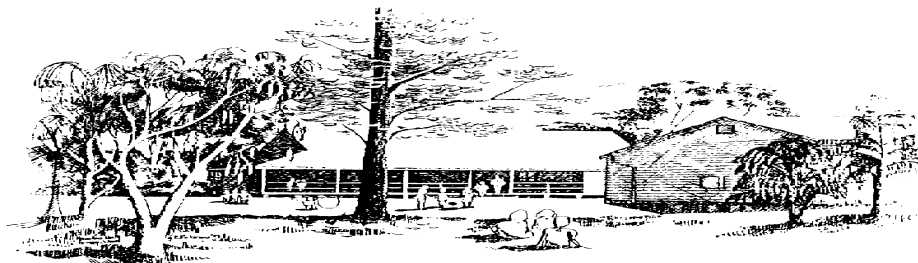




Chalkboard – Term 1, Week 2, Wednesday, 3rd February 2016



Friday Assembly

There will be a whole school assembly at 2.30pm in the hall this Friday. All welcome to attend.

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone and WELCOME to our beautiful kindergarten students and our new families. It's been a wonderful start to the year with each and every student settling beautifully into their new class. This year's class structure is:

KB Mrs Bradley/Mrs Evans
K/1 Mrs Ramsay
1/2 Mrs Jackson/Mr Sparke
2/3 Mrs Novak
3/4 Miss McDonnell/Mrs Bell
5L Mrs Lyle
5/6 Miss Drew

You will have no doubt noticed that there is **road work happening in Jackson Street**. Whilst this will make it more difficult to find parking spaces this term, we will end up with a Children's Crossing, a better drainage system and a pathway on the drain side of Jackson Street. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of this term.

Our **school uniform shirt will be introduced in Term 2** due to a halt in production overseas for Chinese New Year. You should have received an order form for your free shirt that our P&C are generously providing. From next week (Week 3) you will be able to have a look at some shirts to give you an idea of what size to order. Each child will receive their first shirt free. Additional shirts can be purchased any time after Term 1 directly from Newy's Work Wear in Broadmeadow Rd.

Please come along to **our first P&C meeting of the year** which is being held on Monday 8th February, 6pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club. You are able to join the P&C at this meeting for \$2. The more the merrier.

We are urgently looking for a Canteen Coordinator so that we can start opening the canteen. If you are able to volunteer for canteen or could possibly coordinate the canteen please contact Shelley Brandon through our office.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased book packs and paid the voluntary school contribution. The **book packs are \$50 and the school contribution is \$20**. Teachers will begin to use these packs from next Monday 8th Feb and require all students to have them so that they can begin writing in their subject books and can access online learning tools such as Mathletics and Reading Eggs.

Parent Information Sessions will be taking place in Week 3 (next week) with the exception of KB which is happening this week (Mrs Bradley has already sent a note home to families about this). These sessions provide important organisational information for parents – it is worthwhile attending. The days and times for each class are as follows:

Week 2

KB	Thurs 4 th Feb	5:30pm	KB room
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Week 3

1/2	Mon 8 th Feb	5pm	1/2 room
3/4	Wed 10 th Feb	4.30pm	3/4 room
2/3	Wed 10 th Feb	5:30pm	2/3 room
5/6	Wed 10 th Feb	5:30pm	5/6 room
K/1	Thurs 11 th Feb	5pm	K/1 room
5L	Thurs 11 th Feb	5.30 pm	5L room

Kinder photos will be taken by a professional photographer this Friday, 5th December. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform. These photos are different to our school photos that will happen later in the year. Kinder photos on Friday are free.

Guitar lessons will be starting in Week 3 on 12th Feb. As was the case last year, it will be an 8 week program. Students K-6 can participate on Friday morning for a 30 minute session at either 9am, 9:30am or 10am. We will group students as best we can. Paul Nickerson is an excellent guitar teacher that caters to all levels. The cost for the term is \$40 - per child. Money must be paid by Wednesday 10th Feb at our office. Students participating will need to bring a guitar. These are placed in the library and can be collected in the afternoon.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our whole school (K-6) swimming carnival will be held at Lambton Pool on Thursday 18th February. Spectators and volunteers are very welcome to attend. A note with further information regarding the day and the cost has been sent home with your child/ren today.



