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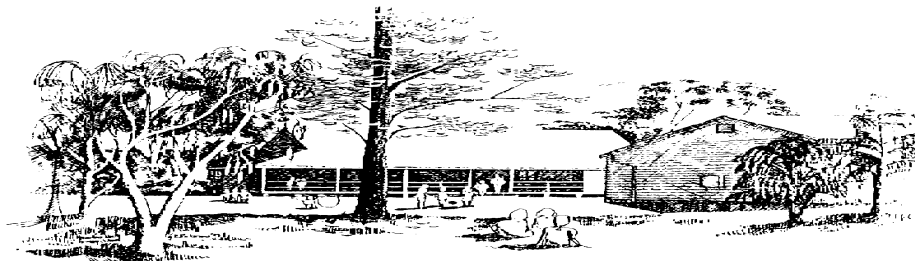
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Chalkboard - Term 4, Week 5, Wednesday 5th November 2014



Friday Assembly

Assembly will commence at 2.00pm this Friday. Our Idol Finals will be on at this assembly.

ICAS Certificates

Students who participated in the 2014 Computers and Science International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) will have their certificates presented at **next week's (14th November, 2014), whole school Friday assembly.**

Swim School

To secure your position in our Swim School, please hand in your permission note and total cost of \$95 to the school office as soon as possible.

Murrook

Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission notes and money for next week's Aboriginal Cultural Days at Murrook. A note with final details will be sent home tomorrow.

Miss Drew

Year 6 Fundraising

Over the next few weeks Year 6 will start to raise money for their leaving gift to the school. Brodie and Grace (5/6) have been helping Year 6 by holding a Jelly Bean guessing competition. The competition will end today and the winner will be announced at Assembly in Week 6.

Next Thursday Year 6 will be selling homemade cakes and other goodies in the parent retreat at recess. Cakes will be priced between 50c and \$2. Make sure you bring some money along to buy a yummy treat!

Miss Drew and 5/6

Important Uniform Update

Last week notes were sent home to every family asking parents to vote either yes or no to ascertain whether the majority of our community is in favour of changing our school uniform.

The deadline for receiving your feedback was supposed to be this week but we have extended this deadline by a further two weeks meaning the last day to return your note is Friday 21 November 2014.

It is very important that everyone understands that by not returning your note, you will automatically be attributed a yes vote. Therefore if you feel that you prefer our current uniform and its associated cost, then you should return your note to our office as soon as possible.

Whilst a sample uniform and cost was provided in the uniform letter last week, this is only a guide. Lots more discussion will be entered into before a new uniform is possibly introduced.

BUDDIES MAGAZINE

Just a reminder that all remaining amounts for your BUDDIES magazines are due this week please.

If you are advertising in the magazine, please also ensure payment is finalized this week and files/ad have been emailed to :
emma.novak1@det.nsw.edu.au

Library News

The end of the year is fast approaching, Please encourage your children to find any outstanding books. Notices will be handed out next week listing books which have not been returned.

Year 6 need to be aware that there will be a note in their record cards for high school, if they have outstanding books.

If any parent (or group of parents) would be interested in organizing Scholastic Bookclub next year, please see Mrs Gardiner in the library on any Tuesday.

Canteen Supervisor 2015

Please note that Gillian Donn will not be able to coordinate our canteen next year as she is returning to work. Therefore we are seeking a parent or grandparent to fulfil the voluntary position of Canteen Supervisor.

Anyone interested in filling this much appreciated role can come to see either me or Gillian Donn.
Kelly Deakin

CLASSROOM REMINDERS

YEAR 6

Year 6- Interrelate

Parents of Year 6 students have received a permission note for their child to participate in the Interrelate program.

The program "*Moving into the Teen Years*" explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive education program designed specifically for this important time in life and prepares them for moving into high school.

The program will run on Monday 24th November and Monday 8th December at school and is designed for all Year 6 students to participate.

