

Hamilton North Public School

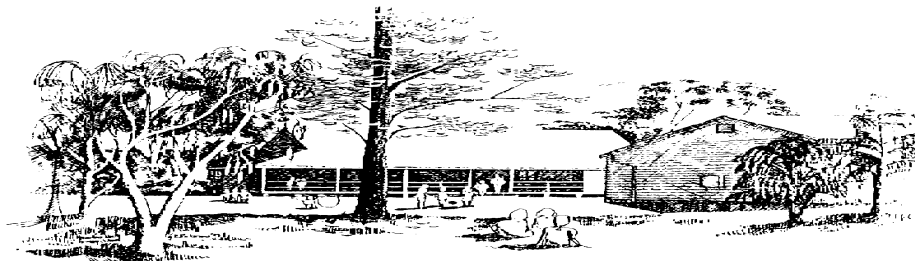
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Chalkboard - Term 4, Week 4, Wednesday, 28th, October 2015



Friday Assembly

Assembly on Friday will commence at 2.30pm.

Nut Allergies

A reminder that there are a few students at this school who are severely affected if they come into contact with nuts/peanuts/treenuts.

It would be appreciated if you could avoid packing any nut items (muesli bars, nutella, peanut butter etc) in your child's lunch box so that there is no chance that these children are affected.

Thank you.

BUDDIES

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

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. Families can order copies from the office where you are welcome to take a look at previous years BUDDIES.

The final date for the \$30 to be paid to secure your BUDDIE book is Friday, 20th November, 2015.

HEAD LICE

We have had a case of head lice reported to the school. Information on head lice can be found at <http://health.vic.gov.au/headlice/>

If you do find your child has headlice, please treat accordingly.

Thank you

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING

Over the next few weeks, Year 6 will start to raise money for their leaving gift to the school. This Friday, we will be selling Zooper Doopers for 50c each after Assembly.



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 (spare copies in the office) 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.

DIGITAL FESTIVAL—WATER CATCHERS SHORT FILM

The Digital Festival is being held at Callaghan College Waratah Campus on Thursday 12th November.

Our P&C are running a corn on the cob and popcorn stall. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Tamara on 0413 232 293 to sign up. Thank you, Tamara.

Classroom Reminders

Year 5 Students

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.

Year 6 Students

BUDDIES – 2015 YEARBOOK—Year 6 We need your baby/toddler photo



A special section of the BUDDIES 2015 Yearbook is dedicated to graduating Year 6 students. Each student has an individual profile to celebrate their primary school days, with their 2015 school photo and a baby or toddler photo as well.

I would appreciate it if you could provide one photo of yourself as a baby or toddler to accompany your student profile.

Photographs can be handed in an envelope to Miss Drew or the office with student name on the back of the photo. All photographs will be returned. If you prefer, you can email a high-res photo file to Amy.Drew6@det.nsw.edu.au

It is appreciated that you get your photos to me as soon as possible.

Thank you
Miss Drew

Year 6- Interrelate

Parents of Year 6 have received a permission note for their child to participate in the Interrelate program.

The program *“Moving into the Teen Years”* explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive education program designed specifically for this important time in life and prepares them for moving into high school.

The program will run on Monday 23rd November and Monday 30th November at school and is designed for all Year 6 students to participate. It would be appreciated if all permission notes and payments were finalised by Friday 13th November.

Please see Miss Drew if you have any questions or would like more information.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school- aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby.

Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	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

2nd November - Jenny Taylor
- Kelly Wilson

4th November - Nicole Bondini-Topic
- Mary-Anne Bondini

6th November - Kelly Wilson

P&C news

Hi everyone, I have some exciting news from the P&C this week.

Uniform

The P&C met on Monday night and reached a consensus on a preferred supplier and quality of the new schoolshirt. You might remember that we voted on a design, and a phase-in strategy that requires each child to own at least one new shirt in 2016. The good news is that the P&C and Hamilton North Bowling Club will be funding that one shirt per child for next year, and importantly the P&C also agreed unanimously that the preferred option of shirt was within bounds of the detail voted for by all families.

Significantly, the P&C will be implementing a uniform assistance initiative (UAI) that from 2017 will provide assistance to families who face financial hardship, which for privacy reasons will be managed by the Principal. To help fund the initiative, a formal clothing pool to purchase 2nd-hand shirts at very low prices will also be run by the P&C from 2017. Some of you may recognise that the current clothing pool traditionally funded the environment club, so the P&C has agreed to supplement their funding annually from that time as well.

