

# Hamilton North Public School

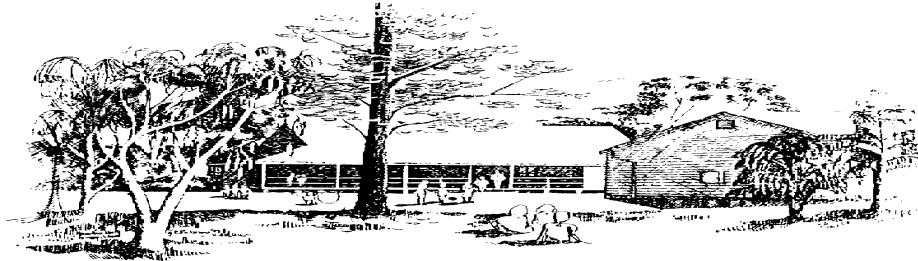
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*Chalkboard - Term 1 Week 8 Wednesday, 18th March 2015*



## Assembly

This week's assembly will be at 2:20pm in the hall. Classes KB and 1R will present an item.

## 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

The University of NSW is offering your child an opportunity to participate in ICAS.

If you are interested in your child enrolling in any of the assessments, Computer, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics, please complete the registration form at the end of the Chalkboard and return it, with your entry fees, to school by **Friday the 19th March 2015**.

**Entries will not be accepted after this date.**



## EASTER EGG DONATIONS

The P & C draw the Easter Egg raffle at the end of the Easter Hat parade on Tuesday, 31st March.

To continue our tradition of having many wonderful prizes, it would be appreciated if you could donate an Easter egg, rabbit, chocolate, baskets etc. These items may be left in your child's classroom.

The P & C appreciate all donations.

## Canteen Reminder

Please remind your children to put their lunch order in the lunch order box (on the canteen verandah) before the bell.

Our wonderful canteen volunteers are finding that some days they have quite a few students putting in their orders well after the bell, after food has been organised for the day.

## EASTER EGG HUNT & COLOURING COMPETITION

Our annual Easter Egg hunt and colouring competition will be held on Hat Parade Day, Tuesday, 31st March.

Students will colour their picture at school between lunch and recess, then come out into the playground at about 1.00pm to hunt for "hidden eggs".

Students need to bring in \$2 in an envelope with their name on it by Friday, 27th March and put it in the Easter Basket in the office for Mrs Bradley.

## School Photos

School photos are to be taken next week on Thursday, 26th March by Newcastle School Portraits. Photo envelopes have been handed to the students today. Family Group Photo envelopes can be collected from the office from tomorrow.

This year parents will have the option of paying online for their photo orders. A specialised code features on the front of the order envelope.

**No money or change is given by the office in relation to the photo shoot.**

**All envelopes with the correct money inside are handed to the photographers on the day.**

**No money comes in before the 26th March.**

## Library News

Library books are borrowed for one week. They should be returned on the following Tuesday to be either renewed or returned.

Handed to the students today are overdue library book notices. Please ask your child to return their book/s to the library next Tuesday so other students may borrow the book/s.

## Crazy Hair Day

Our Crazy Hair Day (raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation) is on Tuesday 24th March. Students come to school with their hair in a crazy colour, style etc. A gold coin donation for the Leukaemia Foundation would be appreciated.

Some of our students have shown initiative and will have beaded friendship bracelets and necklaces for sale from 50c to \$1.50 to help raise money for the Foundation.

## Zone Cross Country

All students participating in the zone cross country on Friday, 27th March should have received an information note yesterday. If there are any concerns please see Mrs Jackson.

## State Election

Our school hall will be used for the state election on Saturday, 28th March. Voting is available from 8.00am.

## CLASSROOM REMINDERS

### Class KB

This week it is KB's turn to perform in our school assembly on Friday. Assembly commences at 2.20pm in the Hall, so don't be late!

Next week in craft groups, we will be starting on our special Easter eggs. Each child needs to bring in 1 or 2 hard boiled eggs—in an egg carton with their name on it.

**Make sure there are no cracks and they will last forever!**

### Class 1R

Class 1R are presenting an item at the school assembly this Friday. Please don't forget to bring your costumes.

### Class 4B

Our class has had a case of headlice reported last week. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as necessary to try to contain this problem.

## Year 6 parents

Placements in Year 7, 2016 Expression of Interest forms are due to be completed and handed in at the school office by this Friday, 20th March. If you have any questions or need assistance please see Miss Drew.

Applications for Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus High Achievers Class applications are also due to the school office by Friday.

## Canteen Roster

23rd March	- Rachel Gaunt
	- Gillian Donn
25th March	- Eryn Duck
	- Kelly Wilson
27th March	- Shelley Brandon
	Bridgette Oakes

*SCHOOL HOLIDAY*  
**NETBALL**  
**DEVELOPMENT CLINIC**  
~ Registrations **NOW OPEN** ~

**FOR CHILDREN TURNING 8-13 YEARS IN 2015**

*Are you a passionate Junior netballer who would like to build confidence, develop teamwork and further enhance your skills?  
Pivot Netball Academy can assist you.*

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**AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR**  
**NETBALL PROGRAM IN 2015**

~ REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN ~

**For children turning 8-13 in 2015**  
*(only 10 positions available per age group)*



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### Keen Green Beans!



Many people eat cooked green beans at dinner. But did you know that raw green beans also make a great snack?

Why not try sliced fresh green beans in a small container for your child's Crunch&Sip\* break?

Keep 'em keen – give 'em beans!

### LIVE LIFE WELL

#### Recommendations for lunchboxes:

- yes - water makes the best drink
- yes - milk for healthy teeth and bones
- no - cordial, soft drinks, fruit drinks and many sports drinks should be considered
- occasional drinks - best kept for special days.

