



Chalkboard – Term 3, Week 9, Wednesday 14th September, 2016



Friday Assembly

Friday assembly this week will be held at 2.20pm, class K/1 will present a class item.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please return all books to the tub provided on the library verandah or hand in at the school office.

K- 2 Taronga Zoo Excursion

This Thursday, 15th September, K- 2 students (who have paid) are off for a fun filled day at the zoo!

Children need to arrive at school by 6:45am as the bus will depart at 7:00am sharp.

The bus is expected to arrive back at school at approximately 5pm that afternoon.

SCHOOL BANKING

As we are moving, I will no longer be able to co-ordinate the school banking as of next year.

Would anyone be interested in taking over this wonderful little job. It does not take long to do and you can choose your day.

The commission from each bank deposit goes to the school P & C; this commission has amounted to \$250 for the first half of the year.

If you are interested, please see me at banking on any Friday.

Thanks, Terrie

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If you are able to help, please see Mrs Bradley.

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An order sheet will be sent home for the sausage sandwiches— \$1.50 each which includes a treat.

Book Week

Parade

21st Sept 2016

Our annual book week parade is next Wednesday.

The official theme is:

Australia: Story Country.

Your child's costume could be based on an Australian book/author or a character from their favourite book.

The parade will be held from 2 - 3pm. Students will arrive in their school uniform and change into their costume during recess.

Everyone is welcome to attend, younger siblings are encouraged to dress up and join in the parade fun.

We look forward to seeing you all and celebrating literature.

Regards,
Laurie McDonnell

Parent/Carer Notice - Duty of Care procedure

Please note that parents, carers etc are not to approach HNPS students in the playground, in school grounds or whilst the students are on school business to address perceived negative behaviour, accuse, reprimand or discipline them.

Students are under the duty of care of Hamilton North PS staff and therefore all issues should be reported to our teachers. They are able to direct students regarding behaviour, etc.

If you have a concern, the first point of contact is the class teacher or indeed any teacher that you have access to.

We are very happy to assist families to support a positive school experience for all of our beautiful children. If the matter is serious, of course, you are able to discuss this with an Assistant Principal (Mr Sparke or Miss Drew) or myself. This is in place to ensure that our children feel safe and comfortable at school.

Approaching children for the above mentioned reasons is intimidating for them. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kelly Deakin

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CANTEEN REQUEST

The canteen desperately need volunteers for Mondays. If no volunteers come forward, unfortunately, the canteen will close on Mondays.

OPERATION ART 2016 COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following Hamilton North students who were recognised for their wonderful artworks :

Ashah Lyle
Bella Donn
Erin Nash

Ashah's masterpiece will be displayed in one of the Department of Education's offices and Bella and Erin's masterpieces will be used in teaching resources to demonstrate art techniques.

Chickenpox

We have had two cases (1 family) of chicken pox reported to the school. Please look out for the following symptoms and follow the guidelines. Thank you

(varicella)

Symptoms

Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.

School or home?

Keep home from school for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.

How can I help prevent spread?

Pregnant women and anyone with a compromised immune system (e.g. due to cancer or certain treatments) may require preventive treatment and/or exclusion for their own protection.

Contact your local public health unit for advice. Immunise your child at 18 months of age against chickenpox.

Immunisation is recommended for children at 12 years if they are not immune.

Impetigo

We have had a confirmed case of Impetigo at the school. Impetigo is an infection of the skin and is often called 'school sores'. It is very easily spread, but with care spread can be reduced.

Symptoms/Signs

The sores can be anywhere on the body, but are often on the face near the mouth and nose, or on the arms and legs.

Impetigo is usually itchy

The sores take about one to three days to develop after contact with fluid or crusts from a sore.

A sore can be infectious for as long as it is weeping. Usually it has stopped being infectious about 24 hours after treatment with an antibiotic has been started, and healing has begun.

Treatment

A child with impetigo needs to be checked by a doctor whereby an antibiotic is often prescribed.

Myuna Bay excursion

Stage 2 had a fantastic day at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation centre last Wednesday. SO much fun was had! The activities included 'The Giant Swing', Archery and Rock climbing. These activities required a combination of problem solving and teamwork skills to solve physical and mental challenges. We are so proud of each and every student. We saw amazing resilience, mental-strength, and willingness shown to go beyond their comfort zone to reach higher and further. They also learnt to rely on each other to achieve a common goal. These are skills and qualities each student will now take forward with them both at school and in life.