For your information the preferred shirt is a mid-weight poly-cotton blend that is hard-wearing and breathable and along with the advantage of easy access to the supplier's shop the P&C agreed that the shirt was durable, and suitable to wear in both summer and winter. The tendered cost at under \$30 per shirt was about average across the tenders and is consistent with what most other schools pay, and was therefore considered reasonable.

The exact details of where, how and when to get the new shirt is subject to negotiations with the preferred supplier, and we'll be giving you all the details including the final price in the coming weeks. Big thanks to Ben and Jo who have collected samples and talked to suppliers over the year, I expect that everyone will be pleased with the shirt we've selected.

P&C funding

Upon request of the Principal, the P&C has agreed to fund the shade sails in the parent's retreat and over the play equipment. Departmental insurance did not cover the lost trees and damaged shade from the April storms, so the P&C considered the value of contributing to the health and safety of children and visitors to the school by providing shaded areas was worthy of the significant contributions made by fundraisers and canteen volunteers alike.

Donation

Thankyou, on behalf of the P&C and all of our community to the anonymous donor of \$500. All funds used by the P&C go towards initiatives that support educational outcomes, community bonding and a safe and harmonious environment for our children - so a big thankyou!

Safety

You'll notice the redundant double lines at the end of Jackson Street have been removed, and the council is also considering a pedestrian crossing - a result of great work and persistence by Kelly and Nathaniel in their negotiations with council.

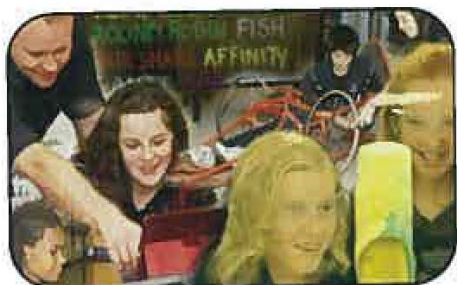
And finally ...

We're just at the start of silly season and the P&C led by Tamara and her willing volunteers will be supporting many events leading up to Christmas. I understand the kids all loved the Spooky Day lunch, and the P&C is going to be involved with the Halloween disco, kinder orientation, short film festival, carols by torchlight, end of year disco and many, many other activities over the final 2 months of school. We're always looking for more volunteers, so feel free to approach any of us around the playground at pickup if you can spare some time to make our great little school even greater.

Rich Ley
President
HNPS P&C Assoc.



Waratah Technology Campus



CAMPUS OPEN DAY

Do you have a child in Year 4 or 5 at a Primary School in the Waratah area? If so, then you and your child are invited to attend our 2015 Campus Open Day.

When: Wednesday, 4th November 2015; 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Where: CCWTC Hall (parking at rear of school)

The 2015 Campus Open Day will include:

- A light afternoon tea
- An overview of our innovative programs, including our High Achievers Program, Teaming, Learning & Wellbeing Classes
- Guided tours of our impressive 21st century teaching and learning facilities, including science laboratories, Trade Training Centre and Team Teaching Spaces
- Staff, students and parents will be on hand to answer questions.



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Premiering Short Films

from

18 CALLAGHAN schools on

the BIG OUTDOOR screen. Starts at 7:40pm - 8:45pm

**Written, acted, filmed and edited
by students K-12.**

**Bring a chair and indulge in the many offerings
that will be available and support our local
community of schools.**

**Callaghan College Waratah Campus
Turton Rd Waratah
THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER
5pm - 9pm**



**GLENDORE PS HAMILTON NORTH PS HEATON PS ISLINGTON PS
JESMOND PS MARYLAND PS MAYFIELD EAST PS MAYFIELD WEST PS
MINMI PS PLATTSBURG PS SHORTLAND PS TIGHES HILL PS
WALLSEND PS WARATAH PS WARATAH WEST PS
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SCHOOL PERFORMANCES 5PM - 7PM

THE MARCHING KOALAS 7PM

**Coffee Ice Cream Nachos Soft Drinks
Games Face Painting CornCobs Show
bags Fairy Floss Cupcakes Sausage Sizzle
Slushies Glow Sticks Popcorn Temporary
Tattoos Puppets and much more...**

**LUCKY DOOR
PRIZES!!**

**2015
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**TICKETS ARE
AVAILABLE AT ANY
PARTICIPATING
SCHOOL
\$5 Per Person
\$10 Family
Gates OPEN on Turton
Rd at 4:30pm**

