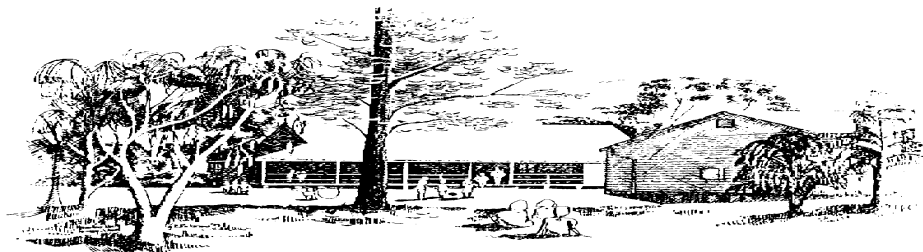




*Chalkboard – Term 1, Week 11, Wednesday, 6th April, 2016*



## Friday Assembly

Our final assembly for this term will be held this Friday at 2.20pm. Class K/1 and KB will present an item.

## Friday Sport Payment

There are still several students who have chosen a sport that incurs a fee for Friday sport, but who have not yet paid. Payment needs to be received by today otherwise the student will be included in a non paying sport such as walking or barefoot bowls.

## Guitar Lessons

Term 2 will run from week 3 – week 10 at a cost of \$40. This payment of \$40 **MUST** be paid this Friday.



## Mothers Day

Mothers Day is on Sunday,  
8th May 2016.

Our school holds a Mothers Day stall (this year on Friday, 6th May) and we ask

you for suitable donations for the students to purchase from the stall.

Suggested items are perfume, chocolates, candles, coffee mugs, jewellery, soap, washers, hand creams etc.

The children love to purchase a surprise for their mum and it would be appreciated if you could while, out shopping through the holidays, purchase a small item for the stall. **Donations are left in your child's classroom and collected on the morning of the stall.** If you are able to help on the stall, please leave your name at the office.

## Year 5 Entry to Opportunity Class in 2017

If your child is currently in year 4 and you would like them to apply for an opportunity class in 2017, please have them complete the 'intention to apply' form they have received today, complete, sign and return it to the school office.

The 'intention to apply' needs to be completed to let the school know you are applying, however, it is not an application for entry to an opportunity class.

Entry applications are on line and how to apply is shown on the 'intention to apply'.

The application website opens on 26th April 2016 and closes on 13th May 2016. No late applications will be accepted. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 27th July, 2016.

## Library News

### Premiers Reading Challenge

Mrs Robinson is reading a Premier's Reading Challenge book to KB, K/1 and 1/2 each week.

We will list the books, author and challenge number each week so that you may add this to your record list if you wish.

*This week KB and K/1 read the book:*

*"How I Became a Pirate" by Melinda Long -  
ID number is 12247*

*Class 1/2 read the book:*

*"The Farmyard Cat in Trouble by Christine Anello  
ID number is 12459*

## Stewart House

Please don't forget to return your Stewart House envelope and donation to school by **9am this Friday 8th April**.

Thank you

### JACKSON STREET LANE

#### Notification of Roadworks

Reconstruction of the driveway in Jackson Street Lane will be commenced on Saturday 9th April 2016 (weather permitting) and the Lane will be closed for the weekend.

## Maths Championhips

**Congratulations to all of the students at HNPS for competing in the 2016 Maths Championships. This Maths term focus aims to improve our students' knowledge, skills, confidence, build resilience when being knocked out and celebrate the success of their peers.**

This years champions are as follows:

#### Early Stage 1

Winner - Monique Cartwright

Runner Up—Toby Grant

#### Stage 1

Winner—Lewis Cartwright

Runner Up— Forrest Cooper

#### Stage 2

Winner—Sophia Deeg

Runner Up— Jack Chaplin

#### Stage 3

Winner—Finn Flanagan

Runner Up—Hayley Blackburn

The winner for each stage will receive a medal at Presentation Night this year.

## K- 2 Blackbutt Excursion

*All children in K-2 received a note yesterday regarding our excursion planned for Tuesday 17th May, ( week 5 term 2). Cost is \$10 .*

*Please ensure that payment and permission slips are returned to the school office prior to the closing date as no late payments will be accepted. Cost is \$10..*

K- 2 Teachers

### K/1 Class News

A note was sent home with your child today regarding clothes for our assembly performance on Friday. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me . We hope to see you there.

