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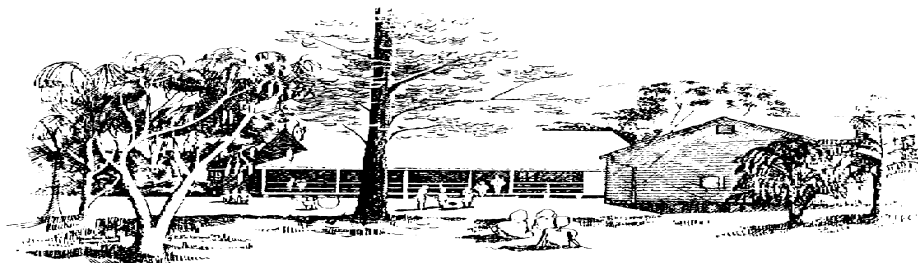
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Chalkboard - Term 1 Week 4 Wednesday 19th February 2014



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our K-6 Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 21st February 2014 at Lambton Swimming Pool.

Please be aware that there is no staff supervision for students at school on Friday. Owing to the large number of students attending the carnival, all staff, for safety reasons, will be on duty at the pool.

Also the buses leave promptly at 9.15am so students MUST be at school by 9.00am.

Students are welcome to wear t-shirts etc in their house colours to the pool, however, they must wear closed in shoes and socks, no thongs. **Students must have hat, t shirt/rash shirt and sunscreen.**

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE POOL WITHOUT SUNSHIRT OR T-SHIRT(except when racing).

If you wish to take your child home from the pool, please see their class teacher and have their name marked off.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Bookclub

Money and orders are due back to the school office by this Friday.

All bonus points received as a result of purchases from Scholastic are used to buy new books for the library, reward books for those who complete the Premiers Reading Challenge and presentation books at the end of the year.

Premiers Reading Challenge permission slips have been sent home to each child today. Please return the permission slip either to the librarian or school office. Reading Record Sheets will be given to those students, whose parents have completed the permission slip, at their library lesson.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Due to the swimming carnival there will be no assembly this Friday.

From Ms Karly Boyle

Hello to all the parents and carers at Hamilton North. My name is Karly Boyle and I am back again this year in a new role as the Learning and Support Teacher.

Last year this role was Mrs. Novaks and you may have seen her around the school working with students in small groups and with individuals providing support and extending others. I am very excited with the opportunity and I am also very keen to work with all the wonderful students.

I look forward to seeing you all around the school over the year.

MOSQUITOES

As there are a number of mosquitoes around the school, it would be appreciated if you could put insect repellent on your child before they come to school.

They are allowed to have a ROLL ON repellent in their bag for further use throughout the day.

GUITAR

The Friday group this week will have guitar tomorrow, Thursday, as a result of the swimming carnival this Friday.

UPDATED PHOTOGRAPHS USED FOR SCHOOL PROMOTION

A number of parents have not returned the note regarding the use of your child's photograph on HNPS website, Facebook Page or Newsletter. Please return this slip to the school office as soon as possible.

ENVIRONMENT CLUB

Congratulations to our new 2014 Environment club. The children have been selected by their teachers and have shown an interest in looking after our environment. Worm Herders, Recycling Monitors and Power Rangers from K-6 meet every Wednesday 1st half of lunch to discuss and plan environmental initiatives and issues within the school. This week we will be selecting a President and Vice President of the Club for 2014. Applications closed on Monday.

WORKING BEE

WOW!! WOW!! WOW!! What a team of dedicated hard working volunteers we have at our school, including students, friends, relatives and staff. A massive THANKYOU on behalf of our whole school community to those of you who made it on Friday afternoon. We accomplished more than we could have ever imagined:

- ◆ A Strawberry Mountain
- ◆ Clearing back corner—reviving our Raspberry Bush
- ◆ New garden beds for pomegranates and a donated Fig
- ◆ Vegetable Garden beds turned, filled, nourished with worm castings and planted.
- ◆ Worm Baths—emptied and re established ready to keep producing and taking our food scraps.
- ◆ Mulching—much needed mulching of branches and sticks
- ◆ Orchard—citrus trees—weeding and mulching base.
- ◆ Market Garden Room—cleared, cleaned, sorted and ready to SELL!! Grab a bargain next Friday.
- ◆ Clearing garden near carpark—no branches and a mountain of green waste to give life back to our dragon fruit.
- ◆ Herb Gardens—turned, filled and weeded.

