

# Hamilton North Public School

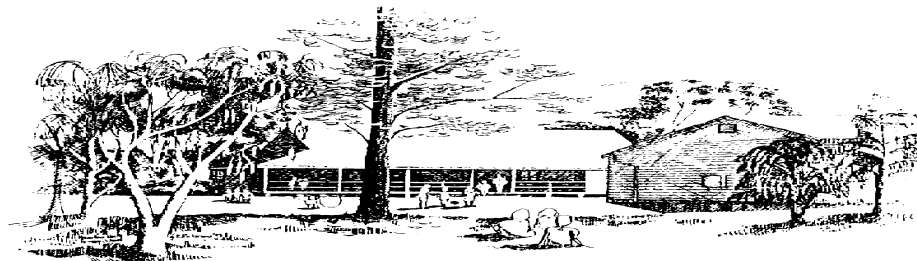
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*Chalkboard - Term 2 Week 3 Wednesday, 6th May 2015*



## Friday Assembly

Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday, class 4B will present an item..

## 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 4969 3695 with details.

## MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our Mothers Day stall will be held this Friday 8th May. P & C are asking for donations which can be left in your child's classroom. Donations of soaps, candles, washers, chocolates etc would be appreciated.

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



## 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](http://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

Well done!!

We have had several completed Premiers Reading Challenge Reading Record sheets handed in already. When you have completed your sheet, please hand it to the library for validation on line.

## STEWART HOUSE 2015 Donation Drive

Stewart House Donation Envelopes were sent out last week. Please return the envelopes to the school office with your \$2 donation inside by this Friday, 8th May with your donation inside for a chance to win a \$4,000 Family Holiday.

## Technology Update

A technology note was handed to each notetaker (eldest child in class) yesterday. Could EVERY-ONE please complete and return the notes to their child's classroom teacher, to be marked off as returned, As Soon As Possible.

## Paul Harragon Cup

After being washed out, the Paul Harragon Cup will be held this Thursday. Notes have been sent home to the students involved.

# CLASSROOM REMINDERS

## Class KB

Today we have been discussing safe ways to get in and out of our car. The RTA have provided you a safety door sticker to put on your window. Please read the pamphlet and place the sticker on the correct window of your family car.

Many children are still unable to log on to Mathletics and Reading Eggs by themselves. They should be practising at least twice a week at home as well as at school.

I hope you all have a great weekend.  
Happy Mothers Day to you all.

## Years 5/6

### Year 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion

Thank you to all parents for returning the Canberra expression of interest and \$50 deposit so promptly. There are still a few places for students remaining, if you are interested in your child attending please see Miss Drew. Final payments are not due until 7th August, 2015 but please remember that instalments can be made as convenient.



### Aim High

Thank you for the fantastic response to the Aim High program this year. Aim High is an opportunity for Year 5 students to experience typical high school subjects. Students are encouraged to rank their preferences in order of interest as they may end up attending more than one session. A letter from Waratah Technology Campus will be sent directly to parents outlining which sessions your child will be attending. Please remember this program is designed for all Year 5 students regardless of which high school they are zoned for or planning to apply for. Transport to and from the sessions will be parents responsibility. **Please have notes in by Thursday 7th May.**

## NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5 students

Naplan testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students will take place next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in our 4/5 and 5/6 classrooms.

Test Schedule:

Tuesday Language Conventions, Writing (20 minute break between these tests)

Wednesday Reading

Thursday Numeracy

## P&C Annual General Meeting

Thank you to the many parents that attended the Annual General Meeting on Monday night. I would like to recognise the outstanding efforts of the previous Executive: Karl Moir, Gillian Squires, Dave Stephenson and Sonya Thompson who have contributed so much to the P&C and our school for a long period of time. Our children and our school have benefitted greatly from your time and energy in fundraising and supporting school events.

Congratulations to our P&C Executive Committee 2015: Richard Ley - President, Tamara Young - Vice President, Scott Norrish - Treasurer, and Xanthe Roxburgh - Secretary. I look forward to working with you all.

There is one other Vice President role that is vacant. Nominations will be accepted for this position at our next meeting in week 8.

## Jackson St Road Rules Awareness

Please be aware that if you need to do a U-turn or three point turn in Jackson Street, do not cross over the double lines. A policeman has been monitoring this lately and unfortunately a number of parents have been booked.

I have also had another report of a car mounting the curb and driving across the grass where students usually walk. In the interest of child safety, please do not drive on the grass strip along either side of Jackson Street.

## Regional Cross Country

Good luck to Jack Potter and Kane Bailey for Friday's Cross Country.

## Canteen Roster

11th May - Sonya Thompson  
- Jo Hughes

13th May - Mel Keegan  
- Danae Norrish

15th May - Charlie Pfeiffer  
- Mel Keegan

### 4 reasons to send snow peas for Crunch&Sip®

1. Kids love their crunchy texture and sweet flavour
2. They are a source of iron, protein and potassium
3. They don't bruise easily
4. They make an exciting change for Crunch&Sip®



### Radishes are rad for Crunch&Sip®!

Crunchy, peppery radishes are an unusual and delicious snack for Crunch&Sip®.

Have you tried radishes?  
Taste one today!



## LIVE LIFE WELL

### Why eat fruit and veg everyday?

Fruits and vegetables are high in vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre, as well as being rich in antioxidants. Research shows that people who eat adequate amounts of fruits and vegetables everyday can help prevent:

- coronary heart disease
- some forms of cancer
- overweight and obesity
- constipation
- high blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels
- help improve control of diabetes.



Aim to eat fruit and vegetables everyday - the greater the variety, the better health benefits.

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (25<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

Thursday	7th May	Hammeroos debate 10am Paul Harragon Cup
	12th – 14th May	NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5
Monday	18th May	Public Speaking Speech (1)
Tuesday	19th May	ICAS Computer Exam
Wednesday	27th May	Starstruck Rehearsal
Thursday	28th May	Paul Kelly Cup AFL Gala Day
Monday	1st June	Public Speaking Speech (2)
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 Public Speaking Stage Finals
Tuesday	16th June	ICAS Spelling Exam
Wednesday	17th June	K-6 School Sports Carnival
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).