It would be appreciated if all permission notes and payments were finalised by Friday 21st November. Please see Miss Drew if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thank you
Miss Drew

SWIM SCHOOL PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child to attend Swim School, which runs for 10 days from Monday 17th November to Friday 28th November, at Arnold's Swim School, The Junction.

I understand the cost is \$95 per child, which covers bus travel and swim instructor each day.

I understand the full cost of swim school is to be paid prior to the 14th November and if my child is unable to attend on any day there is no refund available.

My child has the following medical condition:

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dear Hamilton and Hamilton North Public Schools

Family Support Newcastle is conducting 4 free workshops on Fridays in November. The workshops are held at the Family Centre opposite Waratah High School in the old fire station on the corner of High Street and Turton Road.

This groupwork is designed to give participants experience with a range of tools that may assist them live with complex or stressful situations with more ease and peace and provide an opportunity to negotiate change or become better equipped to manage where little external change in their situation is possible.

To join the group, participants must ring Family Support asap on 4926 3577. (Terri will return calls if people don't reach her when they ring).

Many thanks

Rod McLean

Family Worker

0402 156 373, (02) 4926 3577, Rod@nfss.org.au

Generally available Monday, Wednesday & Friday

www.nfss.org.au

I acknowledge the Traditional custodians of the land on which I work and live and pay my respect to the Elders past and present

Unload Newsletter - Creative Writing, Inspire Play Create

Unload is tickled pink to be welcoming Jess Black as our guest author to Hamilton North (Nov 3) and Hamilton (Nov 11) Public Schools during November.

Jess is the co-author of the highly successful *Bindi Wildlife Adventures* series and the *RSPCA Animal Tales* series. She is currently writing *The Kaboom Kid*, a new junior fiction series for cricket mad kids, with David Warner.

Her first picture book, *Moon Dance* is coming out with Scholastic in 2015. Jess has 22 junior fiction chapter books published. Jess has worked as a writer and director in children's theatre, a writer and editor in children's television; as a book seller and a book buyer. She was Arrow Book Club Editor for Scholastic for four years and is a senior tutor at The Writers Studio.

We can't wait to meet her!

PANDAJINKS

Its portal pandemonium and halloween hijinks at Unload this term. We have magical vessels taking kids to hidden worlds in the depths of their pockets, a soccer field with magic portals into other universes and some delicious new halloween products including brother-sweat chewing gum and anti-mummy spray. It's only week 3

Unload mentor shortlisted for national poetry award

Congratulations to our very own Professor Tofu (Aleeta Cliff) who has been shortlisted in the Teachers category of the Red Room's 2014 National Poetry Object competition. Her beautiful poem was inspired by a treasured photograph of her father and the wonderful poems created by our Unloaders

Fresh Herbs for Sale

Fresh herbs straight from our garden are on sale every Friday at the Market Garden.

Herbs are also available pre ordered any day.

Come and see Mrs Bradley to order.

50c per bunch



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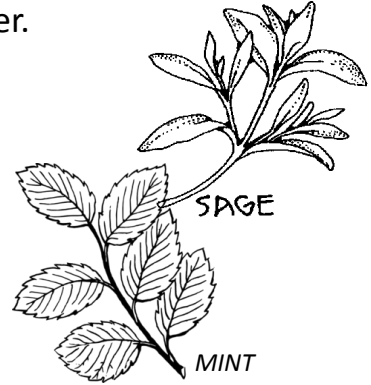
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SAVE THE DATE

Hamilton Anzac Dawn Service

100th ANZAC Day Anniversary Invitation

Gregson Park

Merewether-Hamilton RSL Sub Branch would like to invite students, parents and staff to attend the 100th Anniversary of Anzac Day at the Hamilton Dawn Service at Gregson Park on 25th April, 2015. Anzac Dawn Services have been held in Gregson Park, Hamilton since 1922.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the march from Beaumont St to Gregson Park.. Those wishing to march, will need to form up on the corner of Tudor and Beaumont St at 5.00am. Marshalls will be in attendance to assist.

