

Hamilton North Public School

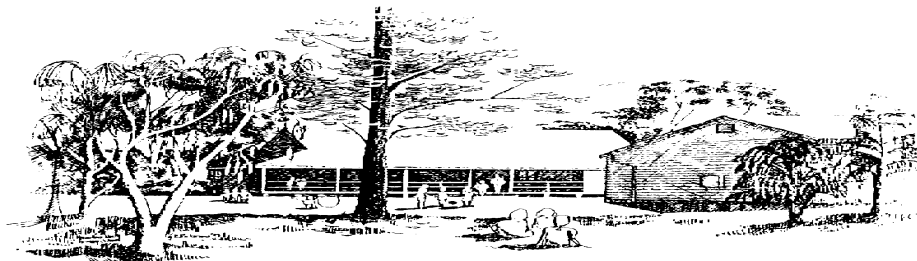
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Chalkboard - Term 2 Week 2 Wednesday, 29th April 2015



Friday Assembly

Assembly will commence at 2.30pm this Friday.

THANKYOU!!!

Thank you to the most amazing parent community in the world.

Too many names to mention you all (and I would hate to leave someone out). All these amazing people worked tirelessly to get our school open again. Thanks also to Prue and Scott from OOSH for their help and to Michele and Paul from 'Little House on King' for donations of bottles of water.

Friday Sport

Sport commences this Friday.

Tennis—If you have a racquet you are welcome to bring it, otherwise there are plenty to borrow.

Hockey—Please make sure you have a pair of long socks so your shin pads stay on, football socks are best.

Except for hockey (which is a term payment of \$10), the paying sports (Basketball \$2, Tennis \$4 and Gymnastics \$5) are to be paid weekly. This is due to the uncertain weather predicted for this term and the possible cancellation of sport on some Fridays.

If money is not paid each week, unfortunately, the student is unable to attend his/hers chosen sport.

Due to the large volume of money to be paid by each Friday, please have the correct money in an envelope with your child's name on it handed to the school office prior to each Friday.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for students wishing to enrol in Kindergarten next year. If you have a child who will attend next year, please phone the school office on 49693695 with details.

P&C ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to some changes in P&C Federation requirements, the Hamilton North P&C Association will be re-holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 4th May 2015, commencing at 6pm at the Hamilton North Bowling Club.

Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2014 AGM and the tabling of the Audit Report for the year ending 31st December 2014, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

- President
- 2 x Vice Presidents
- Treasurer
- Secretary

All current financial P&C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

If you are a financial member and are unable to attend the meeting, but wish to stand for nomination, or nominate for a position, or accept a nomination, please do so in writing to Karl Moir prior to the date of the meeting.

The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only members who were financial at the close of the previous meeting are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

At the completion of the AGM, the general meeting will be held.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mothers Day stall will be held on Friday 8th May. P & C are asking for donations which can be left in your child's classroom.

If any parent volunteers are able to help with wrapping and selling on the 8th May, please see Mrs Deakin.



Guitar Lessons for Term 2

Guitar lessons will commence next Monday, 4th May.

Mr Paul Nickerson will run the half hour lessons on Mondays and Fridays as usual for 8 weeks. The cost of lessons is \$40 for the 8 weeks and this money is to be paid to the school office **before** lessons commence.

Banking News

Welcome back to term 2 banking. The new awards this term are Invisible Ink Martian Pen and the Intergalactic Rocket. I know some children who are waiting for these. When you have collected 10 banking silver tokens then you qualify for an award.



This quarter, the school has received a commission of \$180.48 as a result of all the banking. This money will be given to the library to buy something that they need.

We also have 18 new bankers so far. Keep banking. See you Friday. Terrie

2015 Selection Procedures for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2016

All applications must be made online by going to the following website:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Online applications opened on **Monday 27th April and close on Friday 15th May 2015**. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

Parents without internet access, a printer and a personal email address (not the student's) can access a public library to complete their online application.

Parents with a disability that prevents them from using a computer should contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 for assistance.

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 22nd July 2015**.

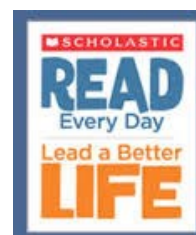


Library News

How lovely to see all those enthusiastic smiling faces in class. We have many new books on display—please encourage your child to borrow them and share them with you.

