

# Hamilton North Public School

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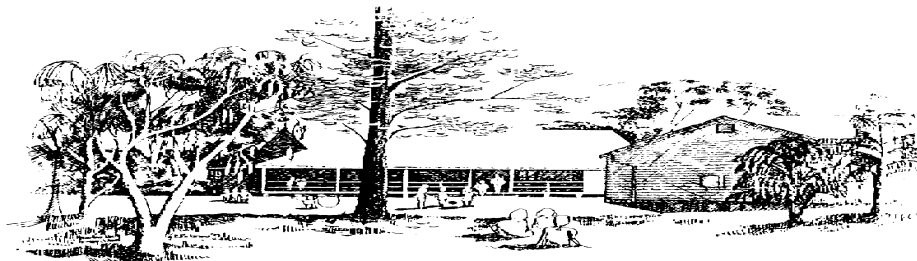
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*Chalkboard - Term 3 Week 3 Wednesday 30th July 2014*



## Friday Assembly

Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday, class 5/6 will present an item.

## Semester Celebration 2014

We are looking forward to inviting our family and friends into our school this **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July**.

Below is an overview of the day:

**9:30am– Meet in parents retreat**

**9:45am– Open classrooms (take part in a lesson in your child's classroom)**

**10:30am– Special morning tea in the orchard for parents and friends**

**11:00am– Shared lunch and activities including a lemonade stall and special sheep shearing demonstration**

**12:15pm– Semester Celebration assembly acknowledging our achievements this year**

## Interest Groups

Interest groups start next Wednesday 2.00pm-3.00pm. Thank you to all who have offered to help – there are some fantastic activities for all the children to enjoy. If you are able to help out, please come along and enjoy an hour with one of the groups.

The knitting and crochet groups would appreciate donations of wool and needles.

Drop off at Mrs Bradley's room, thank you.

## Friday Sport – Walking

Next week, Friday 8th August, we would like to drive to Nobbys and walk along the rock pools. I still need 3 or 4 cars to transport to and from.

Children will need to bring a change of clothes and footwear. They may also bring a "treasure bag" to collect treasures in.

## Library News

Issue 5 of Scholastic Book Club has been handed to the students today. Money and orders are due back by next Friday, 8th August.

The following Premiers' Reading Challenge Books were read to the infants classes:

9632 Who Sank the Boat by Pamela Allen

1225 Clive Eats Alligators by Alison Lester

3467 Possum Magic by Mem Fox

4670 The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

They can be added to your child's list. Premiers Reading Challenge sheets need to be returned to the library by the end of the week so that they can be entered on the website and validated.

Don't forget our Bookweek parade in week 9.

If you have any scraps of 8 ply wool or size 8 (4mm) knitting needles, we would be very grateful for donations. If you (or know someone) are a keen knitter you may like to knit some squares for our rug – 25 stitch squares.

A big thank you to Terrie Newell for the donation of \$132 to the library, which is the commission received from the school banking which Terrie unfailingly organises each Friday on the library verandah. This money will be spent on new books for bookweek.

## JOGGING CLUB – FUN RUN DAY

Our Jogging Club Fun Run will be on Thursday, 14th August. The students will run to and from the Knights Stadium. It will commence at 12.30pm and finish at approximately 1.35pm. If any parents are able to help as Checkpoint Charlies on the day, could you please complete and return the tear off at the bottom of the page.

In conjunction with the Fun Run Day the P & C will be running a RED DAY in the canteen. This special day will see the canteen selling hot dogs and other red items. There will be more information in next week's Chalkboard.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to the participants in the stage finals of Public Speaking:

Forrest Cooper	Alex Pavleski
Jack Chaplin	Arlo Roxburgh Cox
Tommy Chaplin	Jack Potter
Maya Broe	Abbey Phipps

We are proud to announce that Jack Chaplin won the Stage 1 Public Speaking and Arlo Roxburgh Cox was highly commended.

Tommy Chaplin was also highly commended in the Stage 2 Final.

## Semester Celebration

Mrs Bell has put together a fantastic lesson that allows you to work with your child, if you can't make it please invite a family friend or relative, the children just love showing off their classroom and they will all performing in the special assembly.

## Media Visit

Both The Herald and NBN have been invited to attend the Semester Celebration's sheep shearing this year.

Please advise their staff if you do not want your child to be filmed/photographed.

