

Hamilton North Public School

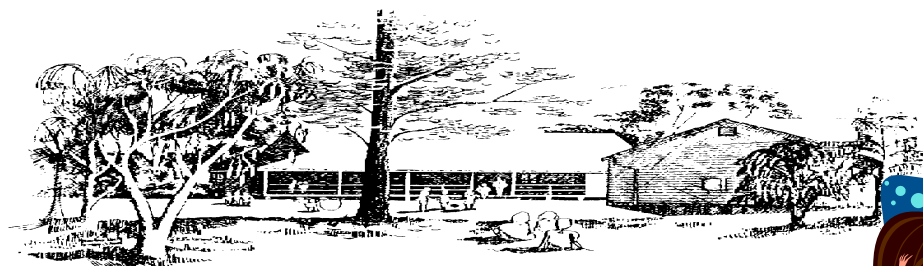
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Chalkboard - Term 4 Week 1 Wednesday 9th October 2013



Welcome back everyone.

From talking to children, parents and teachers yesterday it seems that most of us have had a fantastic holiday! Lucky Mrs Bowen and Mrs Bradley are still on holidays. We hope they enjoy their break and look forward to seeing them when they return.

Term 4 is set to be a busy and exciting term with Hamilton North Idol audition commencing next week, Carols by Candlelight, Swim School and Presentation Day all planned. Don't forget to check your calendar in the Chalkboard so that you don't miss any of these events.

Support a Mathematician

Also this term Mrs Bowen will be continuing our successful Support a Mathematician program which involves parent volunteers assisting some of our wonderful students with maths skills for approximately five minutes three mornings each week.

Mrs Bowen will run a training session for interested volunteers on Friday 25/10/13 at 9:05am. Please let Ms Deakin know if you are interested in becoming a volunteer. Your help is greatly appreciated and valued.

Garden Party

Don't forget to get your tickets for our amazing garden party on Saturday, 19th October starting at 7pm. Tickets are only \$35- / person and include finger food, a glass of champagne on entry, music and lots of fun, fun, fun! Wear your best party frock ladies and get ready everyone to have a great night! Keep your eye out for some of our students promoting the garden party of an afternoon in the parent retreat.

Leader's Disco

Our fabulous leaders have organised a school disco for all students.

The disco will take place on Thursday 17th October at 2:00pm in our school hall, it will finish at 3.00pm. The entry fee is \$2 and there will be some food and drink available for students to buy if they like. The theme for the disco is

DISCO!

Students can bring their disco clothes to change into at recess. Parents may pick their children up as normal in the parent retreat at the end of the disco.

Ms Deakin



Student Medical Conditions

The Department of Education is updating all student medical records.

If your child has suffered any allergies, asthma or medical condition since completing the enrolment form, please notify the office so medical enrolment forms can be completed.

If you are not sure if you have supplied the school with medical or allergy details, please ask at school office.

Friday Assembly

Assembly will be at 2.30.

School Sport

This term all students K-6 participate in school sport each Friday at 10am. This keeps us out of the sun and heat in the middle of the day.

Students are grouped with children from other years and participate in a range of fun activities.

SWIM SCHOOL

Our swim school this year will be running from Monday, 25th November until Friday 6th December (10 days) at Arnolds Swim Centre.

Lessons, pool entry and bus fare will cost approximately \$90 – \$110 per student, (depending on final numbers and confirmation of bus costs).

Swim school is open to the whole school, not only for learn to swim but strengthening and stroke correction for better swimmers. There are only 50 places available, so if you are interested, please complete the expression of interest at the end of the Chalkboard and return to the school office.

Please do not send any money at this time.

Environment

The Great Lemonade Stall Challenge - Class 1/2 has clearly taken the lead raising an amazing \$178, this did not include the sale of ice blocks, only lemonade. We are extremely grateful for your support as a school community and to Mrs Brock, Miss Alexander and the 1/2 super stars!!

We are looking at our options for the best value mulching option for the school.

Edible Trees - Mrs Bradley and Mr Higgins spent the first Wednesday of the holidays planting the remainder of the fruit trees ordered from Daleys Nursery in Kyogle.

The trees in our playground now include a Finger Lime, Riberry, Black Apple, Plum Pine, Small Leaf Tamarind, 2 Ice Cream trees, Peanut Tree (not actually a nut, fine for allergies) along with our already established orchard, Lilly Pilly and Wild Raspberry. A blueberry bush has since been purchased and our strawberries in the school grow tunnel are growing very well.

The children are doing a great job keeping the water up to our new trees in this hot weather.

