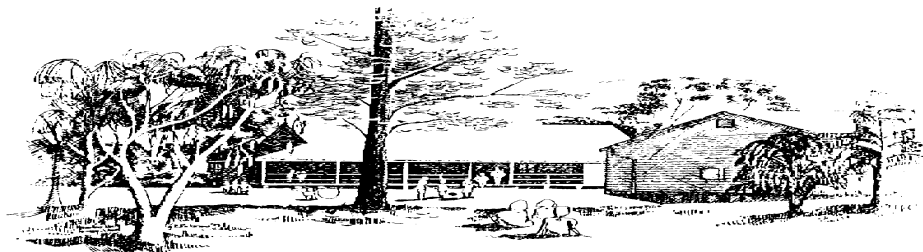




Chalkboard – Term 3, Week 4, Wednesday, 10th August, 2016



Parents Online Payments

Hamilton North Public School now has the Parent Online Payment option for families. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting **\$ Make a Payment.**

- You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.
- Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, sales to students, sport and creative/ practical arts activities. There is also a category called 'Other', this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

When you access the **\$ Make a payment** you must enter:

- the students name, and
 - class and reference number OR
 - the students name, and
 - date of birth
- Even though there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number, please leave blank as these are not used at our school.**

Cash and cheque payments can still be taken at our school office.

If you have any further questions in relation to the online payments, please do not hesitate to contact our school office. **Kelly Deakin, Principal**

Friday Assembly

Friday assembly this week will be held at 2.20pm. Class 5/6 will present an item.

Hamilton North PS Attendance Information

We are updating our Attendance Policy, making the process easier for parents/carers to inform us of their child's absence or partial absence.

In a case of unexplained absences or lateness, a SMS text message will be automatically sent to the mobile phone of the first named parent/ caregiver (on the enrolment form), explaining that our records show that your child is absent from class, or late to class. You can then reply by pressing the reply option on your mobile phone, and with the name of the student, year level, date of absence/ lateness and the reason they are absent/late; e.g. *Steven Scott, Year*

1 was sick yesterday (Tuesday 15th November);

Late and early slips will be printed out from the office.

The Village Project

To strengthen our community relationships, connection and ultimately to work collectively to provide greater opportunities for our children I have been working with some P&C members, parents and teachers to develop a community skills bank. To assist in gathering information for this project a survey has been prepared and a student from each family has received 3 copies today (surveys may be completed by a few family members/carers). Further copies are available at the office.

Completed surveys can be placed in the survey box in the office.

As previously advised there are prizes up for grabs:

Individual student prize—\$50 K-Mart voucher

Class pizza party (for the class who returns most surveys)

Parent's dinner voucher

Taronga Zoo Excursion K-2 —Parent Helpers

Thank you to all those parents who put up their hand to join us for our excursion. We received an over abundance of Expression of Interest notes and the lucky ones drawn out were :

Kindergarten : Prue Newman & Peter Beckley

Year 1 : Jessica Crombie and Kelly Wilson

Year 2 : Julie Blackburn and Paul Hampton.

Great Aussie Bush Camp (Years 5 & 6)

Payment Reminder

All payments for the Great Aussie Bush Camp must be finalised by Friday 26th August (Week 6 Term 3). Please remember that payments can be made in instalments any time.

'Support A Reader'?



In week 6 we will begin our reading program which involves some students reading to volunteers for a few minutes of a morning after the bell rings and runs Monday to Thursday.

If you have a bit of time to spare after the bell one (or more) mornings a week then we would love your help. This program is great for boosting kids' confidence in reading and gives them the opportunity to become a stronger reader.

If you can help out, please fill out one of our Support a Reader EOIs in the office.

If you would like to help out but are concerned that your younger children will prevent you from volunteering, the program is run in the library so your kids are welcome to read or play with some blocks during the morning.

Next Thursday the 18th August, there will be a short demonstration on how the program is run. It will be in the library from 9am if you would like to see how simple, but effective, our Support a Reader program really is.

Our young readers thank you in advance!

Tell Them From Me

Student Survey

A note was handed to your child last week regarding a Student Feedback survey. If you DO NOT want your child to take part in this survey, please return the non-consent form to the school office by Friday, 12th August 2016.

NSW Touch Football Gala Day

Hamilton North will be competing in the Touch Football Gala Day at the trotting track on Friday 19th August. We have enough eager students to form 6 teams from year 3 to 6. We will start training at lunchtime on a Thursday. More information will come home with the players next week.

Newcastle City Junior Touch Football Spring Competition

Registrations are open for the Junior Touch Football Competition at Newcastle Harness Racing Club, entrance off Turton Rd or Jackson St, Broadmeadow.

A few of our students played last year and this year's comp is looking bigger and better.

It starts on Monday 5th September and runs until Monday 5th December. There is a come and try day on Sunday 21st August from 1-4pm or you can register as a team or individual now on the website: <http://www.newcastlecity.touch.asn.au>

Get your friends together and register now!

You will need to form your team, have a coach register the team and give out the team code. If you don't have a team, follow the link online to register as an individual looking for a team and you will be placed into a team before the comp begins.



Book Week



Please add Wednesday 21st September (week 10) to your calendar.

