

# Hamilton North Public School

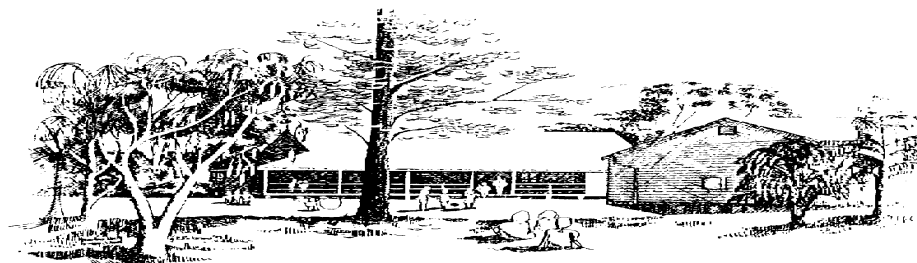
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*Chalkboard - Term 4 Week 10 Wednesday, 10th December 2014*



## Friday Assembly

Assembly will commence at 2.00pm this Friday. Each class will present a Christmas item. Just before the bell we will sing our school song to the students who are moving.

## Out of Uniform Day

**An out of uniform day will be held tomorrow,  
Thursday**

Please come out of uniform and donate a Christmas item that can go into the P & C Hamper raffle.

The donated items can be left in your child's classroom.

All raffle tickets are to be in by this Friday morning as the raffle will be drawn at this Friday's Assembly. Please put raffle tickets and money in the Canteen letterbox.

If anyone is able to help wrap the raffle prizes, please meet in the hall at 9.00am this Friday.

## K-6 Pool Party

Our end of year pool party is on NEXT Tuesday, 16th December 2014 at Mayfield Pool. Please see information and permission note at the end of the Chalkboard. Mayfield Pool Kiosk price list is shown further along in the Chalkboard.

**Money and permission note MUST be in by this Friday.**

**No money or permission note will be accepted after Friday, 12th December as numbers for buses and pool have to be finalised.**

## Water Fun Day

This Friday, 12th December, we will be having our Water Fun Day for sport. All children will be placed in a "water" group and join in some fun water activities in the morning.

Everyone will need to bring their swimmers, C-shirt (or spare t-shirt), towel, thongs/sandals/spare shoes that can get wet, sunscreen and hat.

## Presentation Day

Thank you all for coming along to celebrate our children's success last night at Waratah Campus. I would like to recognise our outstanding hosts; Aydyn, Summer, Jack and Alex, and also the wonderful behaviour of our students.

## Yr 6 Disco (for all students K-6)

Don't forget the disco is on tonight. Entry is \$5- and it will be held in our COLA. The disco will begin at 6:30pm and will finish at 8:30pm.

The canteen will be open to buy sausage sizzles, drinks and snacks.

Parents are welcome to attend the disco - please note that the disco is only for HNPS students although we understand that parents may bring siblings with them.

## School Fees 2015

The Voluntary School Contribution fee will remain the same - \$20 per student.

Book Packs - \$50 per student

After careful consideration it has become evident that an increase of \$5 per book pack is necessary to reflect increasing suppliers costs, increasing online program costs and to ensure the purchase of quality products to better meet the needs of our students, eg, better quality pens and pencils to avoid constant replacement of inadequate resources.

Book packs will be available from 1st day of Term 1. To speed up the process of purchasing your book pack please provide the correct money in an envelope with your child's name clearly marked.

## Canteen Closure

The canteen will be closed next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**NO HAT NO PLAY.**

## Kindergarten 2015

Kindergarten will be starting in Week 2 (Monday 2 February 2015).

Best Start testing will take place in Week 1. Mrs Bradley will send home a note informing parents of their child's Best Start testing date and time. Kinder will finish at 2:30pm for the first four weeks of school (2/2/15 - 27/2/15).

OOSH are hoping to provide care for parents of students who can't pick their child up at 2:30pm. Please see Prue at OOSH for more information.

## Class Structures

Class structures will be announced in Week 1 of Term 1 next year. Students will be placed in classes according to requirements for filling our class structures and by considering the needs of all students. We will place them as best we can with the class options available to us.