Corn seedlings from the grow tunnel were transplanted into the garden beds by the children this week. Stink bugs have been a pest in the orchard these last few weeks if anyone has any tips on getting rid of them please let us know.

Milk Cartons - Thank you once again for your continued support.

Recycling Fact – Did you know that one recycling bin full of paper saves one tree.

CLASS REMINDERS

Class K/1

Reward Afternoon - next Wednesday afternoon the children will be rewarded with a short movie afternoon. Light snacks and mix up cordial will be provided as a reward for their excellent behaviour. If children would like to bring a small cushion or pillow along on the day they are allowed, please clearly mark their name on it.

Long Service Leave - Miss McDonnell will be teaching the class 5 days per week in weeks 4 and 5 and I will be back on the Wednesday in week 6. I have long service leave for a family holiday. All teaching and learning will continue as normal.

Class Blog - All student usernames have been reset by Miss Drew, it wasn't the instructions after all! You should have access to the class blog now.

Homework - A homework booklet for the term was sent home with children today. This book needs to be returned to school, every Friday.

Reading Eggs - Remember children can go into Reading Eggspress and go into the Library where they can find books online to read at their age level. They collect eggs and cards, a really fun way for your child to be reading books.

Home Readers and Orange Sight Words

Please ensure that your child is reading most nights and changing their readers regularly.

Apps - if you have an iPad at home some great apps are Spelling Rocket, Futaba. iCAN count money Australia, build a word express.

Pirates - "Ahoy landlubbers!" This term we are learning about pirates. A note will be coming home this week about our k-2 excursion. Later in the term we will be having a special pirate day when children will be asked to come to school, dressed as pirates.

Hats and water bottles - Please make sure that your child has a hat at school everyday and that it is clearly labelled with their name. Children should have 2 water bottles, 1 for inside the classroom and 1 for their school bag.

Canteen Voucher - Last term we had a challenge the child with the most ticks for homework related activities would win a \$5 voucher to spend at the school canteen. Congratulations to Ruby Edwards!!! It was very close! We will run the same competition this term.



You are invited
to Hamilton North
Primary School's infamous



GARDEN PARTY



After the resounding success and enjoyment of the last party, this biennial event is being held again. The party is a time for all parents, grandparents, guardians and teachers to mingle, socialise and just have fun at a kids free night. It is an event not to be missed.

When: 7pm, Saturday, 19 October 2013
Where: The school grounds
Cost: \$35/head includes food, music and drink on arrival (byo other drinks)
Dress: Rock your frock - Smart/Casual

RSVP and money due by Friday, 11 October

RSVP

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Money Enclosed: _____

Child's Name: _____

CANTEEN ROSTER

14th October	15th October	16th October	18th October
Gillian Donn Sarah Bain	Xanthe Roxburgh Terrie Newell	Gina Mills Hayley Stephenson	Gabrielle Ewers Shelley Brandon
21st October	22nd October	23rd October	25th October
Gillian Donn Julie Blackburn	Xanthe Roxburgh Jenny Nicholas	Melissa Keegan Eryn Duck	Melissa Chaplin Rachel Potter Amanda

COMMUNITY NEWS

Young Peoples Theatre are performing the classic tale, Rumpelstiltskin, written by the Brothers Grimm. The performances run until 16th November 2013 and all tickets are \$15. For more information see flyers in school office foyer or website ypt.org.au.

PCYC – Blue Light Disco

Friday, 22nd November.

Further information -email

newcastle@pcycnsw.org.au or phone 49614493



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday	17th October	School Disco 2pm
Saturday	19th October	Garden Party – 7.00pm
Tuesday	29th October (date change)	Pirate Day, Years K/1/2 – Maritime Museum
Wednesday	30th October	Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Day 10.00am – 11.30am.
Mon – Fri (2 weeks)	25th November – 6th December	Swim School
Friday	6th December	Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday	11th December	Presentation Day
Thursday	12th December	Year 6 Farewell Disco
Friday	13th December	Christmas Scripture Service
Tuesday	17th December	Pool Party
Wednesday	18th December	Last day for students for 2013



SWIM SCHOOL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Our Swim School runs for 10 days from Monday, 25th November to Friday, 6th December 2013. All students are invited to take part.

The cost of lessons, bus fare and pool entry will be between \$90 and \$110. If you would like your child to participate, please complete this expression of interest and return to the school office.

I understand the full cost of swim school is to be paid prior to the 25th November and if my child is unable to attend on any day there is no refund available.

There are a limited number of places, so please hand this form in as soon as possible.

Please do not send any money at this stage.

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Signed _____ Date _____
(parent/caregiver)