## LOST PROPERTY

All labelled property is returned to children, however, with the market garden room over filling with lost property clothes, 5 bags of clothing that have been sitting on the lost property seat for almost 2 terms have been taken to the charity bins. PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

## Young Farming Champion Visit

Bessie Thomas was a big hit when she visited our school last week. The children were highly engaged and I am sure that every one of them learnt at least 1 new interesting fact about farming, wool or sheep.

## Please check out our blog at

[www.hamiltonnorthsarchibull2014.wordpress.com](http://www.hamiltonnorthsarchibull2014.wordpress.com)

We need as many posts as we can get. It will be updated weekly with interesting facts and photos to keep you updated on our Archibull adventure.

## Food Waste Survey

The Archibull Editorial Team collected , analysed and presented your data into a board which is attached to this newsletter. I hope you find it as interesting as we did. We also learnt a lot about writing survey questions. Well done Hayley, Bella, Ava W Ava S and Mabel.

## WEEKLY WOOL FACTS

Week 2-In Australia there are about five sheep for each person.

Week 3- did you know wool is biodegradable.

## Jokes for Chalkboard

Q. What do you get if you cross a sheep with a kangaroo?

A. A woolly jumper!

Q. What did the lamb say to its mum after dinner?

A. Could I have some more? I've only filled one stomach.

Q. What do you call a cheap fleece?

A. A baa-gain!

Q. What do you call an environmentally friendly sheep?

A. A lean green, wool machine!

## JOGGING CLUB FUN RUN

I am able to help as a Checkpoint Charlie on the Fun run on Thursday, 14th August.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and class \_\_\_\_\_

# CLASS ROOM REMINDERS

## Class KB

Great work in homework books everyone!  
Don't forget to get them covered and return them every Friday.

Under the Sea Animal books were sent home yesterday. You will need to help your child find some information about their animal each week. This week it is a description of their animal. Next Tuesday they will use these books to write their description at school. Please make sure the book stays in their Homework folders.

## Class K/1

### 100 Days of School

A BIG thank you for dressing your child up, they looked amazing and had a wonderful day. Please come in and check out their photos and stories on the classroom wall.

## Class 4/5

4/5 are thundering along at a great pace with consistent and reliable learning routines and impressive work ethics. In a nutshell.....we are just all round AWESOME.

For the next 2 weeks, I will be taking long service leave to develop some artworks and will be handing the reins over to the fabulous and trusty Miss Boyle...hand-picked because of her brilliance!! Miss Boyle will be following the same routines and teaching from my personalised program ...it will be so smooth that no one will even know I am gone. Miss Boyle is so excited and I am sure it's going to be a great 2 weeks for everyone.

A personal note to children in 4/5:

I will be checking in for random surprise visits consisting of thorough book inspections and long interrogations.

Because I will miss you.



# The Callaghan Cluster Choir proudly presents...

Come and join us in our Cluster Choir celebration of songs inspired by our beautiful country!

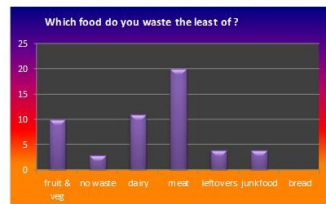
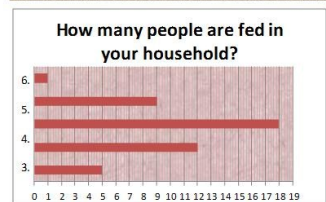
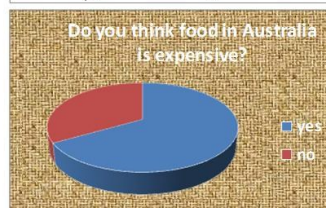
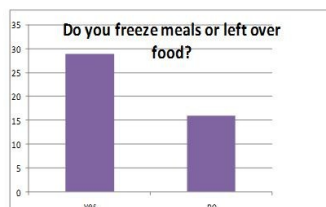


Thursday 4th  
September, 2014  
6pm

Main Hall  
Callaghan College  
Waratah Campus

\*Gold coin donation

# AUSTRALIA!



## Food Waste in our community... The results are in!

### Our Findings

#### Points of interest -

More people said that they did not waste food due to expiry dates.  
Approximately two thirds of people do not buy pre-packaged foods.  
Most people shop 1-2 times per week.  
Over half of people do freeze meals or left over food.

The majority of people think that food in Australia is expensive.

Most people surveyed had either 3, 4 or 5 people being fed in their home.

Meat is the least wasted food in homes surveyed.

The number of people who do and do not plan a weekly shopping list are almost equal.

Most people eat out on average 3 times per week.