Friday Sport

Sport commences this Friday.
If you have chosen:

Learn to Swim at Arnolds – \$95.00
Surf School – \$135.00
Ocean Baths – \$45.00

Please make sure that the permission note is handed to the school office and full payment is made before commencement on Friday. If the full payment is not received unfortunately your child will not be able to attend the chosen sport.

If your child is unable to attend their sport on any Friday due to illness, holiday etc there is no refund for that day available as buses and instructors still need to be paid.

Student Information Update

A form has been sent home today to be completed and returned to the school office by this Friday, **ONLY if you have had any changes to your home address, home phone number, work phone number, mobile numbers or emergency contact details since notifying us previously.**

Community Service Officers & Chicken Keepers

Our CSO's and Chicken Keepers will be presented with their badge during assembly on Friday 12th Feb at 2.20pm. Parents/carers are very welcome to attend.

Our CSO's are Hayley Blackburn, Charlie Lewis, Eddie Mogg and Linden Nash. Our Chicken Keepers are Sabine Bray, Elijah Broe, James Kelly and Xyanne Love.

HNPS WORKING BEE SAVE THE DATE



We will be holding our annual **WORKING BEE** after school on Friday 26th February...details to come!

Scripture

Any students NOT participating in scripture are to provide a signed note from their parents. This note is to be handed to their classroom teacher.

Library News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hamilton North Public School Library. Today your child was issued with his/her library card (the card remains at school). This year the student's visit the library on Wednesdays for their lesson and the library is also open 2nd half of lunch for the students to come in and read quietly or play quiet games.

- ◆ All students are allowed to borrow 2 books.
- ◆ Books are borrowed for 1 week. If unfinished, students may reborrow the book unless it has been reserved by someone else.
- ◆ Book overdue notices will be sent out if the book is 14 days over due.
- ◆ A Library bag is necessary to carry books to and from the library. Kindergarten students receive a library bag from the librarian.
- ◆ Books are returned to the Library as soon as children arrive at school in the morning. There is a special RETURN BOX that is placed outside the library on Wednesday mornings.
- ◆ It is policy at Hamilton North Public School that lost or badly damaged books be replaced. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have a problem.

Thank you for your cooperation and I hope that your child will enjoy using the Library, and enjoy reading right through their school years.

Trudy Robinson
Teacher Librarian

BANKING NEWS

Welcome back to banking.

The theme for this year is the outback. An envelope has been given out so keep your token sheet so that you can hand it in with your 10 silver tokens so I know what prize you would like.

For any new bankers, just take your birth certificate to any Commonwealth bank and sign up.

See you on the library verandah on Fridays. If I'm not there, I won't be long.

Thanks, Terrie

CLASS NOTICES

KB Information Night

Mrs Bradley will hold an information night for her class (KB) this Thursday at 5.30pm.

This is for class KB parents only and will be held in the KB classroom.

3/4

The children have settled into 3/4 brilliantly!

They are all happy and working hard.

Thanks to everyone who has promptly purchased and covered book packs. If you haven't done so, we are aiming to start working in our books next week.

We are holding a parent information night next week on **Wednesday 10th of Feb 4:30pm.**

We do apologise for the change in time, unfortunately it was beyond our control. We

will discuss everything you need to know for the year. Please come along to this night if you can, we are looking forward to meeting you all and begin the year with good communication.

Please remember to label all items belonging to your child. Also please consider the volume of things in their pencil case. The pencil case really should contain just the basics... Lead pencils, rubber, glue, sharpener, a small amount of coloured pencils (what is in the book pack).

We hope to see you on Wednesday night.

Miss McDonnell and Mrs Bell

YEAR 6

Year 6 transition dates

Video Conference- Year 6 students will take part in a video conference on Wednesday 10th February at 10:30am with students from Waratah Technology Campus and other partner primary schools. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about the transition to Year 7 and the school in general.

Transition Day- All Year 6 students are invited to a transition day at Waratah Technology Campus on Friday 4th March (Week 6) to take part in a range of taster lessons. More information to follow closer to the date.