We will be celebrating book week by hosting our annual Book Week parade from 2-3pm. This year's theme is Australia! Story Country.

All are welcome to attend and students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book. We are giving plenty of notice so you can organise and plan your costume. Keep checking the chalkboard for further details closer to the event.

The last page of the Chalkboard has some ideas for quick and easy costumes by Jan Nicholls, President CBCA WA 2012,

Premiers Reading Challenge Closing

All Premiers Reading Challenge Record Sheets **MUST** be returned to the library by Friday, 19th August, when the Challenge closes. No late entries can be accepted.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Fathers Day is on Sunday, September 4th.

Our school will be running a stall for the students to purchase a surprise item for dad on Friday, 2nd September.

As is our usual custom, we ask for suitable donations for this stall. If you are able to donate items such as tools, socks, toiletries, coffee cups, chocolates etc, please take them to the Fathers Day box in your child's classroom.

The P&C are asking for volunteers to help wrap and then sell presents during the morning. Also someone is needed to coordinate the event. If you are able to assist and/or coordinate this event please see Tamara Young (P&C Vice President / Fundraising Coordinator).



Our Cluster Choir formally invite you to an evening of song.

Please join us in an evening of celebrating The Olympic Dream



Cluster Choir 2016



When: Thursday 8th September 2016

Where: Callaghan Waratah Campus Hall

Time: 6pm- 7:30pm

Cost: gold coin donation at the door

There will be food and drink available before the performance. The BBQ starts at 5:15pm and finishes at 5:45pm.



Environment Club News

It's great to see some fabulous bin free lunch boxes on Tuesdays. Thank you to all who are participating. Reducing waste is an important activity for students to be involved in and it is already wonderful to see our students taking control of their environmental contribution.



Capoeira Performance

We were very lucky to have a Capoeira performance yesterday organised by Xanthe Roxburgh. Capoeira is a Brazilian martial arts/dance sport and links perfectly in with the Rio Olympics. The children were entertained by Brazilian music, singing and amazing Capoeira moves which demonstrated extreme strength, fitness, rhythm and coordination. It was impressive to watch. A huge thank you to Xanthe for organising this for the students.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday	11th August	Kinder 2017 Parent/Carer Connect Evening
Monday	5th September	P & C Meeting 6.00pm – Hamilton North Bowling Club
Tuesday	16th August	ICAS – Maths
Wednesday	17th August	Spelling Bee Finals 2pm in Hall
Thursday	18th August	Yr5 & Yr6 Cluster Choir 1st rehearsal at Callaghan College
Friday	19th August	Touch Football Gala Day
Wednesday	24th August	Ncle Perm Maths Competition Yrs 5/6
Wednesday	31st August	Water safety talk K-6
Friday	2nd September	Father's Day Stall
Tuesday	6th September	Yr 5/6 Science & Engineering Day
Wednesday	7th September	Yrs 3-4 Excursion – Myuna Bay Sport & Rec
Thursday	8th September	Yr 5 & Yr 6 Cluster Choir dress rehearsal and evening performance at Callaghan College
Mon-Wednesday	12th, 13th 14th Sept.	Excursion – Great Aussie Bush Camp Yrs 5 & 6
Thursday	15th September	K-2 Excursion – Taronga Zoo
Friday	16th/9 – 23/9	Book Train in Library
Wednesday	21st September	Book Week Parade & Book Fair
Wednesday	2nd November	Kinder Orientation – Children and Parents/Carers
Tuesday	6th December	Presentation Night, 6pm – 7.15pm Callaghan College, Waratah

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 12th August	Monday 15th August	Wednesday 17th August	Friday 19th August
Jodie Cooper Bridgette Oakes	Jodie Cooper Jenny Nicholas	Eryn Atkinson Jenny Nicholas	Charlie Pfeiffer Shelley Brandon

President's XI (List 3, 2012)



Quick and Easy Costumes for Children's Book Week.



Participate in the fun of Book Week by dressing up in one of these easy to assemble costumes.

1. **Mary Poppins** – an old coat, pair of boots, hat, umbrella and bag.
2. **Where's Wally** – red-and-white striped t-shirt, jeans, beanie, walking stick.
3. **Harry Potter** – academic gown, glasses, stick (to use as a wand). Draw the scar with eyebrow pencil.
4. **Voldemort** – black top and jeans or leggings, pale swim cap, micropore tape to cover your nose – see photo.
5. **The Rainbow Fish** – cut large scales out of coloured foil (available from craft shops) and safety pin to t-shirt and pants.
6. **Pippi Longstocking** – long striped socks, hair in plaits.
7. **Dorothy from Wizard of Oz** – pretty dress, apron, red shoes, toy dog.
8. **Wicked witch** – pointed hat, green hair, false nose.
9. **Pirate** – eye patch, striped t-shirt, waistcoat, plastic sword, scarf on head.
10. **Three Little Pigs** – cut off piece of egg carton, paint pink, attach elastic. Headband with pink ears, curly pink pipe-cleaner tail.
11. **Dalmatian** – protective suit (approx \$5 from Bunnings) use paint or black texta to make patches, dog collar, ears and nose.