May is National Family Reading month.

With the cooler weather coming perhaps it is a good time to cuddle up with your children and share a book.



Scholastic Book Club

Students received the new book club catalogues (Issue 3) yesterday.

There are some great reads! In particular, have a look at the Gold Coin books which are fantastic value and make for very affordable presents.

Please have all money and orders to the office by next Wednesday May 6th.

CLASSROOM REMINDERS

Class KB

Welcome back everyone, I hope you enjoyed your break despite "The weather!"

This week we have started "reading". Children will be learning sight words each week which will be reflected in the books they bring home. They are meant to be very easy at the moment as the children learn to point to words as they read and use the pictures in the book to help them read unknown words.

Next week no one will be allowed in the room in the morning unless you want to speak to me. When the bell rings, children will line up with their green bag, fruit and water.

Mothers Day is fast approaching and next week we will be making something special for mum in the classroom. To cover the costs could everyone please bring in \$2 in an envelope with the child's name on it and hand it to Mrs Bradley.

STEWART HOUSE 2015 Donation Drive

Please find attached to the Chalkboard Stewart House Donation Envelopes. Please return the envelopes to the school office with your \$2 donation inside by Friday 8th May with your donation inside for a chance to win a \$4,000 Family Holiday.

Hamilton North Skoolbag App

YES we have a school app! We recently purchased the Hamilton North PS app and staff are being trained in how to use it. An instruction note for parents is attached to this chalkboard for you to download onto your device/s. The purpose of this app is to make communication within the school community easier. We will be holding a parent information session later in the term. Please be patient as staff find their way around the app and continue to always read notes sent home. This does not replace our normal communication. It is very exciting!

Trudy Ramsay



Unload Creative Writing Workshops have commenced again. They are held on Mondays in 4B's classroom from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. If you are interested in your child attending please see the ladies running the program in 4B's classroom on Monday afternoon.

Canteen Roster

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| 4th May | - Rachel Gaunt |
| | - Gillian Donn |
| 6th May | - Eryn Duck |
| | - Kelly Wilson |
| 8th May | - Shelley Brandon |
| | - Bridgette Oakes |

No Fresh Fruit? No Worries!

Although fresh fruit or vegetables are the best choice for Crunch&Sip*, your child can snack on canned fruit in natural juice or with no added sugar or dried fruit (DO NOT send fruit straps, bars or rolls).

To save money, buy a large can of fruit and send to school in reusable containers. Good for the environment too!



LIVE LIFE WELL

Fresh fruit and vegetables – the green food

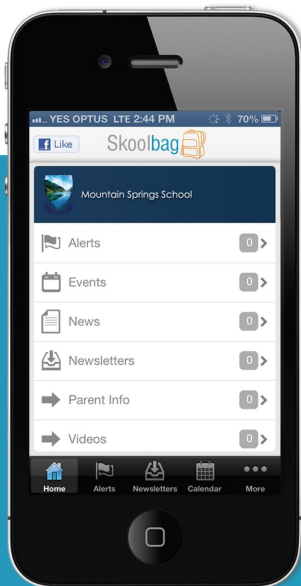
Fresh fruit and vegetables are not only good for your health, but they are also good for the planet. Fruits and vegetables come in their own environmentally friendly packaging. Fruit or vegetable scraps can also be composted or used in a worm farm. You can also help the environment by choosing produce without foam trays or plastic containers.

Selecting delicious fresh produce

Here are some tips on choosing the best fresh fruit and vegetables for taste and storage:

- ✦ select fruit and vegetables that feel firm, smell nice and look fresh
 - ✦ small or medium size fruit make good choices for children
 - ✦ choose vegetables that snap rather than bend
- avoid any fruit or vegetables that are limp, split or feel spongy





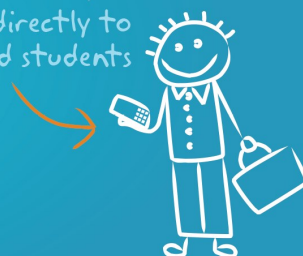
Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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SUPPORT A READER PROGRAM

Our wonderful Support-A-Reader (SAR) program is beginning again this term.

This 5 minute reading program that operates 3 times per week has proven very successful in supporting students who need a little extra practise at reading. As was the case last year, we are seeking volunteers to be involved in working with children for a few mornings per week (or one or two – depending on what suits you) to assist in delivering this important program.

