

Hamilton North Public School

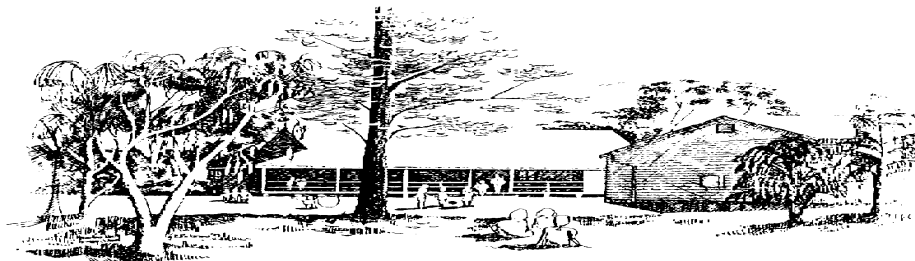
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Chalkboard - Term 4 Week 2 Wednesday, 14th October 2015



Friday Assembly

Assembly on Friday will commence at 2.30pm.

OFFICE NEWS

A reminder that school hats are available from the school office and are now \$8 per hat.

Outstanding sport fee notes for Friday sport term 3, were sent home last week. Please send your outstanding payment to the office as this sport needs to be finalised.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons will resume next week.

The cost will be \$40 and will need to be paid by this Thursday, 15th October.

No late payments will be accepted.

Next year all guitar lessons will be on a Friday.

BUDDIES 2016

The creative staff here at Hamilton North Public School have begun putting together the FABULOUS BUDDIES magazine for 2016!

Families can order copies from the office as of next week. The yearbooks are the same price as last year \$30, which buys you a beautiful high gloss 80 page yearbook—a wonderful keepsake of 2016 at HNPS. Previous years BUDDIES are in the office if you would like to have a look.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Gail Topic who has kindly made TENS resources which will help children learn early numeracy strategies in Maths.
Mrs Ramsay.

SWIM SCHOOL

Our Swim school will take place at Arnolds Swim Centre, The Junction, from Monday 23rd November until Friday 4th December.

The cost is \$100 per student for the ten days, (\$4.00 per bus and \$6.00 per lesson per day).

The completed permission note and the total cost must be paid by the 19th November to secure a place for your child. If your child is unable to attend on any days there is unfortunately no refund as swim coach costs and bus costs have to be met.

There are a limited number of 60 places for swim school, so if you are interested in your child attending please complete and return the permission note to the school office with your \$100 payment. **Places are allocated to the first 60 students to return the permission slip and money.**

Please remember that swim school is not just for learners, it also caters for children who can swim a little and lack confidence and those who can swim but may need stroke correction.

Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2017

Students who will be entering year 7 in 2017 (currently year 5) and wish to sit for the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10th March 2016, must apply online at :

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13th October 2015 and 16th November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16th November 2015.

Carols by Torchlight – change of date

This has changed from 4th December to 27th November due to us being a finalist for the Water Catchers Film Festival.

SciTech Term 4

This term in Science and Technology students will design and construct a system for growing plants (herbs, fruits, vegetables or flowering plants) suitable for their classroom. This unit incorporates Working Scientifically, Working Technologically and The Living World. Students will:

Generate and develop ideas

Create initial design ideas – What could be grown? What type of container is needed to support growth? Will it enhance the existing environment? How will water/nutrients be delivered?

Produce solutions

How will the design work? What variables need to be considered? What factors could inhibit success? What plants are suitable to the environment? What materials, tools and techniques will be used? Students will construct their project using appropriate tools, materials and techniques. Carry out ongoing evaluation throughout the process to continually update their digital book using a variety of digital media.

As part of the investigation students will plant 5 seeds in each of two pots, using the same amount of water, sunlight and soil. Students will decide the variable to enhance the growth of one pot (plant food, fertiliser, positioning etc...)

As part of the unit we will supply pots, fertiliser and food. Students in 4BE, 4/5 and 5/6 will need to supply their own seeds as they have individually researched what is suitable for their investigation.

Other classes are growing:

KB – Parsley



1R – Mint



2J – Basil



2/3 – Chilli pepper



Donations of seeds, potting mix, fertiliser and plant food are greatly appreciated and can be left at 2J. Planting will begin next week (week 3).

Regards,
Josh Sparke

Jackson St – Removal of Double lines

Newcastle City Council have removed a section of the double lines at the Griffiths Rd end of Jackson St. This means that u-turns can be made safely away from the school entrance. Thanks to the NCC Traffic Committee and P&C members for making this happen.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library is currently in the process of a stock-take of library books. This is an audit requirement from the Department of Education.

It would be appreciated if all books on loan to students could be returned to the library office so that they may be accounted for. Please look around the house for any books that may have slipped through the net and return them to the library.

Thank you

Scholastic Book Club

Well Christmas is fast approaching and books are a wonderful gift.

Students received the new book club catalogues (Issue 7) yesterday, which have a range of very affordable books, some as little as \$1, fantastic value.

Please have all money and orders to the school office by next Wednesday, October 21st.

'Buddy Log'

We are hoping to move a large, very heavy log from our garden area to the parent retreat to make a 'Buddy Log' - a variation of a Buddy Bench. The log is far too heavy to lift so I'm after ideas/volunteers to get the log moved. Please see me if you can help out.

Ms Deakin

SPOOKY CANTEEN RED DAY FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2015



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	19th October	P & C Meeting, Hamilton North Bowling Club, 6pm
Friday	23rd October	Spooky Canteen 'Red' Day
Tuesday	27th October	Halloween Family disco – 6pm – 8pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club.
Wednesday	28th October	Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Day 10am – 11.30am
Thursday	12th November	Short Film Festival
Tuesday	17th November	K-2 Wetlands Excursion
	Week 7	Hamilton North Idol
Friday	20th November	Idol Finals – Assembly 2pm
	Week 8	Leadership Speeches
Monday	23rd November	Year 6 Interrelate 9.00 - 1.30 Leadership Speeches
Monday	23rd Nov – 4th Dec	Swim School – Arnolds Swim Centre 1.30pm-2.30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	23/11, 24/11, 26/11	Kinder 2016 visits 9.00 – 11.30
Monday	23rd November	P & C Meeting, Hamilton North Bowling Club, 6pm
Friday	27th November (change of date)	Carols by Torchlight 6.30 – 9.00pm
Wednesday	2nd December	Volunteer Morning Tea
Friday	4th December	Water Catchers Showcase Night
Tuesday	8th December	Presentation Day – Waratah College 9.30am – 11am
Thursday	10th December	Yr 6 Farewell Disco 6pm – 8.30pm
Friday	11th December	Christmas Scripture Service 9.00 – 9.45am
Tuesday	15th December	K-6 Pool Party - Mayfield Pool
Wednesday	16th December	Last day of Term 4 for students
Thursday, Friday	17th, 18th December	School Development Days

Canteen Roster

19th October - Rachel Gaunt
 - Gillian Donn
 21st October - Eryn Duck
 - Kelly Wilson
 23rd October - Shelley Brandon
 - Bridgette Oakes



HNPS P&C INVITE YOU TO A
HALLOWEEN FAMILY DISCO

6-8pm TUESDAY 27th OCTOBER
HAMILTON NORTH BOWLING CLUB

\$5 Per Person OR \$15 a Family

Please note that parents are responsible for their children. The Bowling Club Restaurant is open for meals and drinks.