### Hamilton Anzac Day Dawn Service 100<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day Anniversary Invitation Gregson Park

Merewether-Hamilton RSL Sub Branch would like to invite students, parents and staff to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anzac Day at the Hamilton Dawn Service at Gregson Park on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2015. Anzac Dawn Services have been held in Gregson Park, Hamilton since 1922.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the march from Beaumont St to Gregson Park. Those wishing to march, will need to form up on the corner of Tudor and Beaumont St at 5.00am. Marshalls will be in attendance to assist.

If you just wish to attend the service please make your way to Gregson Park prior to 5.15am.

The service begins at 5.30am and is completed just on sunrise.

A sausage sizzle along with tea and coffee will be served, for a gold donation, at Hamilton PS which is just across the road from Gregson Park at the completion of the service.

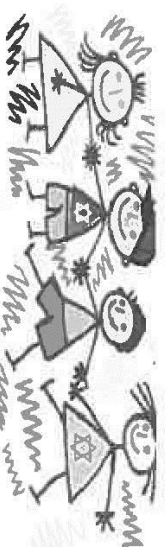
If you have any questions please call David Jack on 0447902352.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday	24th March	K-6 Funky Hair Day Fundraising for Leukaemia Foundation
Thursday	26th March	Whole School Photos
Friday	27th March	Zone Cross Country
Tuesday	31st March	Easter Hat Parade/Easter Egg hunt/Raffle
Friday	3rd April	Good Friday – School Holidays commence
Tuesday	21st April	Students return for Term 2
Saturday	25th April	Anzac Day Dawn Service – Gregson Park
	12th – 14th May	NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5
Monday	27th July	K-6 Excursion to Civic Theatre

## Hamilton North OOSH - APRIL VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>EASTER</b>	<b>...Come fly with Me...</b>	<b>...Young Peoples Theatre Excursion...</b>	<b>...Recycled Art Projects...</b>	<b>...Wheels Day...</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Come fly a kite with your friends. We will walk over to Smith Park for a kite flying adventure, a picnic lunch and games.	Come and walk with us to the Young People's Theatre in Hamilton and watch their latest production of "Beauty & The Beast". We only have 28 tickets, so it's first in best dressed! <b>Cost: \$17.00 p/c</b>	Come along with some recycled materials ready to make a variety of craft projects. -toilet roll cars -grass heads -cardboard wreath -tin people	Bring along your bike, scooter or skate-board. <u>Please note that helmets must be worn when riding any of the above!</u> A course will be set up and children will make large road signs.
<b>CENTRE</b>				
<b>CLOSED</b>				
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>...Tree Tops Adventures...</b>	<b>... Lets Make Music...</b>	<b>...Creative Arts...</b>	<b>...MOVIES EXCURSION...</b>	<b>...Movies and Wii Day...</b>
Heights, ropes and more heights. Come and test your skills and balance with a few different high rope courses and then go flying down the giant flying foxes. <b>Limited places please book in!</b> <b>Cost: \$20.00p/c</b>	Come along for a day filled with music. We will be making musical instruments and playing with the bongo drums.	Come and put on your creative hats to make some awesome craft. -Dream catchers -Parachute peg -Personalised fans -Paper plates hot air balloons	Come along and enjoy a movie at Newcastle Greater Union. The movie will be announced closer to the day. We will be traveling by bus. <b>Cost: \$15.00 p/c</b>	Come along and enjoy a new release DVD and have lots of fun with your friends on the Wii. Come dressed in your comfy PJ's. We will be cooking Hot Dogs for lunch and munching on popcorn during the movies!



Vacation Care Hours: 7am – 6pm

**Phone: 0448 739 789**

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Payments and fees: All payments need to be paid before the start of the school holidays.

Cost: \$45.00 per child per day. Bookings are to be paid in full before care is required.

Registrations: If you are a new family we have a registration fee of \$50.00 per family.

Excursions are an extra cost on the day, and we ask parents to pay at least the day before the excursion, and please indicate to staff that you are paying for the an excursion, not fees.

*Come join us for a fun filled holidays of lots of laughter and enjoyment!*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – PUPIL FREE DAY**

**...PUTT PUTT GOLF...**

Come along for a fun day of Putt Putt Golf. Children will walk to Broadmeadow Super Putt and play a few games of mini golf. We will be leaving the centre at 10am

**Please understand that at anytime the program can be changed/altared, due to the weather, chn's wants & needs, staff and availability of resources. OOSH Policy requires a week's notice for cancellation of VC. Therefore, please choose your days wisely**



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### 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)*.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

#### ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12; assessments are available in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30-60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students in each subject in each school year in each state when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official test date
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. **High Distinction** to the top 1% of students
  2. **Distinction** to the next 10% of students
  3. **Credit** to the next 25% of students
  4. **Merit** to the next 10% of students
  5. **Participation** to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to school by **Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015**.

For more information about ICAS go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au), contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to [info@eaa.unsw.edu.au](mailto:info@eaa.unsw.edu.au)

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online)

Yours sincerely

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### 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

## Registration Form

Please return this form to your child's school

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Child's name Class*

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Years	Official Sitting Date	Entry fee, incl. GST	Fee enclosed
Computer Skills	3 – 6	19 May 2015	\$8.00	
Science	2 – 6	3 June 2015	\$8.00	
Writing	3 – 6	15–19 June 2015**	\$17.00	
Spelling	3 – 6	16 June 2015	\$11.00	
English	2 – 6	28 July 2015	\$8.00	
Mathematics	2 – 6	11 August 2015	\$8.00	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

Students should sit the test on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

\* Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 16 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Please complete the registration form and return it, with your entry fees, to school by **Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015**. Entries will not be accepted after this date.

Please find enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ total entry fee.  
*Amount*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Guardian Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian