



Chalkboard – Term 1, Week 8, Wednesday, 16th March 2016



Friday Assembly

There will be a whole school assembly at 2.20pm in the hall this Friday. Class 1/2 will present an item.

Cross Country rescheduled

Unfortunately we had to cancel cross country today due to the rain. We will try again on Tuesday 22nd March 12.50pm at Smith Park.

Easter Raffle – Helpers needed

A note with an attached return slip was handed to your child today requesting your help with assembling the baskets for the Easter raffle on Wednesday 23rd March. If you are interested, please fill in and return to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



Congratulations incoming P&C

President – Rich Ley

Vice President – Tamara Young

Vice President – Joanne McBean

Secretary – Shelley Brandon

Treasurer – Scott Norrish

Welcome to our Canteen Co ordinator Frances Guest.

Friday Sport

Term 2 Friday sport choices are as follows:

Lawn Bowls - Lawn Bowls at Hamilton North Bowling Club with a few experienced members helping out. - No Cost

Gymnastics – at the PCYC – \$50 for term

Tennis – at the Tennis Centre Broadmeadow
\$45 for term

Basketball – fun at the Basketball Stadium
\$20 per term

Walking – fun walks around out neighbourhood.
No Cost

Aikido – Martial Arts For Self Defence & Fitness
7 Bennett St, Hamilton

The cost will be **\$66.00** for students wishing to only train at sport times on Fridays.

If you would like to participate in Aikido in term two at school and have full access to all other kids classes for term 2 and the July school holidays (4-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Fridays as well as 9-10am Saturday mornings) the cost will be **\$95.00**.

If your child chooses a paying sport that money **MUST** be paid in full by week 10 of this term.

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".

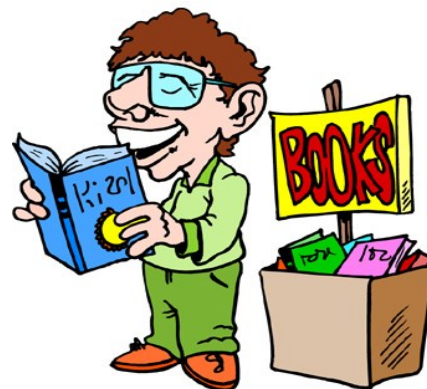
If students wish to participate they need to bring in \$2 in an envelope with their name on it by Friday, 18th March and put it in the Easter Basket in the office for Mrs Bradley.

BOOK SALE

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be holding a pre loved book sale on the Easter Hat Parade day with books ranging from 50c to \$2.

Books will be on sale from lunchtime (11.00am) on the Wednesday. Come in and grab a bargain. All proceeds from the book sale will be spent on new books for the library.



EASTER HAT PARADE

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

All students get to parade with their class in the hat creations they make at home. 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.



ANZAC Day Dawn Service - Gregson Park



Hamilton North PS once again has the opportunity to march with our leaders at the Dawn Service. This year some of our students will form part of a candle corridor for marchers to move through as they enter Gregson Park. Our leaders will lay a wreath along with the other leaders representing their schools. All students and families are very welcome to attend. Students wear their full school uniform which will include our new shirt. This will be the first event that we have a chance to show it off for.

CLASS NOTICES

CLASS KB

Next week we will be pasting our photo of our "family treasure" into our History books. Please make sure you have sent me a copy of the treasure on:

lynette.p.bradley@det.nsw.edu.au



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).

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.



Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The 2016/2017 entertainment books and digital memberships are now available for pre-order.