## Library News

There are still many overdue books that haven't been handed back to the library.

Please be aware that if the books are not returned, replaced or paid for your child is unable to borrow any further books from the library.

**Overdue notices have been attached to the Chalkboard today, please have books returned by this Friday.**

If you are looking for a way to encourage your children to read over the holidays, see the last page of the Chalkboard with information from City of Newcastle Library.

## School Bags

Are now available in the school office with the school emblem and 15 years warranty from the manufacturer. These are an excellent strong sturdy backpack easy for children to pack and unpack. 20 are available now, we can order more.



RRP \$54.95 + postage our price \$40



Communication bags / library bags available RRP \$24.95 our price \$12

## Staff Parking Area & Laneway- No Parking Area

We have noticed that there are cars being parked across the staff parking area gates in the afternoon when students are being picked up from school.

Please refrain from parking across the gates as teachers cannot get in and out which makes things difficult when they have to leave to get to meetings and events.

Please be vigilant when walking with your children across the back laneway in between cars as we have had a number of close calls with drivers not being able to see the children.

# CLASSROOM REMINDERS

## Class KB

This Friday we will be performing the song "Aussie Jingle Bells" at our Christmas assembly. Children will need to bring a singlet shirt, shorts, thongs and sunglasses if they have them. A "cool" hat would be good too.

## K/1 Class News

Assembly videos - a note was sent home on Tuesday with the google drive username and password for you to access the videos. Please feel free to copy the file but please be careful not to move or delete the files. Please respect that these are not for sharing on facebook or any other social media. Enjoy!

**Class Party** - On Wednesday 17th the children will be playing a few games, opening their presents and having a picnic lunch on the grass outside with both teachers. Please feel free to wrap your children's lunch up in Christmas decorations and send them a treat - eg cherries, fruit cake etc. Please note we are not sharing any food, the food is for your child only. We will be giving each child a water iceblock - please let a teacher know if you don't wish for them to receive one.

**Packing up** - Children were given their art folders last week and will be bringing their school books home today, thank you for sending in a bag for them to be carried in.

The kindergarten communication folders will be kept at school and given to their teacher for next year. We will be hosing down and scrubbing tables and chairs on Monday, if children would like to bring thongs to school with them in their bag on Monday, they can. (They must wear school shoes to school).

## Water Day and Pool Party

Please label absolutely everything including shoes, socks, towel, clothes, goggles etc. It is a good idea to pack a bag for their wet items to go in too.

**Have a safe and happy Christmas.**

## Class 5/6

Please send in a bag (enviro bag size) with your child's name clearly labelled for all their books to be sent home.

# HEALTHY EATING TIPS FROM K/1

By Joseph Donn

Children should pack healthy lunches because it keeps you fit and healthy. If you don't you will get sick and will get very weak.

When children do feel fit and healthy they will learn more so that when you are a grown up you will be a great adult.

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By Joseph Wilcox

Children should have healthy lunches because it gives them more energy and helps them concentrate and makes them happier.

When children eat healthier lunches they will learn more and listen better.

## Building healthy habits from Live Life Well@School



Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:

Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.

Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.

Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.

## Mayfield Pool Kiosk Pricelist

Hot chips	\$4.00
Scallops	\$1.00
Chicken chips	\$5.00
Pies	\$4.00
Sausage rolls	\$3.00
Tomato Sauce	30c
600ml drinks	\$4.00
Cans of drink	\$2.50
Powerade	\$4.50
Pump	\$4.00
Mt Franklin	\$3.00
Juice	TBA
Smiths chips, Burger rings, Twisties, Doritos	\$2.50
Lolly bags	\$1.00
Ice creams	\$1.00-\$3.90

## Canteen 2015

Are you able to volunteer for the canteen in 2015?

If so, could you please complete and return the following to the canteen.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mon

Tues

Wed

Fri (please circle)

1 day a week

1 day a month

1 day a term

Just as an emergency

Is there someone you would like to be paired with \_\_\_\_\_

For more information please phone Eryn on 0400 043 379 or Shelley 0404 038 737

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	10th December	Year 6 Disco 6.30pm
Friday	12th December	Christmas Assembly – Water Fun Day
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 –

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### The Waratahs JRUFC

The Waratahs are a leading Rugby Club in the Newcastle area with a proud history and tradition within the Club. In 2015 we are celebrating our 75th year of Rugby. We are recruiting players for the 2015 Season, both boys and girls (girls up to u/12).