The structure of the program involves children reading short texts to a volunteer promptly at 9am.

Each session takes approximately 5 minutes. Usually parents would listen to 1 or 2 children read.

Training for interested parents will be on Wednesday the 20th of May at 9am in the library. It will take a maximum of 20 minutes. Any parent that has previously completed the training does not need to attend this training session. The actual program will begin in Week 6 (25th May) and finish in Week 5 of Term 3. The days that the program will run are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Those of who are interested must hold a current Working with Children Check (which can be found at <https://wwccheck.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application#> - it is a free check for volunteers, only those that are getting paid to work with children have to pay). It is a mandatory requirement for our school volunteers to have one of these, and a copy must be given to the school office for our records. Please be aware that it can take anywhere from a few days to two weeks for your Children Check number to come through.

Please indicate on the slip below the days that you would be willing to help out and return to the office with your Working with Children Check reference number.

Thankyou and I look forward to hearing from you.

Miss Boyle

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Support A Reader Confirmation Slip for Parents/Volunteers

Yes I would like to volunteer to assist with SAR in terms 2 and 3.

I am available: (Please Circle) Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Please tick the boxes relevant to you:

- ☐ I am able to attend the training on Wednesday 20th of May at 9am
- ☐ I have already completed the training and have provided my Working with Children Check to the office
- ☐ I have recently completed my Working with Children Check and my application number is _____

Parent attending: _____

What is the Support-a-Reader Program?

- It is an intervention program that gives children the opportunity to participate daily in reading in a one-to-one situation
- The program is focused on increasing the reading fluency of students
- It allows children who need additional assistance to gain confidence through the support of caring adults
- It involves the use of trained parent/teacher assistants as tutors. Those tutors follow a simple procedure to provide support that matches the child's needs
- It provides for daily monitoring of a child's progress by the tutor in addition to ongoing observation by the Co-ordinator of the program
- It aims to encourage children's independence as readers and, through sharing the pleasure of reading, to develop a genuine desire to read
- Students read at a level that is below their classroom reading level in order to achieve fluency and foster confidence/enjoyment
- Allows students to read without having to concentrate on sounding out lots of difficult words
- The student reads the same text until fluent with little to no mistakes
- Each day the student's word and error count is recorded
- The students will receive a new text when the tutor decides that it is time to move on



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	1st May	Startsruck Rehearsal
Monday	4th May	Public Speaking Speech (1)
Monday	4th May	P & C AGM & MEETING 6.00pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club
	12th – 14th May	NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5
Monday	18th May	Public Speaking Speech (2)
Wednesday	27th May	Starstruck Rehearsal
Monday	1st June	Public Speaking Speech (3)
Wednesday	3rd June	ICAS Science Exam
Monday	8th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday	10th June	Starstruck Rehearsal
Thursday	11th June	Starstruck Dress Rehearsal
Friday/Saturday	12th/13th June	Starstruck matinee & night performance
Monday	15th June	ICAS Writing Exam
Tuesday	16th June	ICAS Spelling Exam
Monday	27th July	K-6 Excursion to Civic Theatre
Tuesday	28th July	ICAS English Exam
Tuesday	11th August	ICAS Maths Exam
	17th -19th August	Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion

Entertainment Books

The school is selling Entertainment Books again this year although it will be run a little differently. In the past each family was given a book to take home to peruse with the option of either buying the book, buying a digital edition or returning the book. With the increased number of digital sales (both at the school and in the community), books will not be given out to everyone this year. Instead, a book is on display at the school office, or alternatively you can view it online at <http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/tell-me-more/newcastle>. The book gives you access to vouchers to restaurants, cafes, attractions, local stores, accommodation and more. It is very popular and there is only a limited number of books and digital memberships available

To order and pay for the book or digital membership, go to <http://entbook.com.au/3426j1>. Books sell for \$60 with \$12 going directly to the school. Alternatively, you can pay by cash at the school office – just put the money in an envelope with your child's name and class on the envelope. If you have any questions, please call Gillian on 0431 223381

BONUS – Who doesn't love to win a prize? We have one book to give away, so everyone who buys their book before Friday, 8 May goes in the draw to win their book (ie their money will be returned).