

Hamilton North Public School

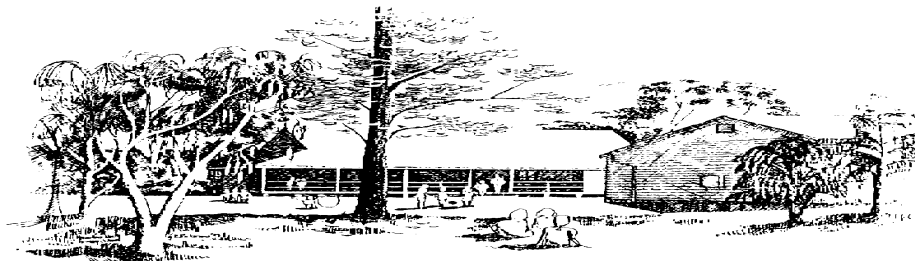
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Chalkboard - Term 1 Week 10 Wednesday 2nd April 2014



MATHS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Maths Championship Stage Finals will be held in the hall during Assembly this week, starting at 2pm.

Congratulations to our finalists from each stage:

Early Stage 1- Milla, Jasmine, Otis and Lewis

Stage 1- Jack C, Sophia, Arlo and Owen

Stage 2- Levi, Finn, Tommy C, Linden and Hayley

Stage 3- Brooke, Sophie, Kane and Jake H



SUPPORT A MATHEMATICIAN

Our terrific Support a Mathematician program will be running again during Term 2. This 5 minute mental computation program that operates 3 times per week has proven very successful in supporting students who need a little extra practise.

As was the case last year, we are seeking volunteers to be involved in working with children for a few mornings per week (or one or two – depending on what suits you) to assist in delivering this important program. The structure of the program involves children revising maths strategies by completing short, sharp activities.

Miss Boyle, our Learning Support Teacher, is coordinating the program this year. Training for interested parents will be on Tuesday the 6th May at 9am in the hall. It will take a maximum of 20 minutes. The actual program will begin in Week 3 (12th May) and finish in Week 9 (last week of term). The days that the program runs will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please keep an eye out in the chalkboard next term for a slip to express your interest and indicate which days you are available.

P & C DONATION REQUEST

Once again Easter is nearly upon us and we are holding our amazing Easter Raffle on Wednesday, 9th April.



To continue our tradition of having many prizes, it would be appreciated if you could donate eggs, chocolates, rabbits, baskets etc. **These items may be left in your child's classroom.** The raffle will be drawn after the Hat Parade.

Raffle tickets are attached to the Chalkboard. Please return tickets and money to the P & C Box beside the canteen by next Wednesday morning to be in the running for fabulous chocolate prizes.

Tickets will be on sale on Hat Parade day and if you would like more books, please ask for them at the school office.

GARDEN PARTY

We had more people pay for the Garden Party tickets last week but we haven't reached our safety net number yet. **If you are going to the Garden Party please purchase your ticket before Thursday 10 April as this is the cut off date.** We will advise if the Garden Party has been cancelled on the last day of Term 1.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Assembly will commence at 2.00pm this Friday. Maths Championships will take place.

ANZAC Day - Dawn Service

Just a reminder that our school community has been invited to attend the Hamilton Dawn Service which begins at 5am with a march down Beaumont St, ending up at Gregson Park for a service. The march begins on the corner of Beaumont and Tudor Sts (outside Gloria Jean's). Our leaders will be carrying our school banner in the march and we would like to encourage as many students as possible to join in the march with them. Students should wear their school uniform.

PARENT EMAILS

Mr Sparke and I have had lots of positive feedback from 3/4 and KB parents who have received emails with their child's class item from assembly.

If you haven't yet advised us of your email address please do so and you will receive emails at certain times in the year of your child's class performance or samples of quality work

LIBRARY NEWS

Our fabulous Easter parade will be next Wednesday, 9th April at 2.00pm. All parents, grandparents, carers, pre schoolers welcome.

There will be a book fair in the library after the parade. Books will be priced from \$1.00. Students will be able to view the books in the library at lunch on Tuesday, 8th April and make a wish list.

Parents and students can purchase books at 2nd half of lunch, recess and after the parade.

Attached to the Chalkboard is a small sample of the books that will be on sale.

Congratulations to those students who have already handed in the PRC sheets.

KEEP READING KIDS.

This week's book for KB and 1/2 is a PRC book called "Wombat Stew" by Marcia Vaughan. PRC ID number is 4925.

EASTER EGG HUNT & COLOURING COMPETITION

Our annual Easter egg hunt and colouring competition will be held on Wednesday, 9th April. Children will need to bring in \$2 by Friday 4th April to enter.

They will colour their picture at school between lunch and recess, then come out into the playground at about 1.00pm to hunt for "hidden" eggs.

The \$2 must be put into an envelope with your child's name and class on it and put in the Easter Basket in the office for Mrs Bradley.

ARCHIBULL PRIZE

THE COW IS COMING!

After a month of challenges to compete against 32 schools from across NSW, QLD and Victoria we are thrilled to have been chosen as one of the 16 schools to participate in 2014.

More information coming. You are sure to be hearing a lot about the Archibull Prize this year.

The cow is a fibreglass calf that we will get to keep after the competition ends.



