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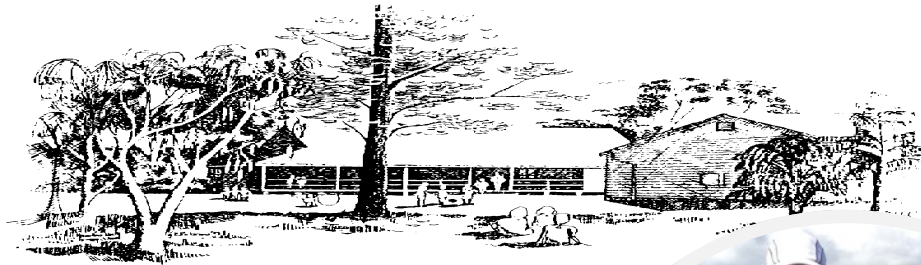
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Chalkboard - Term 1 Week 5 Wednesday 26th February 2014



NO PARKING

This Friday, 28th March, the Newcastle Show will be operational. This means that our school will have limited parking for staff and volunteer helpers only.

Traffic controllers will be in place from 5.30am to 6.00pm and will assist parents and carers with a drop and go system. You will be directed in your car to spaces out the front of the school, where you will be required to drop off your children and continue driving to free up space for the next car. This will be similar for the afternoon also.

In saying that, it would be advisable, if possible, to car pool or walk to school if close enough to free up the congestion. It wasn't a major problem last year because of your flexibility and understanding.



Jason Ryles Visit

Thanks to Dave Stephenson and Mr Sparke for organising the fantastic coaching session of our rugby league squad led by NRL great, Jason Ryles. We really appreciate him volunteering to come and help out our team as part of their preparation for the Paul Harragon Cup.



Debating Workshop

Eight students from Yrs 5 and 6 were handed a note today to attend a Premier's Debating Workshop at Edgeworth PS on Thursday, 6 March. Enjoy the day; Alex, Maya, Bessie, Summer, Sophie, Abbie, Renae and Grace.

School Cross Country

Our whole school cross country will take place on Tuesday 4 March at Smith Park (across from the school) from 12:45 - 1:35pm. It would be advisable to pack a large drink of cold water for your child/children.

Photo Permission Notes

Thank you to those who have sent in your child's permission note for the newsletter, website and FaceBook.

These notes need to be in by this Friday, 28 February 2014 as we need to compile a list for teachers.

If these notes are not returned we will assume that it is okay for photos that may include your child to be used in these forms of school communication.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK INFORMATION NIGHT

Some parents have had some questions about our new FaceBook page so Mr Sparke and I have made a date for a parent information session - Monday 24 March, 5 - 5:30pm in 3/4 classroom.

The session will include information about our page and the purpose of our page and provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions in relation to the page. Please complete the return advice if you will be coming along and hand in to the office.

Whole School Photos

Our whole school photos will be on Wednesday, 27th March 2014. Photo envelopes will be handed out to the

students the week before photo day. Family photo envelopes will be available from the school office. The package prices range from \$20.00 to \$43.00. The photographers are from Newcastle School Portraits.

NEW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

New laws for volunteers working with children are being phased in. From now, parents who are transporting students via private transport to school events need to complete an online application form as well as complete our usual Authority to Transport form. These are available from the office and information sheet.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday. Year 4/5 will be presenting an item.

Hamilton Azurri

We need 4 players for U/9s to avoid having to play up a grade this year. If your child is interested in playing please see Ms Deakin ASAP. Thanks.

TECHNOLOGY @ HNPS

Throughout the year every student will send an assignment, piece of work, collage or video to their parents' email via the school's iPads. To receive an Email from your child/children please fill in the expression of interest form below and return to the school office.

FACEBOOK PAGE INFORMATION NIGHT

I will be attending the FaceBook information session - 24-3-14 @ 5pm

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Phone No. _____

TECHNOLOGY @ HNPS

I _____ Parent/Carer of _____

in class _____ would love to receive an email from my child/children as they develop skills for tomorrow.

My email is _____

Signed _____ Date _____

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)*.

ICAS is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12; assessments are available in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing

If you are interested in enrolling your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form attached and return it, with your entry fees, to school by **Friday the 14th of March, 2014**. Entries will not be accepted after this date.

Miss Cowan

CLASSROOM REMINDERS CLASS KB

We have a few tricky sounds coming next week. Please be careful about what pictures you paste in for o, a and g. Oven does NOT start with the SOUND "o", Australia does not start with the sound "a" and giraffe does not start with the sound "g". It confuses the children when you tell them, as they can't hear it.

Please empty the blue homework folders regularly. Having lots of "stuff" in them makes it hard for the children to sort through to find their homework.

If anyone has some large margarine containers at home, could you please send them in for our craft activities.

CLASS K/1

Parent Helpers have started this week. Thank you to those who have signed up, the children love having visitors in the room and we are very grateful.

Home Reading - please remember Home Reading has started and all children should be bringing 2 or 3 books home when they change them. They can change these on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Homework - a great start almost every person handed in their homework, this was reflected in the amazing weekly spelling test too. Homework needs to be handed in on Friday morning please.

Old Telephones - wall or table home phones (not mobiles) we need 6 please.

Stage 1

Excursion information will be sent home early next week, please make sure that all notes and money are returned by the due date, there will not be any extensions.

