

Hamilton North Public School

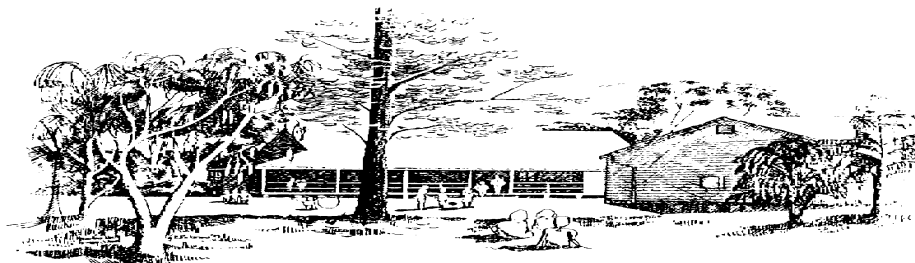
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Chalkboard - Term 1 Week 6 Wednesday 5th March 2014



Mosquitoes

After all the rain lately, mosquitoes are quite prevalent at school.

Please put Aerogard etc on your child, if they are susceptible to mosquito bites, before they come to school and also **ROLL ON**

AEROGARD may be brought to school by the children for their own personal use.



Road Safety - Griffiths Road

We have had some concerned citizens report that some students are crossing busy Griffiths Road of a morning and afternoon in amongst general traffic, ie, not using the crossing at the traffic lights near the showground.

I have spoken to all students about this during our COLA assemblies and would appreciate parents and carers reinforcing the importance of this with your children.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday. Year 2/3 will be presenting an item.

Paul Harragon Cup - Change of Venue

Please note that the venue for Paul Harragon Cup this Friday has changed to Windale. Mr Sparke has also received a new draw. Best of luck to our team. We'll all be cheering for you.

Callaghan Waratah Leaders' Network Meeting

Well done *Aydyn Mitchell* and *Summer Fomm-Kelso*, our School Captain and Vice Captain who have represented us today at the Callaghan Waratah Leaders' Network meeting. Aydyn and Summer are meeting leaders from other schools and exchanging ideas about effective leadership.

Waratah Technology Campus Transition Day

Eight of our Yr 6 students will be attending a Waratah High Transition day this Friday. This is a great opportunity for these students to become familiar with the fantastic facilities at their local high school. Enjoy the day everyone!

Sports Captains and Library Monitors - Badge Presentation

Families and friends are welcome to attend our assembly this Friday to watch some of our lovely students be presented with their badges.

These students are; *James Walton, Maddison Armstrong, Riley West, Jake Sweetnam, Bessie Stokes, Jake Hainsworth, Owen Squires, Joseph Moir, Kobi Lyle, Maya Broe, Sophie Grealish, Kane Bailey, Leo Fleming, Renae Pace, Brodie Thompson and Richard Phillips.*

As some students will be at the Paul Harragon Cup, I will present their badges at next week's assembly.

FOEI 2014

The Family Occupation and Education Index is the new, introduced system used by the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) to determine annual funding for public schools.

It is based on parent and carer occupation information that is gathered at the end of Term 1 each year. To ensure that our school's level of funding (FOEI) reflects our community, it is very important that parental information in regard to employment and level of education are complet-

ed on your child's school enrolment form.

The DEC have provided schools with a Missing Parental Data Report so that we can give parents who have not previously completed this information an opportunity to do so now. If this is the case, you will receive a photocopied section of your child's school enrolment form within the next week.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the form as well as sign and date the form. It can then be returned to the office.

This information is confidential and is not used for any purpose other than to assist in determining the amount of funding that Hamilton North will receive. Thank you for your support.

Cross Country

Well done to all students participating in Cross Country yesterday. We had some excellent competition this year with some very close finishes for places, particularly Chloe Flavel and Kate Hassett who level-pegged the whole way. What an amazing effort! Congratulations to the following students who will advance to Zone Cross Country at Stevenson Park, Mayfield on Wednesday, 26th March.

Notes will be coming home to these people shortly.