Registrations include shorts, socks, headgear, shirt, insurance.

If you are interested in joining our club, please forward your contact details to:

Cathy Twomey: Phone 0413043557 email: hondo99@bigpond.com

**HAMILTON NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SCHOOL PARTY DAY, MAYFIELD POOL  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

All students K-6 are invited to attend an end of year Pool Party Day at Mayfield pool on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

Travel will be by bus which will leave the school at 9.15am and depart the pool at 2.00pm. The kiosk at the pool will be open and the cost of the day will be \$6.00 which includes bus and pool entry. As this is a school excursion all children are required to catch the bus to the pool in the morning so rolls may be marked, however, if parents notify their child's teacher, they are welcome to pick up their child from the pool at 2:00pm. *If you have a pool pass, which must be shown when entering the Centre, you will only need to pay \$4 for the bus.*

- ♦ All children must wear a T-shirt or C-shirt ALL day. They will not be allowed to swim without them.
- ♦ A hat is required when they are out of the pool.
- ♦ The children need to bring lunch, recess, drinks and money (optional) for the canteen.
- ♦ Sunscreen needs to be brought so it can be reapplied during the day.
- ♦ Suitable play clothes, shoes are to be worn.

*All children will wear a wristband during the day and is to be worn at all times. All Kindergarten and non-swimmers will be swimming in the small pool regardless of ability. They will however be allowed in the big pool if their parent accompanies them. The rest of the students will have one of two bands on their wrist depending on their ability. At the beginning of the day they will need to swim a lap of the pool to competently show they are able to swim in the deeper end.*

*Please complete the permission slip below and return to school office with money by Friday 12th December.*

**No money or permission note will be accepted after this date as numbers for buses and pool have to be finalised.**

Karly Boyle, Organiser

**MAYFIELD POOL PERMISSION NOTE**

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the party day at Mayfield Public Pool on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014. I understand that my child/children will be travelling by bus and the cost of the bus transport and pool entry is \$6.00 (or \$4.00 with a current pool pass).

☐ My child has a current pool pass that they will bring with them on the day

In relation to the proposed water or swimming activities, I advise:

- ☐ My child is a strong swimmer and is able to swim in the deep pool without help.
- ☐ My child's swimming ability is suited to the shallow pool only.

**PLEASE ALSO TICK ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW**

- ☐ Yes, I will be taking my child/children home from the pool at 2.00pm
- ☐ No, I will not be taking my child/children home from the pool. They will catch the bus back to school.

I advise that my child requires the following flotation devise to assist him/her in the water. (Students are responsible for bringing and looking after these)

My child requires medication during the course of the day: (Please circle one) Yes/No  
If a child needs medication, please list medication and explain condition.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian/Carer)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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**To the Teacher Librarian**

## **Are you looking for a way to encourage your students to read over the holidays?**

I am pleased to announce that the **Summer Reading Club** will once again be taking place at Newcastle Region Library throughout the summer holidays.

Last year the **Summer Reading Club** was a huge success with over 35,000 children across Australia registering. With the help of your school, this year's student participation could be even bigger and better!

The **Summer Reading Club** runs from December 8 until January 28. Students can read books from home and the library. All Newcastle Region Library's off incentives (bookmarks, tattoos and wristbands) each time children borrow.

**Those that read 10 books go into the draw for our major prizes.**

Registration is FREE! All students need to do is visit their local library to collect their reading log or go online to [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au).

The **Summer Reading Club** website at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au) also provides a number of great literary activities, including postings book reviews or book trailers and completing a story by Jackie French. All these activities have great prizes.

To keep your students reading during these holidays, I encourage you to promote the **Summer Reading Club** to children and teachers. Information could also be included in your school newsletter.

For further information please contact Julie Swane on 4985 6692 or [jswane@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jswane@ncc.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

**Julie Swane**  
**CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULTS' LIBRARIAN**