Bonds and friendships were formed and strengthened, physical and mental will-powers were challenged and built upon, and a fantastic time was had by all.

A big congratulations is in order for the way the students represented our school. Also thanks to everyone for having them here early so the bus could leave on time. The day was a huge success thanks to everyone's cooperation!





Merewether High School

An academically selective school for gifted and talented students

Information session – The Application Process
Year 7 2018

Parents of Year 5 students 2016 are invited to attend an information session about the procedures for applying for entry in an academically selective school for Year 7 2018.

When: Tuesday 11th October 2016

Where: Bensley Hall – Merewether High school
Chatham Road Broadmeadow

Time: 4.00pm

DIGITAL MEDIA FESTIVAL

For the Digital Media Festival this year HNPS will be showcasing our amazing school while rapping our version of Ice Ice Baby by Vanilla Ice.

For all the Vanilla Ice fans out there, here is a sample...

Alright stop, collaborate and listen
Our schools back with a brand new rendition
Callaghan Film Fest – we love you right?
Practicing our sick moves day and night
Will it ever stop? Yo, we don't know
Turn off the lights and watch our show.
To the extreme we're too hot to handle
We light up the stage and explode like a candle.

Once again, we aim to complete all filming on one day. Week 10 - Thursday 22nd of September is going to be Rapper Day! All students and teachers are asked to bring the bling, high tops and basketball singlets to create another outstanding short film.

Student Disco will still go ahead from 2pm-3pm, all filming should hopefully be completed.

Once again, thank you for your help in creating another successful short film.

Regards,

Josh Sparke

Assistant Principal



Registrations close Friday 17th September, 2016

ARE YOU A DAD WHO WANTS TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER AND PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE HER SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING?

The award-winning DADEE (Dads And Daughters Exercising and Empowered) program is coming to the local community. We are looking for dads and their primary school-aged daughter/s (K-6) to join in!

The DADEE program:

- Is a world first 'Dads and Daughters' program designed to increase physical activity levels and the social and emotional wellbeing of young girls
- Involves 9 x 90 minute weekly group sessions for dads and daughters delivered by university trained facilitators
- Builds **confidence**, **self-esteem** and **resilience** in girls
- Teaches girls **sports skills** through fun games and physical activities
- The program will be running in **Term 4, 2016 and Term 1, 2017** @ Stockton PS, Mayfield East PS and Carrington PS

Interested? For more information and to register, head to our website:

www.dadee.net.au

Emma Pollock on **4921 6566** / DADEE@newcastle.edu.au

Chief Investigator: Professor Philip Morgan

Acknowledgements and funding

The DADEE program is funded by Port Waratah Coal Services, Hunter Children's Research Foundation and Hunter Medical Research Institute.

Complaints about this research

This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H- 2014-0330. Should you have concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or you have a complaint about the manner in which the research is conducted, it may be given to the researcher, or, if an independent person is preferred, to the Human Research Ethics Officer, Research Office, The Chancellery, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308, Australia, telephone (02) 49216333, email Human-Ethics@newcastle.edu.au.



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P&C News

We had our 2nd meeting for term 3 on Monday night, and with several apologies we did not get too much detailed discussion on each area of responsibility though there were some interesting reports tabled. We did welcome a new member though, and with some faces we don't always see the discussion was actually very productive.

With the difficulty to date in achieving a workable solution for a shaded walkway between the canteen and COLA area due to asset management requirements, the question was raised whether we can just focus on getting a bike shed built.

I understand that as we will create a stand-alone structure that we don't need the Department's asset managers to approve it, so we'll come up with a costed proposal for the first meeting of next term.

The question was raised whether a less formal school jacket (more like a hoodie - with or without the hood) could be included as a uniform item, which will also be researched and costed for the first meeting of next term. This will require consensus within the community, so it is far from a foregone conclusion - just research for now. This will be researched along with the stock levels of school shirts in order that we ensure we have the right numbers and sizes in preparation for next year's change to the new official shirt. We may need to poll all families for intended purchases (volumes, sizes) to make sure we get the order spot-on, we'll be relying on your help to get this right.

The financial members in attendance agreed that a Halloween disco would be great for the kids again this year, and have undertaken to get costs, dates, etc together in order to propose another fun event. We'll be supporting the digital film festival again, as well as the yr6 disco, and encourage all of you to give us a hand to make these events memorable for everyone's kids. You know where to find us!

