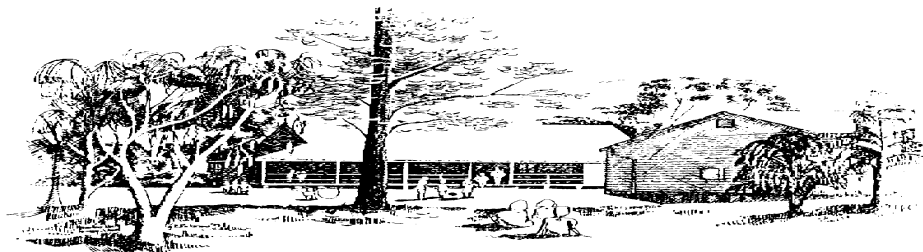




Chalkboard – Term 4, Week 1, Wednesday 12th October, 2016



Friday Assembly

As the hall will be in use by OOSH for the next 3 weeks while the library is being renovated, there will be no Friday assembly for 3 weeks.

From the Principal

Welcome back to 'busy but fun' Term 4! I hope that the two week holiday period was safe and enjoyable for all.

Library Renovation - First 3 weeks of term

There are fairly extensive renovations occurring in B Block for the first few weeks of this term. At the moment we are having the room painted with new carpet and blinds coming in week 3.

During this time B Block is totally off limits as it is a work site. OOSH is operating out of our school hall until renovations are complete.

**** As OOSH are using the hall, there will not be Friday assembly until week 4 (Friday 4th November).**

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this busy time.

Toy Drive 2016

Our very successful Toy Drive is once again taking place this term.

We are lucky to have Tighes Hill PS joining us in this worthwhile activity this year. I will be taking our leaders across to Tighes Hill PS this Thursday to plan the Toy Drive.

Toy Drive drop off dates at Hamilton North PS will be Tuesday 15th Nov and Wednesday 16th Nov with the toys being delivered on Wednesday afternoon to our charity of choice.

Thanks to our P&C President, Rich Ley, for his ongoing support of this initiative.

Congratulations Mr Sparke!

Mr Sparke is heading off to Fern Bay PS to relieve as principal for 5 weeks this term.

We wish him well and know he will do a great job!

We are very lucky to have Mrs Lyle relieving as Assistant Principal at Hamilton North while Mr Sparke is away.

The fabulous Mrs Jackson will cover Mr Sparke's Mondays and Fridays on 1/2.

Miss Prue will deliver our Science and Technology RFF that Mr Sparke usually teaches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Kelly Deakin
Principal

P&C Meeting Change of Date

The next meeting has been brought forward by one week due to the original date clashing with other events.

The new meeting date is Monday 18th October, 6pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club. The meeting will be in Week 2 rather than Week 3. Everyone is very welcome.

CANTEEN CLOSED MONDAYS

As there has been no response to the Canteen request for volunteer workers on Mondays—next Monday, 17th October will be the last day open for Monday canteen.

FRIDAY SPORT

This term Friday sport is held at school. There are no paying sports – all students participate in tabloids.



PRESENTATION NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!

Our whole school presentation will be held on the night of **Tuesday, 6th December** at Callaghan Waratah Technology Campus Hall. More information will be in the newsletter closer to the date!

GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons will commence from next Friday (week 2) for all those interested. The lessons will run for 8 weeks (week 9) and the cost is \$40. Please pay at the office prior to guitar lessons commencing. Thankyou.

SWIM SCHOOL

An expression of interest has been given to all students today regarding our two week swim school at the end of the year.

Swim school is held at Arnolds Swim Centre, The Junction from Monday 28th November until Friday 9th December. The final cost is still to be determined, however, it will be approximately \$100–\$120 per child for the ten days. Please return the expression of interest to secure your child a place.

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue notices have been handed out today. Due to the library renovations we are unable to loan out books until late in this term, so it would be appreciated if all borrowed books could be returned.

School Student Transport Scheme Applications open 10 October 2016

From Monday, 10th October 2016, parents, guardians and students over 16 years, will be able to apply for 2017 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel pass by visiting:

www.transportnsw.info/schools-students.