	1st	2nd	3rd
12/13 Boys	Kaiyu Maynard	Bailey Mills	Jack Smith
12/13 Girls	Chloe Flavel	Kate Hassett	Maya Broe
11 Boys	Kane Bailey	Jake Hainsworth	Leo Fleming
11 Girls	Abbey Phipps	Natalia Collinson	Alex Cochrane
10 Boys	Jack Potter	Finn Flanagan	Tommy Chaplin
10 Girls	Ava Stephenson	Shelby Nolan	Hayley Blackburn
8/9 Boys	Ethan Pichardo	Mitchell Sweetnam	Linden Nash
8/9 Girls	Lylah Stephenson	Mabel Moras-Young	Sara Baines

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

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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

HEADLICE

Headlice have been reported to the school in Years 3/4 and 4/5. Please be vigilant with this recurring pest and take all appropriate steps if you do find any in your child's hair.

Garden Party 2014

The official invitation has been included in this Chalkboard. This is a great night for all parents, family, teachers and friends to socialise in a more informal setting. The cost per ticket is \$35.00 and includes a glass of champagne on arrival, finger food and a band (music not rubber). The purpose of this event is purely to have some fun, not make money. Although, it is extremely important that you purchase tickets by the RSVP date as we need to ensure that at least 60 people are attending to cover our costs. Last year we had to cancel as we didn't get the required number of people paying on time. Please bring your return advice and money to the office (not the P&C box as has been the case previously). *This is an event for adults (over 18s).

CLASSROOM REMINDERS

CLASS KB

Over the past 2 weeks we have been practising using Mathletics on the computer in the classroom. Next week we will be using Reading Eggs.

Please help the children practise logging on at home and using both programs. They are then able to log on faster and have more time to use the program.

A lot of Sound Books have not yet been covered and are looking a bit "sad". Could you please make sure they are covered this week.

Maths Championships are coming up soon. Everyone received their sheets a few weeks ago. Children should be practicing ready to start contests next week. Finals will be in Week 9.

LIBRARY DAY IS TUESDAY.

Punctuation Power

Congratulations to Madeleine Newton, in 3/4, who chose the correct answer for our speech marks problem last week. She has received her \$5- voucher from our wonderful canteen.

I am pleased to say that 100% of students participating got the correct answer! We are all now officially speech marks champions.

Last week's problem:

Which sentence has correctly used the speech marks?

"He hasn't come home", said Sally.

"He hasn't come home, said Sally."

"He hasn't come home" said Sally.

"He hasn't come home," said Sally.

This week's problem:

Name: _____ Class: _____

How to punctuate lists

- a) At the zoo I saw lions tigers elephants and giraffes.
- b) At the zoo I saw lions, tigers, elephants, giraffes.
- c) At the zoo I saw lions, tigers, elephants and giraffes.
- d) At the zoo I saw lions and tigers and elephants and giraffes.

Please put your entries into the Punctuation Power box on the bench outside of the office either Thursday or Friday morning.



INFORMATION SHEET FOR HAMILTON NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY

Hi—a few things you may not know. The library is open Tuesday and Wednesday only, however, children can return books either days to the white tub next to the computer in the library on other days if necessary.

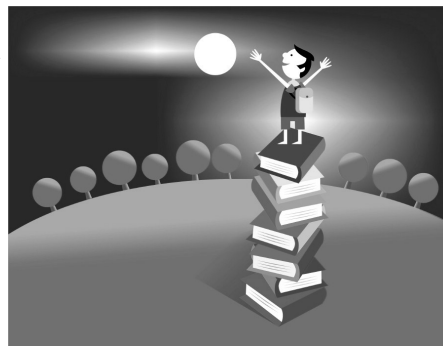
Children are able to borrow in their class library time.

The following information may be helpful to you.

- All classes can borrow two books
- The books are borrowed for a period of 1 week. The computer prints out overdue notices when the book has been out for 14 days.
- It would help if you could find a special place at home where the library books can be kept safely and help your child remember when the book/s have to be returned.
- A library bag is necessary to carry books to and from the library. All children have been given library bags when in kindergarten and also those that didn't have any this year, received one. If the library bag is lost your child can bring a suitable bag from home.
- A special returns box is placed in your child's classroom on their library day for books to be returned in.
- It is the policy at Hamilton North Public School that lost or badly damaged books are to be replaced. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have a problem.