The foods which people waste the most of are fruit and vegetables.

### Analysis

#### Positives

Less pre-packaged food = less waste

Better to freeze left overs than to waste food.

As meat was the least wasted food animals are not dying for no reason.

### Further Questions

What is waste due to if it is not expiry dates?

Is food in Australia more expensive than food in other countries?



\*NB 45 households participated in this survey, June 2014

## CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>4th August</b> Gillian Donn Emma McElligott	<b>5th August</b> Michelle Morrison Xanthe Roxburgh	<b>6th August</b> Marilyn Donn Robyn White	<b>8th August</b> Charlie Pfeiffer Rebecca Ley
<b>11th August</b> Gillian Donn Xanthe Roxburgh	<b>12th August</b> Michelle Morrison Leona Clarence	<b>13th August</b> Rachel Gaunt Nicole Bondini-Topic	<b>15th August</b> Naomi Taper Anna Pavleski

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday	31st July	Semester Celebration
Thursday	7th August	Water Safety Talks
Wednesday	13th August	K-3 Excursion to Sydney
Thursday	14th August	Jogging Club Fun Run and Canteen RED DAY.
Monday	18th August	Stage 1 Public Speaking at Plattsburg PS at 11.00am
Thursday	21st August	Cluster Choir Rehearsal
Friday	29th August	Fathers Day Breakfast – 7.00am.
Monday	1st September	P & C Meeting 6.00pm Hamilton Nth Bowling Club
Thursday	4th September	Cluster Choir Concert
Tuesday	9th September	Book Week Parade/ Second hand book sale
Saturday	18th October	P & C Trivia Night.
Tuesday	9th December	Presentation Night – Waratah High School

### TOPS NEEDED BY CLASS KB

Mrs Bradley is collecting the tiny lids on the top of the squeezezy food containers such as baby foods and yogurts (pictured). Can you please bring any to Mrs Bradley's room. We are planning on making something special for the garden when we get enough.

Perhaps parents could ask their pre school or day care centre etc, if they would be willing to save the tops for us.



# CHILD PROTECTION LESSONS

Dear Parents,

Our school is committed to teaching children practical easy-to-understand personal safety strategies to help students keep safe. Research has highlighted that by educating a child about personal safety we can:

- Reduce the likelihood of a child entering into an unsafe situation
- Teach a child how to respond to an unsafe situation
- Help increase a child's sense of self-esteem and in doing so, reduce the likelihood that the child will be targeted, and
- Help increase a child's knowledge of their personal rights such as 'I have the right to feel safe' and in doing so increase the likelihood that the child will be more inclined to either report an unsafe behaviour and /or diffuse an unsafe situation.

This semester we will be teaching child protection to all students using both the D.E.T mandatory syllabus as well as utilising some activities that have been developed by Bravehearts Inc. Bravehearts education aims to empower children with skills and knowledge on how to keep safe. The safety message topics include:

- 'Yes' and 'No' feelings
- Warning signs
- Private parts
- Secrets, and
- Who to tell

These topics will be treated differently in each Stage and the content will be appropriate for the age of your child. For this reason, students will be organised into year groups for these lessons on Thursday afternoons beginning in week 4.

If you would like more information about the activities please do not hesitate to ask. We would like to encourage you to help reinforce the personal safety skills and knowledge acquired via this program by talking to your child about what they are learning.

Yours sincerely, Mrs J Bell

## COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Newcastle Libraries are holding Children's Book Week 2014 Preschool and after school programs from Monday 18th August to Friday 22nd August at their various branches.

The age range is 0 – 10 years. Programs are on at 10.30 am, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm. Most programs appear to be free.

For details of programs see Newcastle City Council library website and for bookings and enquiries phone Julie Swane 4985 6692 – [jswane@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jswane@ncc.nsw.gov.au),

Carol Edmonds on 49745324 – [cedmonds@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cedmonds@ncc.nsw.gov.au) or Newcastle Region Library 4974 5300.

## PCYC NEWCASTLE 75th ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATIONS WILL CONTINUE ON SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST

WITH A CLUB OPEN DAY

**10.30AM – 3.00PM**

FREE ENTRY

FULL ACCESS

DEMONSTRATIONS

MEMORABILIA

CLUB ACTIVITIES

AND A BLUE LIGHT  
FAMILY DISCO

**7.00PM – 10.00PM**

FAMILY ENTRY \$10

SINGLE TICKET \$5

BRING THE FAMILY

LOTS OF PRIZES

HEAPS OF FUN