**Trung's Farewell**—As most of you are aware Trung will be having his last day at HNPS on Friday. We wish him and his family happiness in their new adventure and a safe trip to Melbourne.

## Entertainment Books Have Arrived

The NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment Book and Digital Memberships are available now and are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers. Anyone who pre-ordered their book will receive their copy to-day, or if you ordered the digital version you should have received the download via email. Congratulations to our lucky winner, Anthony Hart who will get their money refunded for pre-ordering their book.

The books and digital memberships sell for \$60 with \$12 from every book sold contributing to P&C fundraising. They can be ordered online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426j1> or you can pay by cash – just put the money in an envelope and place it in the P&C Dropbox (next to the canteen). If you have any questions, please call Gillian Donn on 0431 223381.

A sample of the offers available this year:

80+ Contemporary Dining Offers!	 \$45 value	 \$40 value	 \$30 value	 \$40 value
160+ Casual Dining Offers!	 \$30 value	 \$30 value	 \$40 value	 \$30 value
160+ Takeaway and Attraction Offers!	 2 for 1	 2 for 1	 2 for 1	 25% off
2,000+ Retail and Travel Offers!				

Up to 50% off Retail, Travel, Leisure and Accommodation

## YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 GLENROCK EXCURSION

Notes for the Stage 2 excursion to Glenrock went out last week. If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4 and did not get a note please see Mrs Novak. Payments are due by Friday 6th May and can be made to the office at your earliest convenience before this date please.

We will have a meeting with students about this wonderful day closer to the excursion date early next term. Thank you.

## THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE PUBLICATIONS

*The School Magazine* has been published by the NSW Department of Education since 1916. Here at HNPS Years 3-6 students love using these literacy magazines, reading a wide range of stories, plays, poems, puzzles and articles to support literacy learning in the classrooms. The magazines are released monthly and come in four editions: *Countdown*, *Blast Off*, *Orbit* and *Touchdown*.

Students from last years 2/3 with Mrs. Novak all wrote letters to the editors of *Countdown* publication in Term 3 2016. They all received personal responses back during Term 4 that were very exciting. The current *Countdown* magazine features some of the students letters and artworks that we sent in! This was very exciting for students and staff to see their work printed in the magazine. Here are some of the pages! Great job everyone!

# Your page

Ahoy, *Countdown* readers! Welcome to YOUR PAGE—a page where you can share your letters, emails, drawings, jokes and anything else that you would like to send us. Here are some from last year's readers. Shasta, Bob the otter and I eagerly await your correspondence, m'hearties.

—Captain Ahab

Dear *Countdown* crew

I love your *Countdown* magazines because of all of the funny jokes and plays. Are you going to do more plays and fun puzzles and recipes? I am your biggest fan.

From Asha

Ahoy, Asha! The pages of the magazines are jam-packed full of new plays, puzzles and recipes to delight our wonderful readers.

—Captain Ahab

Dear *Countdown* crew

I like Captain Ahab's pieces because they feel adventurous and I can visualise it, even if it's in a magazine.

I love all the stories, plays, recipes and facts. They are all the best. My favourite things to do are drawing and art. I'm creative in writing.

From Aaren

And you're a talented letter writer too, Aaren! —Bob

Dear *Countdown* crew!

If possible I would like to read more recipes and things about animals. What's your favourite animal? Mine is a meerkat. I also like reading Captain Ahab's stunning sights. Every month we're all so excited that more new adventures are coming our way. We read the plays and we each get a part to read.

Kind regards, Willow

Oh my goodness, Willow. My very good friend Vern is a meerkat. You can meet him in the wonderful *Blast Off* magazine.


—Shasta

## Plant jokes

Q: How do trees get on the Internet?  
A: They log in!


Q: What did the big flower say to the small flower?  
A: What's up, bud?

Q: What type of tree can you carry in your hand?  
A: A palm tree!




SS Webweaver

Word of the month skulk



by Lillie



by Willow

Email us at: [letters.mag@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:letters.mag@det.nsw.edu.au) with 'Countdown Crew' as the subject  
Post your letters to: The School Magazine, Locked Bag 53, Darlinghurst NSW 1300

## **SCHOOL BINS**

We have ordered 4 new bins to replace the existing bins around the school.