Thank you for your cooperation and I hope that your children will enjoy using the library and enjoy reading our fabulous books.

T. Robinson
Teacher Librarian.



LIBRARY NEWS

We have begun sharing Premier's Reading Challenge books in the library.

This week, KB, K/1 and 1/2 have shared "Hairy Maclary's Rumpus at the Vet" by Lynley Dodd, PRC ID No. **36850** and 2/3 "What Dino Saw" by Victor Kelleher, PRC ID No. **12390**.

Thank you to those parents who have donated cushions and games to the library. We now have sufficient pillows and games, thank you. The children seem to be really enjoying their time in the library at 2nd half lunchtimes. On Wednesday, from next week, we will trial reading a short story to the little ones.



MORE
PHOTOS
FROM
OUR
SWIMMING
CARNIVAL



*Saturday, 3 May
6:30pm at the school
grounds*

Live Music

BYO Fingerfood

*\$35 / person
Dress to party!*

The party is a time for all adults in our school community to mingle, socialise and just have fun at a kids free night.

It is an event not to be missed.

RSVP: 4 April 2014

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Money Enclosed: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	7th March	Paul Harrogan Cup – Lambton
Monday	17th March	P & C Meeting
Wednesday	26th March	Zone Cross Country – Mayfield
Thursday	27th March	Whole School Photos
Wednesday	2nd April	Farm Excursion KB, K/1, 1/2, 2/3
Friday	4th April	Maths Championships
Wednesday	9th April	Easter Hat Parade
Saturday	3rd May	Garden Party

CANTEEN ROSTER

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
17 Mar Sarah Bain Jenny Nichols	18 Mar Michelle Morrison Mel Keegan	19 Mar Eryn Duck Nichole Bondini-topic	21 Mar Charlie Pfeiffer Rebecca Ley

OOSH NEWS

OOSH would like to welcome all our new families and old to another year at OOSH.

We are extremely happy with the increase of numbers this year and are averaging 30 children most days. This is great, however, we do ask that you try and book your child/ren in advance just so we can cover staff to children ratios. We do understand that due to circumstances, things pop up. If you know of certain days you need your child/ren in care, please make sure you book them in, in advance if possible.

Please remember that our OOSH hours are 7am – 9am and 2.30pm – 6.00pm.

During the day if you need us, please leave messages on the OOSH phone, however, please understand that we won't get back to you until 2.30pm.

Our phone number is 0448 739 789..

Thanks OOSH Staff.

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent

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

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

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
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students in each subject in each school year in each state when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official test date
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
 1. ***High Distinction*** to the top 1% of students
 2. ***Distinction*** to the next 10% of students
 3. ***Credit*** to the next 25% of students
 4. ***Merit*** to the next 10% of students
 5. ***Participation*** to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to school by **Friday the 14th of March, 2014**.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely



Dr Sofia Kesidou
Group Executive
Educational Assessment Australia

Kelly Deakin
Relieving Principal
Hamilton North Public School

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Registration Form

Please return this form to your child's school

I give permission for my child _____ of _____
Child's name
Class

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Years	Official Sitting Date	Entry fee, incl. GST	Fee enclosed
Computer Skills	3 – 10	20 May 2014	\$8.00	
Science	2 – 12	4 June 2014	\$8.00	
Writing	3 – 12	16-20 June 2014*	\$17.00	
Spelling	3 – 7	17 June 2014	\$11.00	
English	2 – 12	29 July 2014	\$8.00	
Mathematics	2 – 12	12 August 2014	\$8.00	
			TOTAL	

Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

** Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 16 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.*

Please complete the registration form and return it, with your entry fees, to school by **Friday the 14th of March, 2014**. Entries will not be accepted after this date.

Please find enclosed _____ total entry fee.
Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____