

Hamilton North Public School

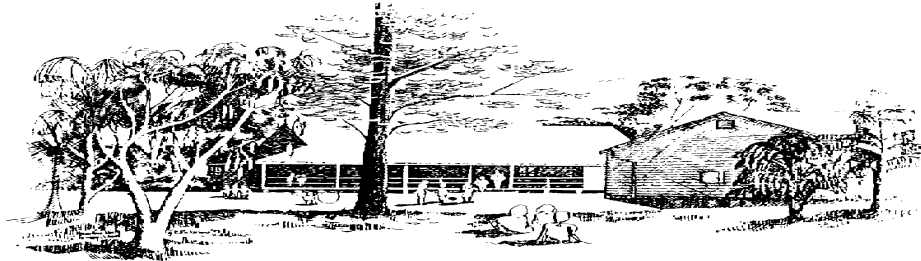
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Chalkboard - Term 4, Week 8, Wednesday, 25th November 2015



Friday Assembly

Assembly will commence at 2.30 this Friday

Office News

Due to financial rollover, no money will be receipted or paid by eftpos after 9am Friday 27th November until Wednesday 2nd December.

Swim School

Swim school kicked off on Monday with a great start. Please make sure students have a plastic bag inside their swim bag.

The pool is not lending out swim goggles any more, so please make sure you have your own pair (with your name on it). Goggles can be purchased from the pool for \$10 each.

Parking - Swim School

For the safety of our swim school students, please do not park in the 5 minute parking zone between 2.00pm–3.00pm for this week and next week.

Carols by Torchlight
at

Hamilton North Public School
This Friday, 27th November

The P & C are running a gourmet bbq starring pulled pork or chicken kebabs served with salad and a wrap for \$3.00 each. Soft drinks and glowing Christmas items will also be available for purchase. The bbq will commence at 6.00pm and the gates open just before 6.00pm.

This is a family occasion that you don't want to miss!

Each class will be performing a special Christmas song that they have been practicing throughout the term.

This event is a fantastic opportunity to relax and mingle with friends and celebrate the end of the year with children and staff.

Don't forget your picnic rug or chairs and insect repellent.

It will be a great night!



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Presentation Day

When – Tuesday 8th December, 2015
Time – 9:20am (for a 9:30am start) – 11:00am
Venue – Callaghan Technology Campus Waratah

As the year draws to an end we celebrate all children's successes with our annual Presentation Ceremony. This year it will be held through the day and we warmly welcome you to attend.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN ARE DRESSED IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM (INCLUDING BLACK SHOES AND WHITE SOCKS) AND HAVE A HAT AS WE WILL BE WALKING TO THE VENUE.

Note - More details will be provided closer to the date.

Scholastic Book Club

Students have received the last scholastic book club catalogue for this year, and with Christmas only weeks away, books make a great gift.

If you would like the books to be kept secret, just write 'secret' at the top of your order. Alternatively if you are ordering online, send Rachel a text on 0420 362177 with your child's name, class and the word 'secret', and I will call you when they arrive.

Unfortunately because it is the end of the year, no late orders will be able to be processed. So please have all money and orders to the office by this Friday 27th November.

School Banking

Only 3 banking days left. This has been a wonderful year. Well done everyone.

I will endeavor to get you your prizes if you are due before we finish up. If not there will be some new ones next year. We have had 'space' and 'the ocean', I wonder what next year will bring.

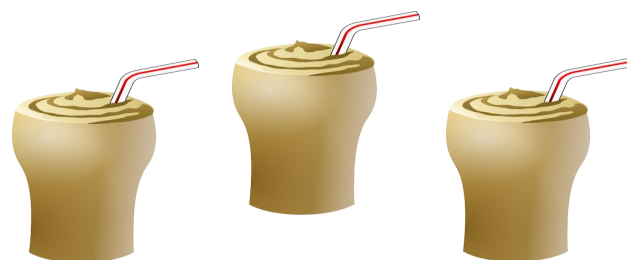
Don't forget, if you lose your bank book don't worry, I can get your number and replace it.

If you want to start banking just get your parent to take your birth certificate to the bank and sign you up. On the last day of banking, don't forget to collect your Christmas gift.

See you on the verandah - Terrie

Year 6 Fundraising

Year 6 will be holding their final fundraiser next Tuesday at recess. Ice cream spiders in a variety of flavours will be available for \$2 each.



Library News

Premiers Reading Challenge certificates will be handed out next week.

The Premiers' office have provided the following statistics for 2015.

Students who completed the Challenge	272,440
Gold Awards	27,914
Platinum Awards	5,285
Medals	363

Total books read	7,492,209
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Most popular book by Challenge level:	
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K-2	<i>Pig the Pug</i> by Aaron Blabey
3-4	<i>The Very Cranky Bear</i> by Nick Bland
5-6	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> by Roald Dahl
7-9	<i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins

Guitar – Make up Lessons

Students who attend guitar on a Monday, who also attend swim school, will join Friday's guitar lesson to make up for lost lessons.