The highly anticipated social event that I've mentioned previously has been postponed to early next year, due to the overwhelming schedules of the small number of people who make these things work. We're hoping to run it in March, and we'll be considering how to make it a great event for all interested parents and carers. Stay tuned...

Kelly and I will continue to work with Tim Crakanthorp's office and the RMS for a solution to make our streets safer, it may not be a quick nor easy process though it's an issue we agree that we should not be compromising on.

Lastly - are you or is anyone you know qualified to audit the P&C's annual statements? It's an ACNC (and quite reasonable) requirement that as a registered charity we have to be audited annually, though we'd certainly appreciate the community's help in tracking down the right person for the job! Please contact me directly.

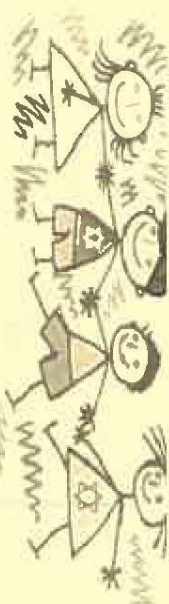
My sincere thanks to everyone in our school who volunteers to make this great community even greater. If you think things don't happen quickly enough, or we don't do enough as a P&C it's because we rely on a small group of volunteers to support the broader school community - maybe YOU could help? My contact details are below :)

Rich Ley
President
HNPS P&C Assoc.
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Hamilton North Vacation Care Spring Program

Mon 26 th Sept	Tues 27 th Sept	Wed 28 th Sept	Thurs 29 th Sept	Fri 30 th Sept
...Art Attack... 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.	...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 12 and returning at 2pm Cost: \$10.00	...Tie die... Bring along a cotton white t-shirt or pillow case and let's work some magic and see what patterns we can make! We will be doing a range of craft activities.	...Movie day... Come along and enjoy a movie at Newcastle Greater Union. The Movie will be announced closer to the day but we think it is "Secret life of pets". We will travel by bus leaving at 11am. Cost: \$15.00	...Footy Grand Final Party Day Come dressed in their favourite footy team colours. Kids will compete in a range of games and activities all involved around Footy. We will be making posters, pom poms, face painting, cheers!
Mon 3 rd	Tues 4 th	Wed 5 th	Thurs 6 th	Fri 7 th
Centre Closed Public Holiday Enjoy your long weekend	...Scavenger Hunt & Trivia Hunt... Team up with your friends to complete the challenges and claim the prize! Then test your knowledge in the Vacation Care Trivia!!	...Flip out... Come along and enjoy a JUMP and JUMP with your friends at Flip Out. We will be leaving at 11:30- and returning at 2:30pm Cost: \$20.00p/c	...Do you feel like Dancing... Come along in your brightest and boldest clothes you own. We are going to have a fun filled day of dancing, hairspray, head bands, wrist bands. Come and dance like you have never danced before. Be bright	...Wheels Day... Bring along your bike, scooter or skate-board. <u>Please note that helmets must be worn when riding any of the above!</u> A course will be set up and children will make large road signs.

Please note our New VC Hours: 7:15am -5:45pm



Vacation Care Hours: 7:15am – 5:45pm

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!

*Please understand that at any time the program can be changed or altered, due to the weather, children's wants and needs, staff and availability of resources.
OOSH Policy requires a week's notice for cancellation of Vacation Care. Therefore, please choose your days wisely.
 Please note that Monday 3rd of October is a public Holiday – No VC. School goes back Monday the 10th of October.

*Come and join the leaders at the
Masquerade Ball*

*The ball starts at 2pm
and finishes at 3pm.*

*The date is the 22nd of
September.*

It is a gold coin entry food and drinks will be available to purchase.

*The money we raise will go to a
well-deserved charity*

*Come and
enjoy the fun!*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday	15th September	K-2 Excursion – Taronga Zoo
Friday	16th/9 – 23/9	Book Train in Library
Thursday	22nd September	Leader's Disco "Masquerade Ball" theme, gold coin entry – 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday	21st September	Book Week Parade
Friday	23rd September	Last day for students for Term 3
Monday	10th October	Students return for Term 4
Wednesday	2nd November	Kinder Orientation – Children and Parents/Carers
Tuesday	6th December	Presentation Night, 6pm – 7.15pm Callaghan College, Waratah
Friday	16th December	Last day for students for Term 4

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 16th September	Monday 19th September	Wednesday 21st September	Friday 23rd September
Charlie Pfeiffer Shelley Brandon	Bea Sims Anne Doran	Danae Norrish Frances Guest	Eryn Atkinson Jessica Russ