



Chalkboard – Term 1, Week 7, Wednesday, 9th March 2016



Friday Assembly

There will be a whole school assembly at 2.20pm in the hall this Friday. Class 2/3 will present an item.

Health Care Plan Updates

We are in the process of reviewing and updating children's individual health care plans in accordance with department policy. Yellow envelopes were sent home Friday, 26th February with a form enclosed to be completed by parents.

If you received one of these you **MUST** make sure that they are completed and returned to the school by **Tuesday 15th March** as this is a mandatory request from the Department of Education.
Miss Drew

EASTER EGG HUNT & COLOURING COMPETITION

Our annual Easter Egg hunt and colouring competition will be held on Hat Parade Day, Wednesday, 23rd 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".

If students wish to participate they need to bring in \$2 in an envelope with their name on it by Friday, 18th March and put it in the Easter Basket in the office for Mrs Bradley.

OFFICE NEWS

Due to the new finance system being implemented across all primary schools in Term 2, new arrangements have to be made in relation to payment for school activities.

Friday Sport - Term 2 Friday sport choices will be sent out in week 8 of this term (term 1). If your child chooses a paying sport that money **MUST** be paid in full by week 10 of term 1.

Guitar Lessons – Term 2 will run from week 3 – week 10 at a cost of \$40. This payment of \$40 **MUST** be paid by week 11 of this term (term 1).

Starstruck – Just a reminder that Starstruck notes are to be handed in and money paid as soon as possible.

Roadwork – Cement will be poured around the school driveway in Jackson St. tomorrow and/or Friday 11th. Could all parents and their children please avoid that area.



Congratulations to Year 6 on their wonderful NAPLAN results in 2015.

Be on the look out for an article and photos in The Newcastle Herald today about Hamilton North's fantastic results in reading and maths.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our Easter Hat Parade is on Wednesday 23rd March 2pm.

All students get to parade their hat creations with their class. Younger brothers and sisters also get to parade.

Our K-2 choir will be performing for us and the Easter Raffle will be drawn.

Tickets for the raffle will be sent home this week. They can be returned with money in a labelled envelope to the P&C canteen slot. Tickets will also be sold at the parade.

Donations for Easter baskets can be brought in to classrooms and will be collected on the morning of the parade. The P&C would love to have some helpers to make the Easter baskets for the raffle - 9am in the hall on the morning of the parade.

The library will be holding a pre loved book sale on the day with books ranging from 50c to \$2. Come in and grab a bargain. All proceeds from the book sale will be spent on new books for the library.



SPORT NEWS

Cross Country—will be on Wednesday 16th March from 12.50pm—1.30 pm at Smith Park.

Students turning 8 and older will participate in cross country next week. We will walk students to Smith Park to participate in this event.

Students can wear their runners to school on this day. Don't forget to pack a water bottle - running in cross country is thirsty work.

Congratulations

Well done Mitchell Sweetnam for making the Regional AFL team. Mitchell will be representing the Hunter Region in the PSSA tournament at Nelson Bay later in the year.

ICAS

2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

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

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.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in ICAS, please pick up a registration form from the office and return it with your entry fees by **Friday the 18th of March, 2016.**

Entries will not be accepted after this date.
Mrs Lyle.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

This is a reminder that any parent/guardian/carer who comes into the school to assist with maths, reading, canteen etc must have a Working with Children Check Number before they can help.

This number is easy to obtain and does not cost any money.

Easy instructions for obtaining the number is available from the school office.

Also any person visiting the school to assist with any of the above activities, **MUST** sign in as a visitor at the school office. This is for your safety and security in case for any reason we have a evacuation or lock down, we **NEED** to know who is on the school grounds.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB INFORMATION

Hi all, Just a reminder to get online and try scholastics online ordering system.

You may have noticed I forgot to include a due date last week, sorry about that. All orders are due this Friday 11th March. Happy ordering, and give me a call if you have any problems.

Rachel 0420362177

LIBRARY NEWS

Don't forget that the Premiers' Reading Challenge has commenced.

If you would like to participate, receive a certificate and book when completed, please ask the librarian, Mrs Robinson, for a Reading Record Sheet.

CLASS NOTICES

CLASS K/1

Potatoes -We have been reading the story of Potato People by Pamela Allen. In 2 weeks we will be making our own potato people. Please send in 2 small potatoes in a paper bag labelled with your child's name ready for us to use on Tuesday 15th March.

Maths Resource Making Day

On Thursday 17th March we will be making some Maths resources to support teachers in teaching early numeracy concepts in their classroom. If you can help out, we will be meeting in the library from 9:15am and morning tea will be provided. For catering purposes please let the office know if you are able to assist.

YEAR 6

Expression of Interest forms for Year 6 for secondary School Enrolment next year have been handed to the students today.

In order that your child's selection for high school in year 7 in 2017 can be processed, this form **MUST** be returned to our school office no later than Friday 18th March.

YEAR 6 REMINDER

Callaghan College, Waratah Technology Campus, applications for the High Achievers class are due on the 18th March 2016, (Friday, Week 8).

Please see Miss Drew if you have any questions or concerns.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The 2016/2017 entertainment books and digital memberships are now available for pre-order. Pay on-line before 1 April to receive the bonus early bird offers and your chance to win your money back (\$60 refunded to one lucky winner at the end of term). The Entertainment™ Book gives you access to thousands of **up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers** for Newcastle, Central Coast and the Hunter's best restaurants, cafés and attractions. Other offers include car hire, theme parks, hotel and resorts, with all offers valid until 1 June 2017. You can view this new edition at https://issuu.com/epaau/docs/newcastle_2016-2017?e=16038615/33205729.

To pre-order, just visit www.entbook.com.au/3426j1, choose the book you would like to purchase and make your payment online. The books and digital membership sell for \$60 with \$12 from every book sold contributing to P&C fundraising. If you have any questions, please call Gillian Donn on 0431 223381.

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 11th March	Wednesday 16th March
Eryn Atkinson Jenny Nicholas	Eryn Atkinson Jenny Nicholas

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	14th March	P & C Meeting at 6.00pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club – All welcome to attend
	16th March	School Cross Country 12.50pm
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	1st April	Maths Championship Final
Friday	8th April	Last day of Term 1
Monday	25th April	Public Holiday (Anzac Day)
Tuesday	26th April	School Development Day (Teachers only)
Wednesday	27th April	Students return for Term 2
Monday	6th June	Whole School Photos
Friday/Saturday	17th/18th June	Starstruck

P&C ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hamilton North P&C Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday March 14th 2016, commencing at 6pm at the Hamilton North Bowling Club.

Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2015 AGM and the tabling of the Audit Report for the year ending 31st December 2015, 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 Xanthe Roxburgh (current secretary) prior to the date of the meeting by emailing hamiltonnorthpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend, however only members who were financial by the close of the previous meeting are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions. At the completion of the AGM, the March general meeting will be held.

For more information on the above positions, please email Xanthe at the above email address, or visit the following link and scroll down to the FAQs section: <http://pandc.org.au/index.php/publications>

Xanthe Roxburgh, Secretary, Hamilton North P&C Association Inc.