LEADERS 2016 CANDIDATES



Absent from photo: Lorrian

Leaders 2016 Candidates

I would like to recognise each and every one of these wonderful young people who have bravely decided to put their hand up for a leadership position.

They are currently in the midst of presenting their speeches to our whole school during COLA assembly. The teachers and I couldn't be more proud of them for having a go.

On Friday the whole school will vote with only four leaders being announced from seventeen candidates on Monday next week. I wish them all the very best for this week – no matter the result on Monday, they are all champions!

Ms Deakin

P&C News

Monday night was the last general meeting for the HNPS P&C for 2015, and there's plenty you might be interested in.

1. *HNPS will be running a toy drive on a day to be announced before the end of term.*

1233 ABC Newcastle is once again hosting a Christmas Giving Tree in the foyer on behalf of the Combined Charities Christmas Warehouse, and is seeking serviceable, unsoiled, complete, and unwrapped toys for the disadvantaged children of Newcastle. So please rummage around the toyroom for something that might make Christmas special for someone less fortunate, and we'll let you know soon of school drop-off details.

Obviously support to this initiative is voluntary, though we hope it will be a positive social awareness activity for our students that can also increase our esteem amongst the greater community.

2. **The Uniform Committee has reported that the preferred supplier has added 25% to their initial quote for shirts subsequent to the initial order of one shirt per child (to be funded by donations from Hamilton North Bowling Club and the P&C), meaning subsequent shirts will cost around \$36 each. The P&C decided that this unexpected increase is unacceptable, and directed the Uniform Committee to immediately commence negotiations with the second preferred supplier. The main difference is that the P&C will need to run a clothing shop once a term so there's some overhead on us, and there's some work to do immediately to ensure supply in a reasonable timeframe. More news on this next week.**

3. Good news from council on the proposed school crossing in front of the gates across Jackson Street to meet with the extended shared path, with finer details to be negotiated shortly. The works will be complete within the financial year, and we intend to pursue a school zone on Griffiths Road and maintenance to Jackson Lane as the next community safety projects.

4. Preparations are underway for the anticipated Carols by Torchlight, and the catering sounds fabulous!

Support your children, and help the P&C support the school by kicking off your Christmas season with a great community evening this Friday night.

Thanks to all of our generous donors of time, effort and equipment, especially at last week's Digital Film Festival from which we ran another great fundraising effort and also supplied a nutritious snack to nearly 300 hungry filmgoers, over \$500 was raised to support P & C initiatives.

We really do need to get more volunteers for these events, so to share the load a little more evenly across the community please let us know if you can ever participate - even just an hour of your time could really help!

Thanks, Rich

Rich Ley
President
HNPS P&C Association

Christmas Hamper Donations

The P&C are asking for donations to make up the hampers for our annual Christmas raffle.

Christmas gifts or decorations, and non-perishable food items are welcome. Baskets to pack the hampers in would also be appreciated. **Please give your donations to class teachers. Thank you.**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

30th November - Rachel Gaunt
- Kelly Wilson

2nd December - Nicole Bondini-Topic
- Mary Anne Bondini

4th December - Dianne Winning
- Natalie Edwards

HAMILTON NORTH OOSH VC DEC PROGRAM

Dear Families and Friends,

We are currently arranging our operating hours for the Christmas break.

We will definitely be open from Thursday 17th to Thursday 23rd of December.

If you need care on Thursday 24th of December you MUST let staff know by the last day of term (16/12) so we can see if it is viable for us to be open. If we do not get enough bookings we will not be open.

NOTE: If we open Thursday the 24th of Dec, we will close at 3pm

Thurs 17th DEC <u>Pool Day</u> Children will travel by bus and spend the day at Stockton Pool. (Please note- we need numbers for pool day for staff ratios so please book in ASAP) <u>Cost: \$10.00</u>	FRI 18th DEC <u>Movie day</u> We are off to the movies. Children will travel by bus to the movies. Movie will be announced closer to date. <u>Cost: 15.00</u>	MON 21st DEC <u>It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas</u> A day of Christmas Craft, outside games, activities, Christmas movies and lots of fun! *Christmas wreaths *Christmas balls <u>Christmas cooking –</u> Chocolate balls
TUES 22nd DEC <u>Pool Day</u> Children will travel by bus and spend the day at Stockton Pool. (Please note- we need numbers for pool day for staff ratios so please book in ASAP) <u>Cost: \$10.00</u>	WED 23rd DEC <u>Wet Water Day</u> Come along for a day of lots of water fun! <u>Please bring along a change of clothes and towel. Please note that if you wear swimmers, rash shirt or t-shirt must be worn as well.</u> Xmas craft as well	THURS 24th DEC <u>Christmas Craft:</u> <u>Come dressed in your most festive Christmas outfits and accessories!</u> <u>Craft –</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reindeer Food • Xmas Wreaths • Xmas craft Please note only open til 3pm today.

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