information please contact
John: - 0447 787 436. (johnwhite@ruralgen.com.au)
Trish McKenzie: - 07 4655 4911 (trishmckenzie1@bigpond.com)
Hebel Sports Association Inc.
Hebel. 4486.

President: Frank Deshon
Secretary: Kate Treweeke
Treasurer: Lorraine Crothers

MEMBERSHIP 2016

The Hebel Sports Association is an important organisation for our community. We are asking that you support this group by becoming a member. A membership application is attached below; please consider filling it in and forwarding it to the Treasurer.

- Membership does not mean work – however, we do welcome ideas and suggestions.
- The number of members in our group is important when applying for government funding and grant applications.
- The Hebel Sports Association Inc does have a number of items available to the community for a small hire fee. This includes a portable cold room, fold up tables, chairs, sunshade tent, BBQ.
- We now have a refurbished complex complete with meeting room tables and chairs, large screen television and Vast Decoder box. The complex is available for hire for meetings and workshops.

Membership 2016

Name:...........................................................................
Address:......................................................................
Email:...........................................................................
Phone:...........................................................................

Membership: $5.00 per person
..........................................................................
..........................................................................
..........................................................................
..........................................................................
..........................................................................

Amount enclosed:...................... or Direct Deposit  BSB 084-915
Account 773320524

Please return to Treasurer: (advise by email if direct deposit)
Lorraine Crothers
“Booligar”
Dirranbandi 4486.
crothdl@bigpond.com  0746250856
Hello,
You may have already heard - it’s that time again, August 9 is Census night and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is seeking up to 38,000 motivated and community minded people across Australia to join our team and work on the 2016 Census.

If you or someone you know is interested in a Census Field Officer position - apply today!

Census Field Officers:
- are temporary casual jobs, with flexible working hours
- are responsible for making contact with households to ensure everyone can complete the Census
- will earn $21.61 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

If you recently applied for an Area Supervisor position and indicated you wish to be considered for a Field Officer position, you do not need to reapply.

---

Church Services

Catholic
Sunday 5th June
At 10:00am

---

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
PUBLIC ART IN BALONNE

Council is now calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Stage 2 - Construction and installation of a public art piece in the Balonne Community. If you are a local artist, community group or individual that has a public art project in mind or "shovel ready", please submit your proposal to Balonne Shire Council Friday 10 June 2016.

CLOSING DATE: 5pm Friday 10 June 2016

Please contact Mareea Lochel, Community & Business Development Officer on 4620 8888 or mareea.lochel@balonne.qld.gov.au for further information or a copy of the EOI form.

---

2016 Census Field Officer jobs now open in your area – apply today!

Hello,
You may have already heard - it’s that time again, August 9 is Census night and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is seeking up to 38,000 motivated and community minded people across Australia to join our team and work on the 2016 Census.

If you or someone you know is interested in a Census Field Officer position - apply today!

Census Field Officers:
- are temporary casual jobs, with flexible working hours
- are responsible for making contact with households to ensure everyone can complete the Census
- will earn $21.61 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

If you recently applied for an Area Supervisor position and indicated you wish to be considered for a Field Officer position, you do not need to reapply.
Free Workshops open to all in the Community

The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

At times parents feel lost or unsure of what our child might need from us. Our relationship with our child can be supported with the Circle of Security Parenting Program

Learning Objectives of the Training:
• Understand your child’s emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
• Support your child’s ability to successfully manage emotions
• Enhance the development of your child’s self esteem
• Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

WHEN Weekly sessions for 4 weeks starting the 24th May 2016 5.30pm – 7.30pm
WHERE Care Balonne
WHO Presenters Jenny Blokland & Alex Donoghue
HOW To register either phone or email: (07) 46202265 or adonoghueclinical@gmail.com

Sponsored by: Partners in Health – Centacare; Care Balonne and South West Hospital and Health Service