It was money that we have raised through Market Garden and Lemonade Stalls, along with your hard work that made all of this possible. All covered by Market Garden money. Thank you for your ongoing support!

A big thank you to Jesmond Fruit Barn for kindly donating fresh apples, bananas and oranges for our volunteers.

CLASSROOM REMINDERS

CLASS KB

Great work to everyone who has covered their homework sound book. This keeps it clean. Please remember to keep all books in correct bags:

Library books in white library bag
Take Home Reading book in green bag
Homework books in homework folder.

The children get very confused when everything is put in the same bag.

Next week children will start bringing home a blend book for them to read. Some children will find this book easy, some will find it very hard. It will get easier as they practice.

To help with their reading, would parents, grandparents or friends please stay in the morning, Tuesday to Friday to listen to the children read these books, they do benefit a lot from this.

LIBRARY DAY IS TUESDAY.

Thank you.

CLASS K/1

Maths Championships—All students should have received their Maths Championships sheet last week, it was yellow with Maths facts on both sides. It is really important for the children to learn these facts as part of their homework, we will be learning them at school as well.

Mathletics—Tasks have been set on the children's Mathletics—they have 10 tasks to complete, remember they need 1000 points in one week to gain a certificate.

Reading Eggs—All children have had the test set for their Reading eggs, therefore they should have to sit a placement test when they next logon. Please ensure that they do this test independently without any assistance.

Homework—Year 1 homework started this week. Please make sure that your child is doing their homework 15 minutes each night Monday through to Thursday is all that it should take. If you have any questions about the homework please ask.

Home Readers—Please make sure that you are filling in the nightly Reading Log for the children reading, even if it is not a Home Reader, just an interest reader. Home Readers are important to build and broaden vocabulary.

REMEMBER READING EVERY NIGHT FOR JUST
10 MINUTES WITH YOUR CHILD IS THE
GREATEST GIFT.

KB, K/1, 1/2, 23

BLOG

There is now a Paddock to Plate blog ready for you to post on. This week the question is,

Do you have a favourite food and do you know
where it comes from?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	21st February	Scholastic Book Club due
Friday	21st February	Swimming Carnival – Lambton Pool
Wednesday	26th March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday	7th March	Paul Harrogan Cup – Lambton
Monday	17th March	P & C Meeting
Wednesday	26th March	Zone Cross Country
Thursday	27th March	Whole School Photos
Wednesday	2nd April	Farm Excursion KB, K/1, 1/2, 2/3
Friday	4th April	Maths Championships

CANTEEN NEWS

Can you help out one Wednesday per month from 9 - 12? We have one spot left on the roster to fill. All volunteers should receive their roster for the whole year today. Please let me know if any rostered dates are not suitable. You will also receive a Child Protection form to complete. Please read and sign this as soon as possible and hand it in to the office.

Dim Sims - by request, we will be trialling Dim Sims for lunch orders on Mondays starting next week. They will be selling for 40c each. Thank you to James (year 5) for this suggestion and to his mum, Jackie, for the donation of a rice cooker.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
24-Feb Gillian Donn Xanthe Roxburgh	25-Feb Michelle Morrison Terrie Newell	26-Feb Rachel Gaunt	28-Feb Naomi Taper Anna Pavleski
03-Mar Tammy Wolfenden Emma McElligott	04-Mar Michelle Morrison Xanthe Roxburgh	05-Mar Marilyn Donn Robyn White	07-Mar Glenda Moyle Shelley Brandon