Information for parents and students

School travel passes only need to be updated when a student:

- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

A new application is required when:

- applying for an SSTS pass for the first time
- enrolling in Kindergarten,
- progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

For more information on planning your school travel, visit www.transportnsw.info or contact your local operator.

Bus Passes for 2017 Travel

The Opal network wishes to remind ALL students to keep their School Opal cards for travel in 2017.

Year 4 Transition Day Wednesday 19th October

All year 4 students have been invited to take part in a series of Taster Lessons at Waratah Technology Campus on **Wednesday 19th October 2016**. This day has been designed to provide your child with an introduction Callaghan College, Callaghan campus and high school life in general.

The cost of this day is **nil**.

Students are to wear their **SCHOOL UNIFORM** and will need to wear **ENCLOSED SHOES**. Students will take part in Taster Lessons in a range of subjects.

Students will be transported to and from Waratah Technology Campus by bus (**FREE-OF-CHARGE**).

The bus will collect students from school at **9:00am** and will return students to by **2:30pm**.

Students will need to provide their own food for recess, however, a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided by Waratah Technology Campus.

Please ensure all permission notes are returned to Ms McDonnell or Mrs Bell by Friday.

Miss Drew

HAMILTON NORTH IDOL IS ON AGAIN!!!!

Children have been asked to nominate either individual or group performances for the

Hamilton North Idol contest for 2016!!

The children who nominate and enter their performance will get their opportunity to do what they do best and shine in Idol Heats in our school hall. Idol week starts in

Week 7 of THIS TERM (4)

Friday's Assembly during that week **will be our IDOL FINAL with all finalists being notified by the Thursday afternoon prior.**

To all the gorgeous acts who nominated this week,
a BIG THANKYOU for making idol great every year.

To all parents whose children have nominated, please ensure that your child is prepared and has been practicing...and keep an eye out for individual communication and notes....your support gives them even more confidence and guarantees that they have fun!!!

Mrs Lyle



ENVIRONMENT CLUB NEWS

November 7-11 is National Recycling Week. This year we purchased new bins to make recycling at school a focus. In the lead up to National Recycling Week we would like you to encourage your child/children to think about recycling, which items can be recycled and which items can't when placing rubbish in to the bin.

Each week we will be sending out an activity you can complete with your child/children on the theme of recycling.

BIN FREE TUESDAYS

Bin Free Tuesdays are going well with an increasing number of children participating by bringing a waste free lunchbox. Starting next week we will be handing out win bins to children we notice who have a waste free lunchbox.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	18th October	P & C Meeting 6pm Hamilton North Bowling Club
Wednesday	19th October	Year 4 Transition Day
Monday	31st October	Halloween Disco – Hamilton North Bowling Club 6-8pm
Wednesday	2nd November	Kinder Orientation – Children and Parents/Carers
Monday-Friday	28th Nov – 9th Dec	Swim School – Arnolds Swim Centre
Friday	2nd December	Scripture Service
Tuesday	6th December	Presentation Night, 6pm – 7.15pm Callaghan College, Waratah
Wednesday	7th December	Parent/Volunteer morning tea
Tuesday	13th December	Pool Party – Wallsend Pool – K-6
Friday	16th December	Last day for students for Term 4

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 14th October	Monday 17th October	Wednesday 19th October	Friday 21st October
Eryn Atkinson	Bea Sims Anne Doran	Danae Norrish Frances Guest	Shelley Brandon Bridgette Oakes



HNPS P&C INVITE YOU TO A **HALLOWEEN FAMILY DISCO**

**6-8pm Monday 31st OCTOBER
HAMILTON NORTH BOWLING CLUB**

**\$5 per child or \$10 for three or more children
Pay at the door or pre-pay in the P&C dropbox**

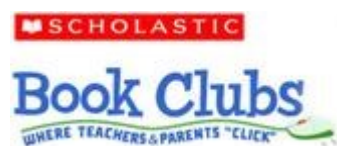
Parents are responsible for their children
The Bowling Club Restaurant is open for meals and drinks

BOOKCLUB

Issue 7 of Scholastic Bookclub has been handed out today to the students.

All orders are due in by Friday 21st October.

If you require any orders to be kept secret for Christmas, please let the co-ordinator Rachel Gaunt know.



Spooky Cake Stall



Prizes for Best Dressed



Year 6 Face painting Stall