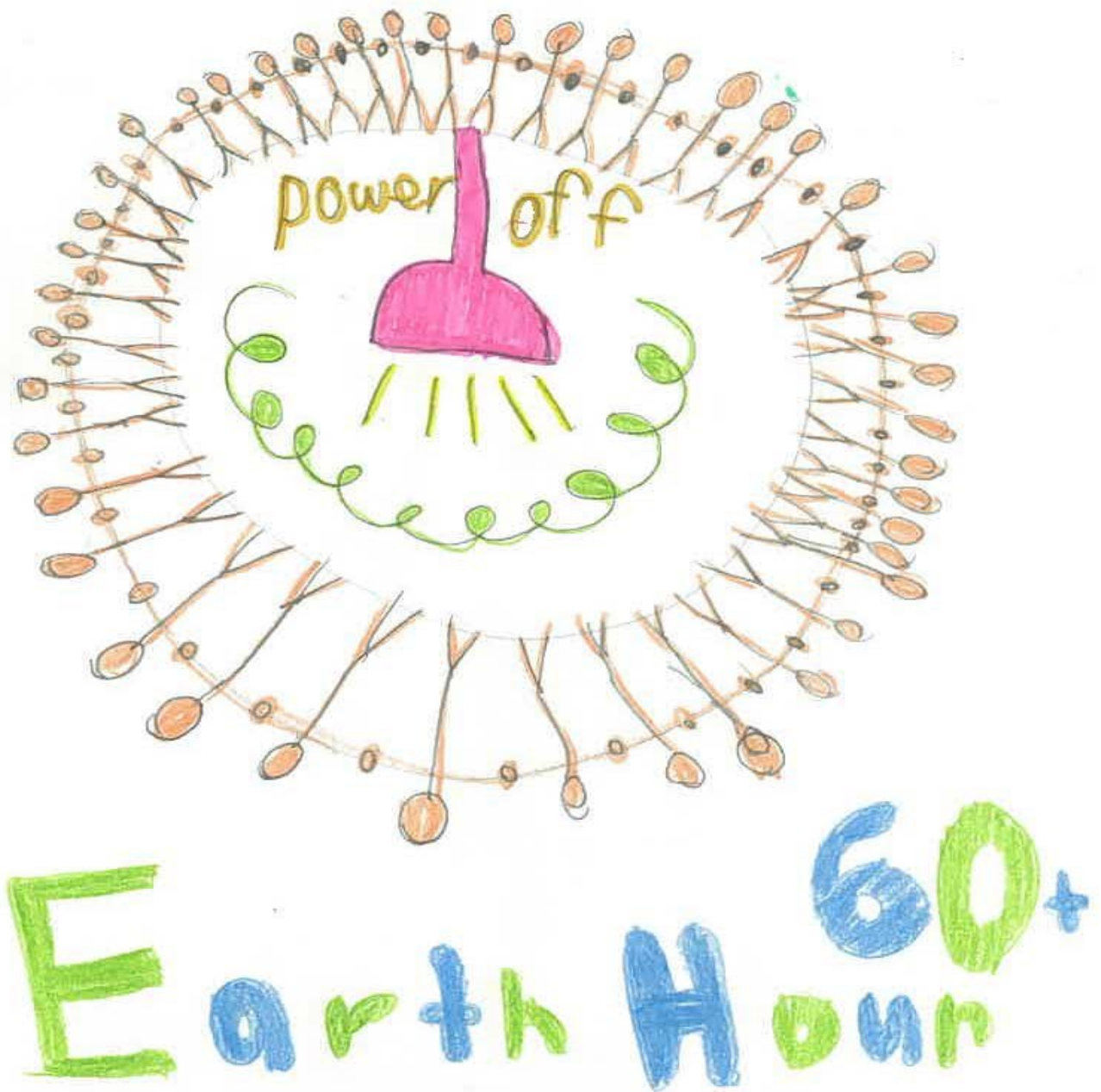
Pay on-line before 1 April to receive the bonus early bird offers and your chance to win your money back (\$60 refunded to one lucky winner at the end of term).

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/epaaau/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.

Pre-order your new Entertainment Membership now!

We Can do it!



Artwork by Alice Wolfenden



Earth Hour is Saturday 19th March. HNPS will be supporting Earth Hour 2016 by turning all lights off in the school between 9-11am on Friday 18th March. Our wonderful Power Rangers will be checking classrooms and reminding students and teachers on Friday to turn lights off. Be sure to look out around the school for some amazing posters designed by our Environment Club.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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)
Wednesday	30th March	Mufti Day
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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 18th March	Wednesday 23rd March <i>(EASTER HAT PARADE)</i>
Shelley Brandon Bridgette Oakes	Danae Norrish Elizabeth Bray

P & C NEWS

The annual general meeting was held on Monday night, and besides Xanthe choosing not to stand for the Secretary position to pursue motherly ambitions the committee was returned unchanged. We welcome Shelley Brandon to the role of Secretary, and Frances Guest has generously volunteered to take over Shelley's role in coordinating the canteen with Eryn. If you're interested in reading the annual report and 2015 financial statements, they are available on skoolbag under the P&C/Minutes tab. While the report is lengthy, the lessons learned section gives a good indication of issues we'll focus on in 2016 further to the more traditional support roles.

After the AGM, it was great to welcome the school leaders to the 2nd general meeting of 2016. The P&C reaffirmed its commitment to assisting the leaders in their pursuits, and we look forward to working with them on their exciting proposal for 2nd term.

The P&C is committed to inclusivity, and as a priority is developing strategies to get more of the community involved - whether that be at meetings, volunteering for events, or providing specialist assistance on individual projects. We acknowledge the P&C meetings can be long and dry, so bringing efficiency to the meetings and possibly splitting the purely business aspects from fundraising and event management is already on the table and should be in place for the first meeting of term 2.

Good news on uniforms, which are due in store shortly. Newy's Workwear will package the orders by student and class, and the free shirt will be handed to students before the end of term 1 - we hope to have the exact details for next week's chalkboard. The free shirt is provided as a joint donation between the HNPS P&C Association and the Hamilton North Bowling Club. We are grateful for the Bowling Club's continued support.

The P&C congratulate the students and teachers who contributed to the excellent NAPLAN results that were released last week. You've brought credit to yourselves and to the school - well done to all involved.

Finally a sincere thankyou to the departing Secretary Xanthe Roxburgh whose efforts have brought significant improvement to the P&C's data management, information sharing, and membership currency. We wish her well, and look forward to exciting baby news in the coming months.

Let's keep on making this great community even greater!

Rich Ley

President