If you just wish to attend the service please make your way to Gregson Park prior to 5.15am.

The service begins at 5.30am and is completed just on sunrise.

A sausage sizzle along with tea and coffee will be served, for a small cost, at Hamilton PS which is just across the road from Gregson Park at the completion of the service.

If you have any questions please call David Jack on 0447902352.



28 October 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Uniform Consultation

We are entering a period of consultation with regard to our school uniform and would appreciate your input. We have had a very simple uniform for many years and we want to find out if this still meets the needs of the school and the local community.

Staff, parents and some students have voiced their opinion that our current uniform is not as smart as those worn by other local schools. After initial surveys of senior students, some have said that they feel "scruffy" when they attend events at other schools. A similar view is often raised by parents.

Clearly a uniform sends a message about our school to students, their families and to the wider community. We believe that Hamilton North is an excellent school with excellent students and we would like to see a uniform that reflects that. To this end we have shown primary students, staff and our P&C a model of what a different uniform might look like. It would include the following:



PTO

(Skort and skirt not shown)

Clearly there is a cost implication of any decision. To keep costs down and affordable to families Hamilton North are attempting to work with local suppliers and businesses to attract sponsorship. This would assist our plan in offering every student their first uniform at a substandard cost. An indication of potential cost is given below:

Shirt - \$15 / \$17

Shorts - \$15 / \$17

Skirt - \$15 / \$20

Skorts - \$20 dependant on supplier

Socks - \$6

Although the supplying of uniforms must first be put to a tender. These prices are extremely competitive and consistently lower than all of our neighbouring primary and high schools.

In order for the school to make an informed decision we would be grateful if you would return the slip below to the office before Friday November 7. If slips are not returned we will assume you agree with the uniform change. Students are also able to register their own views and all will have the opportunity to do so.

We will inform you of the outcome of the consultation during November and if there is to be a change then we will inform you of the process including how we will support those families who might face financial difficulties.

Thank you for your support in this matter and we look forward to receiving your input.

Yours sincerely,

Josh Sparke
Assistant Principal
HNPS Uniform Committee

I support a Hamilton North Public School uniform upgrade.

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Yes

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No

CANTEEN ROSTER

10th November Gillian Donn Michelle Foster	11th November Michelle Morrison Leona Clements	12th November Racehl Gaunt Nicole Bondini-Topic	14th November Charlie Pfeiffer Rebecca Ley
17th November Gillian Donn Jenny Nichols	18th November Mel Keegan Natarsha Rohlfs	19th November Eryn Duck Nicole Bondini-Topic	21st November Naomi Taper Anna Pavleski

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	7th November	Idol Assembly
Monday	10th November	Murrook Excursion – Years 3-6
Tuesday	11th November	Murrook Excursion – K-2
Thursday	13th November	Yr 6 Cake Stall at recess
Monday	24th November	P & C Meeting HN Bowling Club 6.00pm
Monday	24/11 & 8/12	Interrelate – Year 6
2 weeks	17th-28th November	Swim School
Wednesday	3rd December	Parent Helper Morning Tea 10.30-11.30
Friday	5th December	Scripture Christmas Pageant
Tuesday	9th December	Presentation Night – Waratah High School 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday	10th December	Year 6 Disco 6.00pm
Tuesday	16th December	Pool Party
Wednesday	17th December	Students last day for 2014
	2015	
Tuesday	27th January 2015	School Development Day
Wednesday	28th January 2015	Students return
	28th-30th January 2015	Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Monday	2nd February	Kindergarten commence
Thursday	5th February	Kindergarten 1st day photos
Thursday	26th March	Whole School Photos
Saturday	25th April	Anzac Day Dawn Service – Gregson Park – To march, form up Cnr Tudor & Beaumont St at 5.00am.