Paddock to Plate Blog - KB, K/1, 1/2, and 2/3

Mr Sparke will be resetting the children's passwords this week so hopefully all children should be able to get onto the blog very soon. Happy blogging! If you would like instructions on how to get onto the blog please ask Mrs Ramsay.



FAMILY DISCO

As member of the Hamilton North School Community we are looking to have a Family Disco on Thursday, 10th April at Hamilton North Bowling Club. We would like to commence at 6.00pm and finish at 8.00 pm. The cost will be \$5 per child or a family ticket of \$10.

The theme will be "Super Stars". The club's restaurant has \$12 specials on that night and reasonably priced children's meals.

We don't aim to make a profit but to have some fun for all the family. Supervision of children will be the responsibility of their parent.

If you will be coming, please return the slip below and return to the office by Friday, 21st March. Money is paid on the night.

Thank you,
Lee Wilton and Terrie Newell.

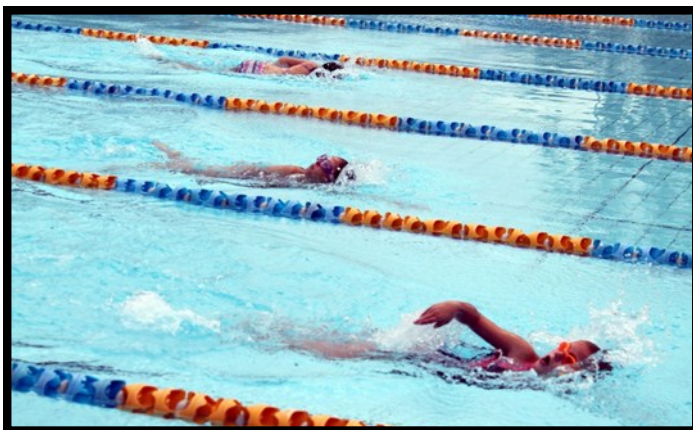
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I _____ (parent/carer) will be attending the family disco with _____ number of children.

Signed _____

Swimming Carnival

What an awesome event!! Thanks so much to all of our parents and grandparents who volunteered and/or came along to support our wonderful children. All students participated enthusiastically and did their best to support their team. Well done everyone.



Congratulations to our zone qualifiers: Christian, Linden, Tommy C, Finn, James W, Owen, Bailey M, Joseph M, Kobi L, Lylah, Tylah, Mabel, Ava S, Bella D, Maya, Chloe F, Sophie G and Alex C. Good luck for Wednesday!

GARDEN PARTY

It's happening. Our garden party will take place on Saturday evening, 3rd May at school. This is a great opportunity to meet parents at our amazing school. It is an over 18s event.

Keep your eye out for your invitation.

Afterschool Creative Writing Workshops Term 2 - Expression of Interest



'Unload' is a team of professional writers who provide fun, creative writing workshops for children in Yrs 3 - 6.

We are looking at getting Suzie and Aleeta to run these weekly workshops in Term 2 each Monday afternoon from 3:15 to 4:15 at school. Workshops can have a maximum of 15 participants to ensure that students are receiving a high level of support. This is a great opportunity for people who love to be creative.

The purpose of the workshops is to encourage kids' natural creativity through writing games and activities which harness their abundant imagination in a fun, relaxed and non-competitive environment.

Term fees are \$130- but no money needs to be paid yet as we are first checking that there are enough people interested. Currently Unload do these workshops very successfully at The Junction PS and also Merewether Hts PS. You can check out more information and view student work samples at: <http://www.unload.org.au/>

Unload Creative Writing - Expression of Interest (return to the office)

My child _____ would like to participate in these workshops in Term 2, each Monday @ 3:15 - 4:15pm. I understand that I will need to pay one payment of \$130- at the beginning of the term.

Parent Signature _____ Best contact number _____

Punctuation Power

Congratulations Christian Spelliers 2/3 for winning the draw for Week 3's speech marks problem. He has been given a \$5- voucher to spend at our canteen.

The problem in Week 3 proved quite tricky for many of our participants so I am going to concentrate on the same area of punctuation this week – speech marks. Remember, speech marks should surround the spoken part of a sentence and all other punctuation should be *inside* of the speech marks. *They are like book ends.* Any text that needs speech marks must also have some type of finishing punctuation mark *before* the last speech marks are added, eg, a full stop, a comma, a question mark or an exclamation mark.

Week 3 solution:

- a. "I am going to the shop," said Matthew.
- b. I am going to the shop, "said Matthew."
- c. "I am going to the shop, said Matthew."
- d. "I am going to the shop", said Matthew.

This week's problem:

Please select only one

Name: _____ Class: _____

Which sentence has correctly used the speech marks?

- a. "He hasn't come home", said Sally.
- b. "He hasn't come home, said Sally."
- c. "He hasn't come home" said Sally.
- d. "He hasn't come home," said Sally.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	4th March	School Cross Country – Smith Park
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
Saturday	3rd May	Garden Party

CANTEEN ROSTER

03-Mar Tammy Wolfenden Emma McElligott	04-Mar Michelle Morrison Xanthe Roxburgh	05-Mar Marilyn Donn Robyn White	07-Mar Glenda Moyle Shelley Brandon
10-Mar Gillian Donn Xanthe Roxburgh	11-Mar Michelle Morrison Terrie Newell	12-Mar Rachel Gaunt Nicole Bondini-Topic	14-Mar Jessica Peattie Kim Sweetnam