BASKETBALL – Hornets Forfeit

Unfortunately there is a forfeit for the Hornets this week so you get to have a rest. The Hunters and Heat will go head to head at 4:15pm tomorrow. Should be a great game.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent / Teacher interviews have been taking place this week. Thanks to everyone who has been able to arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher.

SOCCCEROOS MARCH PAST

Socceroos – we are lucky enough to have secured 40 free student tickets to see the Socceroos play against South Africa at ANZ stadium on Monday 26 May.



The game begins at 7:30pm but we need to be there by approximately 5pm as we will be marching on the field with other schools prior to the kick off. We will be taking a coach down to the event and will have some seats available for parents who would like to attend as well.

Ticket prices for parents are apparently \$30 per adult or \$15 concession (plus coach travel). Students attending will still need to pay for coach travel. At this stage, we are still confirming the cost of the coach. To be fair, the first 40 students who return notes will be the students who get to go. This will be the same in the case of parents who would like to travel down on the coach with us. Some teachers will be going as well. Mr Sparke will have detailed information available on Monday 7 April. Please see him on Monday if you would like more information.

ENVIRONMENT

Bin Free Thursday

Please remember no rubbish this Thursday. This is our last trial Bin Free Thursday will be every Thursday starting from week 1 term 2.

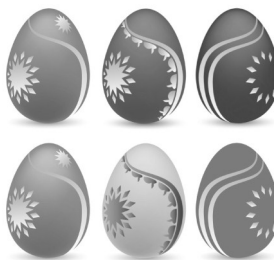
EARTH HOUR DOCUMENTARY

If you missed the Earth Hour documentary on Saturday night, or you would like to see it again, we will be holding a special viewing for the students next Monday 7th April in the school hall from 2:20pm. All are welcome.

CLASSROOM REMINDERS

Class KB

We are starting our Easter Egg decorating. Children are asked to bring in 2 or 3 hard boiled eggs to turn into beautiful Easter eggs. As long as there are no cracks in them they will last forever.



Class K/1

NO homework next week. We will resume homework again next term. Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. Please ensure that they are still reading most nights if not every night, just 10 minutes.

The children have had an amazing term and have absolutely loved doing our science unit Paddock to Plate.

Interviews Thank you for taking the time to discuss your child with us. If you have not made an interview time yet please do so ASAP.

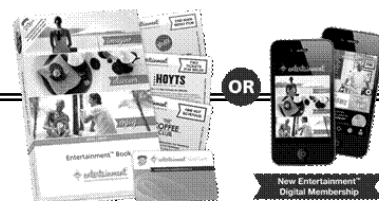
Entertainment Books

The new Entertainment Books for 2014 / 2015 are being sent home next week, although they are ready for pre-order now via the web address below. This year they are available in two formats:

- **Entertainment™ Book** – offers are redeemed via Entertainment™ Gold cards and vouchers
- Entertainment™ Digital Membership** – allows you to redeem offers directly from your iPhone or Android smartphone

Entertainment™ Memberships include over \$20,000 worth of valuable 2-for-1 and up to 50% offers from many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more! To find out more about this year's book, go to www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/tell-me-more/Newcastle Order before 3 April and you will receive over \$245 worth of bonus offers that you can redeem straight away.

Both formats are \$60 with \$12 going towards P&C fundraising. Orders can be made on line at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426j1 or wait til you receive the book next week and pay by cash, cheque or credit card. If you have any questions, please contact Gillian Donn on 0431 223381.



CANTEEN ROSTER

7 Apr Gillian Donn Xanthe Roxburgh	8th Apr Michelle Morrison Terrie Newell	9th Apr Rachel Gaunt Nicole Bondini-Topic	11th Apr Jessica Peattie Kim Sweetnam
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Punctuation Power

Congratulations to Arlo Roxburgh-Cox who whose entry was drawn out this week. The solution was:

- a. The high winds and heavy rains have resulted in roads being closed today.
- b. The high winds' and heavy rains have resulted in roads being closed today.
- c. The high winds' and heavy rains' have resulted in roads being closed today.
- d. The high winds' and heavy rains' have resulted in roads' being closed today.

This week's problem:

Name: _____ Class: _____

Proper nouns – are nouns with capital letters for names of people, places, events, etc.

- a. Tony Abbott, is the Prime minister of Australia.
- b. Tony Abbott, is the prime minister of Australia.
- c. Tony Abbott, is the Prime Minister of australia.
- d. Tony Abbott, is the Prime Minister of Australia.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

NEIL OWENS TFA HUNTER SOCCER CLINICS

3 day school holiday clinic

When: 9 - 11.15am Mon - Wed (APRIL 14, 15, 16)

Cost: 3 days: \$70.00, 2 days: \$50.00, 1 day: \$25.00. 2 family members = \$120.00

Location: Learmonth Park

Term 2 Football Academy Training

When: Mondays 5-6 (7-9 yr old) OR 6-7 (10-12 yr old) starting 28 April for 9 weeks

Cost: \$200

Location: Adamstown Oval

To register download a booking form from www.nswfootballacademy.com.au OR contact Neil on 0400 474 136

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	4th April	Maths Championships 2pm in school hall
Wednesday	9th April	Easter Hat Parade 2.00pm/Easter Raffle Drawn/Scholastic Book Fair
Friday	11th April	Last day of Term 1
Monday	28th April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday	29th April	Students return for Term 2
Saturday	3rd May	Garden Party