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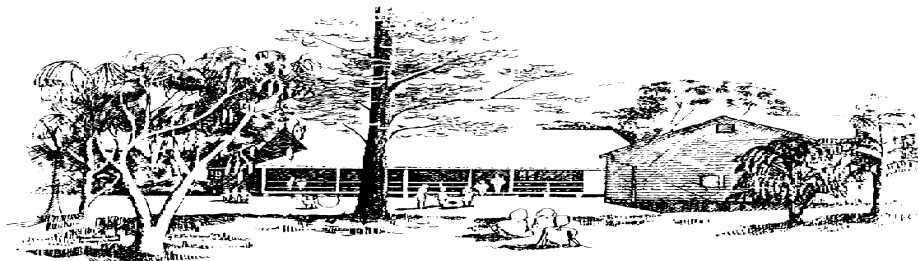
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Chalkboard - Term 2 Week 2 Wednesday 7th May 2014



STEWART HOUSE

Don't forget to return your Stewart House donation envelopes to the school office by this Friday, 9th May, to be in the draw for the great family holiday prize.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Assembly will commence at 2. 20pm this Friday. Class 2/3 will be presenting an item.



SOCCEROOS

For those parents and students who have indicated they are coming on the Socceroos Coach Trip, your \$25 coach fare is now due.

Socceroo parents don't forget to log onto

bit.ly/1e6wg9p

to purchase your seat in the Stadium. **This must be done by Friday 9th May so that tickets can be processed and parents seated together.**

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mothers Day stall will be held this Friday in the hall.

Thank you to everyone who has donated beautiful items to be sold on the day, however, more donations are required and gratefully accepted even on Friday morning.

If you are able to help wrap and/or sell items to the students, please meet in hall at 9.00am



NAPLAN

As Naplan tests will be held in the morning next week, it is very important that students be at school before the 9.00am bell.

Date	Year 3	Year 5
Tuesday 13th May	<i>Language Conventions</i> 9.00am Introduction 9.10am begin test <i>Writing</i> 10.15am begin test	<i>Language Conventions</i> 9.00am Introduction 9.10 begin test <i>Writing</i> 10.15am begin test
Wednesday 14th May	<i>Reading</i> 9.00am Introduction 9.15am begin test	<i>Reading</i> 9.00am Introduction 9.15am begin test
Thursday 15th May	<i>Numeracy Test</i> 9.00am Introduction 9.15am begin test	<i>Numeracy Test</i> 9.00am Introduction 9.15am begin test

PUBLIC SPEAKING

There will be two speeches given by the students this term. They will be in week 5 and Week 8.

Week 5's topic is: It is hard being a kid these days

Week 8's topic is: My magic trick(s) to fix the environment.

JOGGING CLUB

Starts tomorrow for students K-6. Children are able to wear their joggers to school each Thursday while Jogging Club is happening.

GARDEN PARTY

Despite the cold weather, everyone had a fantastic time at the Garden Party. Thanks very much to all who supported this event. A special thanks to, Gillian Donn and Natalie Edwards for their organisation of this event, Nick Flanagan for donating the champagne from Have-lock Wine, and also to Richard and Carolyn Nicholls for bringing along their very popular outdoor gas heater that ensured we didn't end up with frostbite!

P & C MEETING

Our P&C meeting is this Monday, 12 May at 6pm. The venue is Hamilton North Bowling Club. Hope to see you there.

GRIP Leadership Conference

Thanks to those Year 5 students who have responded so quickly. The places for this event are now full. Those students attending are: Brodie Thompson, Kobi Lyle, Jake Sweetnam, Leo Fleming, Kane Bailey, James Walton, Grace White-Neale and Jake Hainsworth.

I will be in contact with parents shortly in regard to transporting students to and from this event.

Kelly Deakin

FRIDAY SPORT

For those few students who still have to pay for their Friday sport, invoice envelopes are attached to your Chalkboard. Please pay amount due by Friday to enable you to participate in the sport of your choice.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to Terrie Newell and Lee Wilton for holding the family disco last term.

The ladies have very kindly donated the proceeds from the disco to be spent in the library. Mrs Robinson is looking at using this money to go towards buying a new revolving book carousel.

Scholastic Book Club— Issue 3 brochures have been handed to the students today. Money and order forms are due back at school by next Friday, 16th May.

Reading to Kids Improves Maths—please see the article by Nicola Woolcock of The Times at the end of the Chalkboard.

Meet Author Jess Black at Unload Workshops!

Unload Creative Writing Workshops are underway at school this term.

Unload will be welcoming special guest host and children's author, Jess Black to the session in week 4, Monday 19th May from 3.15-4.15pm.

Jess will be sharing her experiences as a writer of a range of successful books including, **The Bindi Wildlife Adventure Series** and her secrets to generating great ideas!.

Unload is offering 3 spots to students in years 2-6 who are not enrolled in the programme but would like to come along and participate in this special session. The cost will be \$10 for the hour and you can pay on the day.

Please register your interest by emailing Suzie from Unload suzie@unload.org.au — first in, best dressed!

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Is your child's backpack damaging their spine?

A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It's believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

- Not carry more than 10% of their body weight.
- Use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap.
- Load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack.
- Lift a backpack properly-bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands.