These bins are Sulo bins with lids and will alleviate the many problems we have had lately with large crows removing rubbish and food scraps under the COLA and in the playground. The existing green tin bins will be removed permanently this week to start the new system as of Week 1 next Term.

Thank you to Miss McDonnell for ordering and arranging the new bins and to the Environment Club for their creativity and design of posters, jingles and signage to support the waste systems at school.

## **ENVIRONMENT CLUB**

The dedicated and enthusiastic HNPS Environment Club meets every Tuesday during first half lunch to discuss environmental issues affecting our school.

With the findings from the 2015 Waste Audit along with new ideas this term, a focus has been on addressing and improving the waste systems we have in place, our landfill waste, recycling and composting.

The Worm Herders have done an amazing job implementing daily compost contributions after Crunch & Sip and establishing the composting system. Thank you for your hard work this term!

The Recycling Monitors have been diligent in promoting paper recycling and emptying classroom recycling bins. Thank you for your hard work this term!

The Power Rangers have been actively seeking opportunities to turn electricals off and led the huge efforts for Earth Hour, and ensuring all lights in the school were off for two hours. Thank you for your hard work this term!

Term 2 brings about the implementation of new school bins and we are working towards bin-free days again where all lunchbox rubbish goes home in lunch boxes instead of at school. This is a great waste control system and encourages students to be accountable for their own waste contributions.

The Environment Club have some very innovative ideas to promote this across the school, well done everyone! What a team!





## P&C News

Hello again – I hope all students, staff, families and volunteers enjoyed a safe and fun, albeit short Easter break. Holidays are around the corner, let's hope this endless summer continues!

All students will receive their “free” school shirt this week, which is made possible through the generosity of the Hamilton North Bowling Club which made a significant donation. The P&C also voted to supplement this donation in order to fully subsidise the first shirt for each child, in order that every child has at least one new shirt in 2016 in accordance with the school's uniform policy. Parents are welcome to purchase additional shirts from local distributor Newcastle Mobile (Newy's) Workwear on Broadmeadow Road in Hamilton North, though the current plain red polo can still be worn through to the end of 2016.

I've been working with the P&C on a few issues that have been raised by the community. Firstly, I'm pleased to report that our state member the Hon Tim Crakanthorp has responded positively to my request to represent HNPS through the bureaucracy of seeking a school zone be implemented along Griffiths Road. We look forward to whatever news his inquiries deliver – hopefully positive! I'm also pleased to report that the Honourable Member recognises our school's recent NAPLAN results, and passes on his congratulations.

Secondly, I've been working with the events and fundraising committee in an attempt to alleviate the burden of event planning which in 2015 fell mostly on one person. We agree that for a person that works full-time, the workload for planning all events is both unsustainable and unreasonable and will therefore be looking to appoint volunteers to take on the planning of certain events through the year. The events calendar will be finalised and advertised shortly, so please consider if you can form a team to run an event!

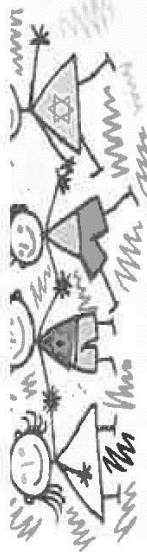
Finally, we've heard the request for meetings to be more relevant to the community in order to encourage greater participation. We're working on a format that will break-out a separate meeting purely for events and fundraising, and a forum for the community to have its say on issues it feels strongly about. The dry business-focussed formal General Meeting will be retained (as it must), but interested parties won't be forced to sit through “the boring stuff” just to ask a question on a topic that affects them. The executive still needs to discuss and finalise the finer points, though the new format will be in place for the next P&C meeting scheduled for Monday 9 May. We will advertise the agreed format through skoolbag as soon as possible.

A sincere thankyou to the small band of willing volunteers who keep the canteen operating. If you can spare a few hours of a morning a couple of times a term, please contact the canteen as they'd appreciate your support. The canteen is a major source of revenue for the P&C, which in turn can use the profits to fund activities like the shade sails, school uniforms and other vital activities which we all benefit from.

And last but not least, thankyou to everyone for continuing to support the P&C to make this great community even greater.