P&C News

Welcome back all students, staff, families and volunteers!

We're straight back in to it, it's already week 2 and the first P&C meeting for 2016 will be on next Monday night, 8th February, at 6pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club. Not only is everyone welcome, but you're also encouraged – the more people involved in the P&C means we can share the pride in supporting this great school community. You don't need to attend meetings to participate as there are opportunities to help out at several events, or by volunteering at the canteen.

Subject to agreement between the P&C and the Principal, the first P&C event will be in early March. We're planning for a working bee which will flow into a welcoming garden party on the school grounds – so we'll keep you posted on that. Besides the usual volunteer activities the events calendar will be reviewed and agreed with the Principal as a matter of P&C business. We will continue to support stalls for Easter, Mothers and Fathers Days, sports carnivals and the like, and will look closely at hosting other events such as dances and other activities which promote community engagement and fundraising for the school.

The canteen cannot function without volunteers, and I ask that if you can spare an occasional morning that you consider supporting this important function. The canteen provides great meals for kids, especially those families without the time or inclination to make lunches – but also is a key source for fundraising for P&C projects. You can find the menu on the skoolbag app under the P&C folder.

The 2nd P&C meeting scheduled for week 8 (Monday 14 March) is also the AGM at which all positions are vacated with a call for nominations, and election if positions are contested. It is important to note that only financial members are able to stand for election and vote at the AGM, and subscriptions (\$2) are due at the first meeting of the year (ie. next Monday). So if you want to stand for election as President, either Vice President (we have 2, with one focussing on uniforms and the other on fundraising and events), Secretary, or Treasurer, please ensure you're paid-up at the first meeting.

I understand both the Principal and our Uniform Sub-Committee have been in contact with Newy's Workwear regarding distribution of the new school shirts. Check your kids school bags for notes regarding getting the correct sizing ordered for the single compulsory (free) shirt that has been donated by our good friends at the Hamilton North Bowling Club and your P&C. There is also news on the shirt's availability on the school website, facebook page and on the skoolbag app under the P&C folder.

Last, but not least, thankyou to everyone for continuing to support the P&C. A strong and well supported P&C in turn can do more for the school community – last year it was money for shade-sails and uniforms as well as great support for events and the canteen. If you have any issues you'd like to discuss with the P&C, look out for me in the playground on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, or any other volunteers or teachers who will steer you in the right direction. For those interested, all information regarding the P&C's mandated constitution, its by-laws, endorsed meeting minutes and our Mission Statement can be found on the skoolbag app under the P&C folder.

Have a great week!

Rich Ley
President
HNPS P&C Assoc.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday	4th February	KB parent information night - commences at 5.30pm in KB classroom
Friday	5th February	Kindergarten Photos – 9.15am
Monday	8th February	P & C Meeting at 6.00pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club – All welcome to attend
Wednesday	10th February	Book Club orders due back
Thursday	18th February	K-6 Swimming Carnival, Lambton Pool
Wednesday	24th February	Zone Swimming Carnival
Tuesday	1st March	Zone Basketball Trials
Thursday	3rd March	Regional Swimming
Monday	21st March	P & C Meeting at 6.00pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club – All welcome to attend
Wednesday	23rd March	Easter Hat Parade 2-3pm
Thursday	24th March	Zone Soccer Trials
Friday	25th March	Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Monday	28th March	Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
Thursday	31st March	Zone Cross Country
Friday	8th April	Last day of Term 1
Monday	6th June	Whole School Photos

Scholastic Book Club

Welcome back everyone, and a big welcome to our new families. For those who don't know me, my name is Rachel and I am a Mum here at Hamilton North. I also have the privilege of coordinating our Scholastic Book Club.

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school. Our school participates in Scholastic Book Clubs. Twice a term during the school year I will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered. You'll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. Just look over the catalogue with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the catalogue, and return the order form to school or use the online ordering system - LOOP at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP The books will arrive around two weeks after I send the class order to Scholastic. Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each and every order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read. Students received the new Scholastic book club catalogue (Yes, only 1) today, and orders and money are due back next Wednesday 10th February.