CLASS ROOM REMINDERS

CLASS K/1

Art Folder

Please send in your child's red art folder if you have not already done so, we will be placing artwork in them throughout the term.

Fruit Break

Just a reminder that fruit break should not be messy fruits which make the children's hands sticky. These are some good ideas carrot sticks, mandarin, banana, apple, grapes.

News

Next week your child is asked to bring in a toy for news that they are able to describe to the class. Public Speaking speeches will be presented on your child's regular News day in weeks 5 and 8 this term. The topics are 'It is hard being a kid these days' for week 5 and My magic trick(s) to fix the environment' in week 8.

Apps

Some great apps

Handwriting - rED Writing - you need to google this first it is hard to find in the App Store.

Kinder spelling - Rainbow Phonics

Spelling Year 1 - Spelling City

Maths - Quick Maths

Maths - IXL Maths - login as guest user and it is free

Toys - Build and Play

Toys - Lego Junior



SUPPORT A MATHEMATICIAN

Thank you so much to the wonderful parent volunteers that attended Support a Mathematician training yesterday morning with Miss Boyle. However we are still looking for MORE amazing volunteers.

Interested volunteers will only need to give up 10 minutes of their time to support some of our beautiful students with practicing skills such as reading numbers, counting forwards and backwards and using doubles.

We will run a second training morning on Tuesday the 13th May at 3pm in the 5/6 room in the hope of getting a few more parent volunteers to reach more students. It will take a maximum of 15 minutes. The actual program will begin in Week 4 (19th May) and finish in Week 9 (last week of term). The days that the program runs will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Interested parents do not need to be available every day that the program runs.

Please indicate on the slip below if you would like to attend the training session and return to the school office. If you have any questions please see Miss Drew or Miss Boyle.

SUPPORT A MATHEMATICIAN

I _____ (please print)

would like to attend the training session for Support a Mathematician on Monday 12th May at 9am.

Signed _____ Date _____

READING TO KIDS IMPROVES MATHS

By Nicola Woodcock, The Times

Children's love of reading has a bigger influence on their academic success than whether their parents hold a degree, research has shown.

Those whose parents read to them every night when they were five and who went on to develop a passion for reading did better in tests at 16—even in maths— than peers who had similar academic ability when younger.

Academics at the University of London's Institute for Education analysed the performance of 6000 children, who were born in 1970, in mathematics, spelling and vocabulary tests. They found reading for pleasure was more important for cognitive development between the ages of 10 and 16 than parents' education.

"The combined effect on children's progress of reading books often, going to the library regularly and reading newspapers at 16 was four times greater than the advantage children gained from having a parent with a degree" the report says.

"We found the home reading culture, including reading to the child, reading books and newspapers, was significantly linked to children's test scores.

"A mother who struggles with reading is likely to struggle to read to her child, and unlikely to read in her leisure time.

"This suggests parental illiteracy presents ongoing problems for children's learning throughout childhood, and highlights the problem that parental difficulties with literacy may be hidden due to stigma."

The study, which was led by Alice Sullivan, finds that "the positive link between leisure reading and cognitive outcomes is not purely due to more able children being more likely to read a lot, but that reading is linked to increased cognitive progress over time".

BASKETBALL

Thursday afternoon basketball commences this week. Please see online draw for times.

Hamilton Hornets

Noah Coombe
Abbie Condon
Asha Lyle
Jaime Taylor
Lloyd Cochrane
Aragorn Bailey
Coach: Ms Deakin

Hamilton Heat

Oscar Crombie
Riley Peaattie
Nico Caceres Ede
Oscar Crombie

Coach: Ms Deakin

Hamilton Hunters

Linden Nash
Aidan Nash
Montarnna Nash
James Kelly
Liam Phung

Coach: Mr Phung

Environment

Market Garden

Thank you for supporting our first Market Garden of the term we made \$60 which we will be buying some stakes for the garden and new gloves for gardening group with.

Archibull Prize

You are about to hear a whole lot more about this and we hope to involve the whole school in this journey so that every child has an opportunity to be involved.

Our editorial team who will be running the blog and reporting on this are Mabel, Ava W, Bella, Ava S and Hayley.

Entertainment Books

All families should have received an Entertainment Book at the end of last term. These are \$60 and can be paid either by credit card, cash or via internet at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426j1. Alternatively, a digital copy can be downloaded on your iPhone or Android Smartphone via this same address. If you do not wish to purchase the book or are purchasing the digital copy, please return the book in the envelope it came in as soon as possible. If you would like to order additional books or have any questions, please contact Gillian Donn on 0431 223381.

CANTEEN ROSTER

12th May Gillian Donn Xanthe Roxburgh	13th May Michelle Morrison Terrie Newell	14th May Rachel Gaunt Nicole Bondini-Topic	16th May Glenda Moyle Shelley Brandon
19th May Sarah Bain Jenny Nichols	20th May Michelle Morrison Mel Keegan	21st May Eryn Duck Nicole Bondini-Topic	23rd May Jessica Peattie Kim Sweetnam

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	12th, 13th, 14th May	NAPLAN
Monday	26th May	Socceroo Excursion
Monday	9th June	Public Holiday – Queens Birthday
Monday – Friday	9th June – 13th June	Start Struck Week