**Rich Ley**  
President  
HNPS P&C Assoc.

# Hamilton North OOSH - APRIL VACATION CARE PROGRAM



Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>...Come fly with Me...</b></p> <p>Come fly a kite with your friends. We will walk over to Smith Park for a kite flying adventure, a picnic lunch and games.</p> <p>We will be making our own kites when we get back after lunch.</p>	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>...Young Peoples Theatre Excursion...</b></p> <p>Come and walk with us to the Young People's Theatre in Hamilton and watch their latest production of "Mulan". <u>We only have 25 tickets, so it's first in best dressed!</u></p> <p><b>Cost: \$17.00 p/c</b></p>	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>...Mosaic Art...</b></p> <p>Come along and join in with our Mosaic teacher to learn the art of mosaics and create your own masterpiece to take home.</p> <p><b>Cost 10.00 p/c</b></p>	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>...MOVIES EXCURSION...</b></p> <p>Come along and enjoy a movie at Newcastle Greater Union. We will know the movie closer to the day. Mode of travel will be by bus.</p> <p><b>Cost: \$15.00 p/c</b></p>	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>...Wheels Day...</b></p> <p>Bring along your bike, scooter or skate-board for a fun day. <u>Please note that helmets must be worn when riding any of the above!</u> The kids will help set up and we will make large road signs.</p>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>...Tree Tops Adventures...</b></p> <p>Heights, ropes and more height. Your balancing skills will be put to the test with a few different high rope courses and then fly down the giant flying foxes.</p> <p><b>Limited places please book in!</b></p> <p><b>Cost: \$20.00p/c</b></p>	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>...Craft day...</b></p> <p>Let's see how funky and creative you can get. Be prepared to be make some awesome craft ranging from indoor to outdoor craft activities</p>	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<p><b>...Music Bus...</b></p> <p>The Music Bus is coming to HNOOSH. Children will be rotating throughout a range of musical activities, including playing musical instruments, dancing and hanging out in the music bus.</p> <p><b>Cost: \$10.00 p/c</b></p>	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<p><b>...Movies and Wii Day...</b></p> <p>Have a chilled out relaxing day with some release DVDs and have lots of fun with your friends on the Wii. Come dressed in your comfy PJ's. We will be cooking Hot Dogs for lunch and munching on popcorn during the movies!</p>	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<p><b>...Reptile Man...</b></p> <p>Blackbutt is coming to us at HNOOSH. They will be presenting a special show with lots of reptile animals from lizards to snakes and every creepy crawlly in between. Show starting at 1pm.</p> <p><b>Cost: \$10.00p/c</b></p>

Vacation Care Hours: 7am – 6pm

**Phone: 0448 739 789**

hamiltonnorthoosh@hotmail.com

Payments and fees: All payments need to be paid before the start of the school holidays.

Cost: \$50.00 per child per day. Bookings are to be paid in full before care is required.

Registrations: If you are a new family we have a registration fee of \$50.00 per family.

Excursions are an extra cost on the day, and we ask parents to pay at least the day before the excursion, and please indicate to staff that you are paying for the an excursion, not fees.

*Come join us for a fun filled holidays of lots of laughter and enjoyment!*

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – PUPIL FREE DAY

**...PUTT PUTT GOLF...**

Come along for a fun day of Putt Putt Golf. Children will walk to Broadmeadow Super Putt and play a few games of mini golf. We will be leaving the centre at 10am

**Please understand that at anytime the program can be changed/alterd, due to the weather, chn's wants & needs, staff and availability of resources. OOSH Policy requires a week's notice for cancellation of VC. Therefore, please choose your days wisely**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Wednesday	4th May	Zone Touch Football
Friday	6th May	Mothers Day Stall
Monday	9th May	P & C Meeting at Hamilton North Bowling Club 6.00pm – Everyone welcome
Tuesday-Thursday	10th -12th May	NAPLAN
Monday	16th May	Starstruck Rehearsal
Tuesday	17th May	Yrs 3-4 Glenrock Excursion Yrs K-2 Blackbutt Excursion
Wednesday	18th May	Yr 5 Sports Gala Day
Thursday	26th May	Starstruck Rehearsal
Monday	6th June	Whole School Photos
Monday	13th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Friday/Saturday	17th/18th June	Starstruck

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 27th April	Friday 29th April
Nicole Bondini Topic Mary Anne Bondini	Eryn Atkinson Wendy Bell

Thank you to our canteen coordinators : Frances Guest and Eryn Duck