

# Hamilton North Public School

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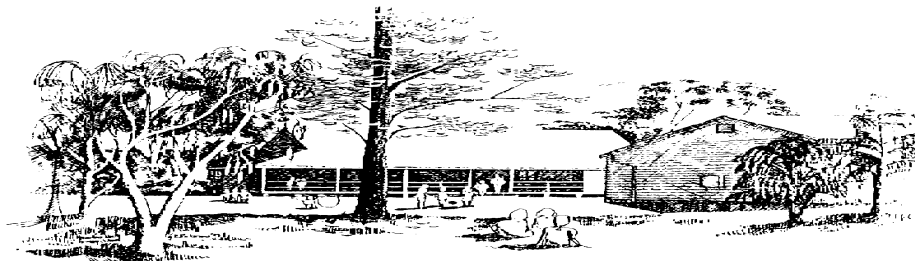
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*Chalkboard - Term 4 Week 6, Wednesday 12th November 2014*



## Friday Assembly

Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday. Class 3/4 will present an item.

## Office Closure

As a result of the end of year school financial rollover, the school office will be closed on Monday, 1st December, until 10.00am.

No money is able to be receipted after 9.00 am on Wednesday, 26th November. Receipting will commence again after the 1st December 2014.

## ICAS Certificates

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

## Swim School

Swim school commences next Monday. Please see swim school information note further along in the Chalkboard. **In order for your child to participate in swim school, the total cost of \$95 must be paid in full by this Friday, 14th November.**

## Year 6 Fundraising

**DON'T FORGET THE YEAR 6 CAKE STALL THIS THURSDAY (tomorrow) 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

Notes have been 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 has been extended and this means 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 BOOK

All the Buddies Book information has been forwarded for printing. The printers have scheduled a 12th December delivery date to the school.

A payment envelope is attached for those who have paid a deposit, however, still owe the balance of the Buddie Book. Please pay the balance by this Friday.

## Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2016 – Government Schools.

Don't forget online application for students entering Year 7 in 2016 and wishing to apply for a selective high school close on the 17th November 2014.

## Library News

Next week will be the last week of borrowing. Please encourage your children to return all borrowed books. Notices listing overdue books will be handed out to classes in library next week.

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

## Class 3/4

There has been a case of head lice reported in our class.

Parents, please check your child's hair regularly and treat appropriately, if any lice are found.

Thank you

## Year 5 and 6 Newcastle Permanent Maths Test

Merit and Distinction certificates will be handed out at this week's assembly.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> November. Please see Miss Drew if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thank you, Miss Drew

## Operation Art 2014

Congratulations to Daisy Potter for being recognised as one of the top 50 artists of all students participating in Operation Art this year. I had the pleasure of seeing Daisy's artwork on display yesterday at the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney.





# Murrook

Thank you to everyone attended our Aboriginal Cultural Days and Murrook. We had a wonderful two days and it was such an amazing experience for the students.

Miss Drew



## **Interest Group – Knitting**

The squares knitted by the Interest Group knitters last term has finally been sewn into a blanket.

The blanket is being gratefully accepted by Hawkins Masonic Village Nursing Home.



# Swim School 2014

at Arnolds Swim Centre, The Junction

Swim school starts this Monday, 17th November and continues every day until Friday 28th November.

We will leave school at 11.45 and return by 1.35pm

Please remember to bring:

swimmers, towel  
goggles and swim cap (optional).

All gear must be in a separate bag, not in school bag. Please remember plastic bags all look the same and children get them mixed up and they also rip easily. A strong bag is recommended.

Names on every piece of clothing including socks will help them to be returned to the right owner. All red shirts and blue shorts look the same so please remember to put names on them.

# 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



CHIVES



ROSEMARY



PARSLEY



OREGANO



MINT



SAGE



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

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I support a Hamilton North Public School uniform upgrade.

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Yes

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No

## CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>17th November</b> Gillian Donn Jenny Nichols	<b>18th November</b> Mel Keegan Natarsha Rohlf	<b>19th November</b> Eryn Duck Nicole Bondini-Topic	<b>21st November</b> Naomi Taper Anna Pavleski
<b>24th November</b> Gillian Donn Xanthe Roxburgh	<b>25th November</b> Michelle Morrison Leona Clements	<b>26th November</b> Rachel Gaunt Eryn Duck	<b>28th November</b> Shelley Brandon Tammy Wolfenden

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
	<b>2015</b>	
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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### HAMILTON COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Our Preschool has some vacancies for 2015. If anyone is interested in a placement for a child in 2015, please contact the pre school office Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.30am–2.30pm.

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