

Chalkboard – Term 4, Week 1, Wednesday 17th October 2018



Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and you're ready for a full-on and exciting Term 4.

As per usual we have a lot of end of year activities including HNPS Idol, the digital media festival, presentation day, the year 6 disco and our much anticipated Carols by Torchlight evening on Friday 14th December which will include our Jubilee celebration for Hamilton North's 75th anniversary.

All classes will be performing a class item on the night and we will also have performances from the Friday drum group, our school band as well as our parent/teacher band. It's going to be a fantastic night! Keep your eye on the term calendar so that you don't miss anything.

Teacher professional learning this term – you may notice that your child's teacher is not on class for 2-3 days (not consecutive) this term. This is due to their participation in extremely valuable professional learning (Quality Teaching Rounds) that is currently taking place. Hamilton North instigated QT Rounds in this area with six additional schools joining in to make this opportunity to learn for teaching colleagues even more valuable. The benefits for children are ultimately even more quality learning opportunities as teachers hone their skills and knowledge and share high quality resources.

During the holidays some of our amazing year 4 girls attended a book launch. Judging from their smiles, I'd say they had a great time. We love hearing about the amazing things that our children have been doing!



FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Assembly will commence at 2.30pm for the rest of the term. There will be no class items this term.

LEADERS SPEECHES

A yellow note was sent home last term with student leader information. A slight change has to be made to speech days due to Executive commitments. Speeches will now only be on the Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th November.

SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

This term, as part of the PDHPE curriculum, we will be having gymnastics coaches coming into school to run 10, 30 minute classes with students from K-6 over a 5 week period. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum and all students will be expected to take part. There will be **NO** cost for families as it is being covered by a sports grant that we qualified for last term.

The timetable for classes is on the last page of this Chalkboard. Please note, skirts will not be appropriate for this activity so please make sure that all girls are wearing their sports uniform on this day.

Double Denim Disco Fundraiser

\$355 in total was raised at the fun disco.

The leaders raised \$222.55 from the double denim disco and \$132.45 from the lemonade stall. Thank you to all who attended, the leaders hope you had a fun time.

Selective High School 2020

Information about applying for year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2020 has been sent out to year 5 students today.

Key Dates:

- Tuesday 9 Oct 2018– Application website opens
- Monday 12 Nov 2018– Application website closes
- Thursday 28 Feb 2019– Test authority sent to all applicants
- Thursday 14 March– Selective High School Placement Test
- Friday 5 July 2019– Placement outcome information is sent

You must apply online at link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application process.

Myuna Bay excursion

Next Friday the 26th Oct we're off to Myuna Bay Sport and Rec camp!

We will need to be on the bus departing at 9am sharp. Late students will miss the bus. We're asking students to **arrive by 8:45** to enable us to mark the role and be ready to board the bus at 8:55.

Wear full school uniform and **joggers**.

What to pack:

- Lunch box. Please throw in some extra snacks as they will be using lots of energy all day. Please note there is **NO** canteen available at the camp.
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Mozzie repellent (roll on)

Please note that we will be outside all day. If your child is prone to hay fever or allergies it would be helpful to give them some antihistamine before school that morning. We are unable to give this medication to children at school unless it is provided and there is a medical plan from their doctor.

Looking forward to a great day!

Mrs Bell and Miss Stewart.



Congratulations to our student Violet Edwards shown on the cover of the Newcastle Weekly , Thursday 11th October 2018.

Violet plays Shawanda the elf in the Young People's Theatre Production of Elf the Musical Jr.

Photo by Peter Stoop shot on location at the Young People's Theatre, Hamilton.



Kinder, Year 1 & Year 2 Participation in *Fun Friends* Term 4 2018 Hamilton North Public School

**Delivered by the Teacher as part of class activities
Includes parent support with home activities**

Fun Friends is a program that enhances children's emotional resilience and their social skill development which will stay with them for life.

The **GOT IT!** Team, from the local Health Service, who have been working in the school have recently trained the K-Yr2 Teachers to be accredited facilitators for *Fun Friends*. The Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 Teachers will now be able to run the program as part of their classroom activities during Term 4, 2018.

All of the K- Yr2 children will be doing activities in class time giving them the opportunity to further build their social and emotional skills, helping them to improve their self-confidence, problem solving skills, ability to get along with others, make new friendships, identify support people and to effectively cope with new or difficult situations. It engages children through games, role plays, puppets, story books and discussion.

The program also includes home practice tasks for the parent/carer and child to work on together, taking approximately half an hour each week. Setting a time aside on a particular day is a great way to manage this special time for you and your child. A Parent workbook will be given to each child to take home to guide the parent and child in these activities each week.

"Children who are emotionally and socially skilled relate better to other children, teachers and parents. They are more competent in dealing with stress and school work"
(Aber, Jones, & Cohen 2000)

Thank you, from The *GOT IT!* Team



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***Got It!* Parenting Tip of The Week**

Praise your children for trying and not for being perfect.
Try to help your child focus on their effort in giving things a go and not necessarily for the outcome of their efforts



Market Garden

Our garden has enjoyed the regular rain and is full of tasty goodness. We have plenty of green leafy vegetables, flowers, raspberries, potatoes, carrots and citrus for you to enjoy. The limes are ready and very juicy. Four citrus fruits for \$1 this Friday at market garden.



SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME 2019

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

School Gymnastics Term 4 (Thursdays for 5 weeks)

	Session Times	Classes
Week 1 : 18/10/18	12.00 – 12.30pm	KP, K/1 and 1/2S
	12.30pm – 1pm	2/3B and 3/4S
Week 2 : 25/10/18	12.00 – 12.30pm	KP, K/1 and 1/2S
	12.30pm – 1pm	2/3B and 3/4S
Week 3 : 1/11/18	12.00 – 12.30pm	KP, K/1 and 1/2S
	12.30pm – 1pm	4/5E and 5/6L
Week 4 : 8/11/18	12.00 – 12.30pm	KP, K/1 and 1/2S
	12.30pm – 1pm	4/5E and 5/6L
Week 5 : 15/11/18	12.00 – 12.30pm	4/5E and 5/6L
	12.30pm – 1pm	2/3B and 3/4S

	CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018
OCTOBER	
Thursday 18 th	Year 6 Interrelate all day at school
Friday 26th	Stage 2 Myuna Bay Excursion (no school sport today)
Monday 29th	P & C Meeting 6.00pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club
Wednesday 31st	P & C Halloween Disco
NOVEMBER	
Wed 14th & Thurs 15th	Leaders Speeches 2pm-3pm
Wednesday 28th	Volunteers afternoon tea 1.30pm
Thursday 29th	Digital Media Festival (note to come)
DECEMBER	
Monday 3rd	P & C Meeting 6.00pm at Hamilton North Bowling Club
3rd to 7th	HNPS IDOL (auditions & rounds during week, final Friday)
Tuesday 4th	Year 6 Fete
Wednesday 12th	Presentation Day - Callaghan Waratah 9.30-11.00am
Thursday 13th	Reports home
Friday 14th	Jubilee Celebration /Carols by Candlelight
Monday 17th	Year 6 Revolution
Tuewsday 18th	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 19th	Last day of school for students
20th & 21st	School Development days for staff