

Noticeboard

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CANTEEN ROSTER:	23.11.09 – 27.11.09
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
K. Manning F. McLean	CANTEEN CLOSED	A. Katopodis L. Robson	CANTEEN CLOSED	D. Ward H. Geise

Unable to work, please arrange a swap. In an emergency, please phone Julia on 4962 2159 (Canteen) or 4969 4284 (home)

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.
Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
 Year 5 left today for their Aussie Bush Camp experience. I'll be joining them on Wednesday, and returning that evening for the P&C meeting. Captains Sam and Jacqueline led a simply worded and meaningful Remembrance Day service on Wednesday. They are both very independent and reliable students.
 Jacqueline also went to Sydney for the finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition and a representative from DET took time to congratulate her on her efforts and suggested a career in law .
 Harry G Year 3 was telling his mum some of the things he'd been doing in Modern Greek language lessons in class and being excited that he can say his name, phone number, the seasons and greetings. Mrs Nicolas, our language teacher, begins each lesson with oral revision and conversation. Students in Years 1 to 4 should be able to tell you this information (although Years 1 and 2 may not know the seasons.) Throughout all the grades Mrs Nicholas does different units of work and our students do well considering the lessons are only 40 minutes per week.
 Our second Kinder orientation Day was another great success with happy pre schoolers joining in activities with their new

Year 4 buddies. Parents of Year 4 students can feel very proud of their children. The kindergarten teachers were unanimous with their praise for the Year 4 students as buddies and how kind and caring they are with the preschoolers and how they are great role models.
 I enjoyed the opportunity to sit in on the recording session with Year 4 and Mrs Moore. Many would know that I love to sing but when one listens to Melissa Moore sing it is pure pleasure. The *Peter McNair Recording Studio* is fabulous and ex Hamilton South students were assisting their teacher, Mr Dando, with the recordings.
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 Tonight we have the Band Committee meeting and Year 6 students have from 6-9pm a disco at Newcastle High.
 Abigail S. represents the hunter in the Premier's Spelling Bee in Sydney this Wednesday.
 Mrs Smith and I collect pool fencing Thursday from Cameron Park School to make some changes to the play areas in the Support Unit.
 Mr Andersen is generously laser levelling the front of the cricket pitch and I should have some news on our spear points for the playground soon. Best wishes, J. Potts



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 18.11.09 ~ Money collection day
Yrs 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming
~ **P&C Meeting – 7pm**

Thursday, 19.11.09 ~ Money collection day
Yrs 1 & 2 Intensive Swimming

Wednesday, 09.12.09 ~ Presentation Day

Wednesday, 16.12.09 ~ Yr 6 Farewell

Wednesday, 16.12.09 ~ Last day of year for students

Thursday, 17.12.09 ~ Staff Development Day

Friday, 18.12.09 ~ Staff Development Day

INTENSIVE SWIMMING:



Our annual intensive swimming program for Stage One commences on Monday, 30th November, 2009 and will end on Friday, 11th December, 2009. The cost of the 10 day program is \$55. Over many years the 10 day swimming program has been very successful and lessons cater for non swimmers through to squad level. **Last money collection day is Thursday, 26th November, 2009.**

Sue S.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA PROGRAM:

In 2010 Kindergarten to Year 4 will be participating in the Sport in Schools Australia Program. This program offers a range of activities for students to participate in such as, fitness, balance, co-ordination and ball skill activities. This program supports our in school program very well as they bring with them a range of different pieces of equipment that we do not have at school. The program will commence in Week 2 and will run for 10 weeks. The cost of the program will be \$35 per student for the term. An elephant note will be sent home on Monday, 23rd November, 2009 as we will be collecting the money this year.

Penny McG.

OLD CD'S WANTED URGENTLY:

If you have any unwanted CD's could you please place them in the box in Mrs Smith's office. Thank you.

Sue S.

YEAR 2 CRAFT:

All Yr 2 students will need a container (eg maybe a 2 litre ice cream container with a lid) for Starburst Christmas craft starting by the end of week 6.

Sue S.

WIN BIN WINNERS:

Congratulations to these winners:

Alice	KT	Adelaide	1/2H
Joely	1T	Sophia	KT
Jonah	1T	Byron	KK



BAND NEWS:

Students are getting ready for their next performance which will be on 9th December, Presentation Day. Please encourage your child to practise everyday. Also Mrs Holland would like to remind all parents that tuition fees are now overdue. Please pay as soon as possible to avoid your child missing out on lessons. Thank you.

Jenny D. and Jenny K.

KINDER ORIENTATION:

Our last Kinder Orientation day is this Thursday, 19th November, from 11.30am – 2.00pm.

Sue S.

YEAR 4 DEBATING:

Later this term Yr 5 & 6 debaters will help me run a workshop with Yr 4 students for debating. In the past parents have asked how they can help their children. One way is to help them define words without using a dictionary. Topics could be “that school children should wear school uniforms” or “that students in primary school should do homework” as two examples. In the workshop we'll look at the big idea areas to support a case eg education, technology, health and safety and the how to give examples to prove the point. After the workshop students interested in being on a debating team participate in elimination debates to choose the team.

Jo Potts.

A FOND FAREWELL TO MRS JACOBS

AND MRS YOUNG:

Two staff members will be retiring from permanent teaching at Hamilton South. Mrs Jacobs and Mrs Young will be sadly missed. They are two magnificent teachers. If you would like to give some money for a combined staff/community gift, please send your donation to the office labelled “Retirement Gift”. With thanks.

Jo Potts.

DONATIONS FOR PRESENTATION DAY:

We are seeking monetary donations from parent or community businesses for our Presentation Day. We would advertise your business in our weekly Noticeboard for free until the end of the year. If you would like to donate, please drop it into the school office. Thank you.
Lynne.



CANTEEN NEWS:

* Please note that the canteen will be closed on Presentation Day, 9th December and also on the last week of term.

* Canteen Volunteers Christmas Dinner – 4th December at the Bogey Hole Café pre pay \$30 per person BYO (\$4 corkage per bottle) send money in an envelope with your name clearly marked with Canteen Christmas Party. We have a number of volunteers leaving our school this year so try to come along to celebrate their generous efforts and another great year on canteen.

Canteen Committee.

HAMILTON SOUTH OOSH NEWS:

If you have any old Readers Digests or magazines you no longer want we would really appreciate them. Thank you.
Sharon.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS:

Opening hours: Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am – 9.15am.
Melanie Hunt.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY SENT IN THEIR TICKET BOOKS AND MONEY. A GREAT START TO OUR FUNDRAISER!

THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY 04/12/09 WITH ALL BOOKS AND MONIES REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY 02/12/09.

DON'T FORGET THAT YOU DO NOT NEED TO SELL ALL THE TICKETS BUT YOU DO NEED TO SEND YOUR BOOK BACK IN BY

02/12/09 WITH THE APPROPRIATE MONIES (EVEN IF YOU DON'T SELL ANY TICKETS)

ADDITIONAL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE FOR THOSE ENTHUSIASTIC SELLERS.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT, SUSANNE ☺

P&C WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER:

Thank you to all who supported the wine tasting fundraiser last Friday night. A special thank you to Natalie and Keiran who gave their time to play some live music and make the night a success. Late or extra orders can still be placed at the office until Friday morning. Orders will be delivered over the coming weeks. Orders containing Verdelho wine will be delayed around 2 weeks. Thank you again on behalf of the P&C for your continued support.

Glenn Stewart.

YEAR 3 FAMILY GET-TOGETHER:

When: Sunday, 29th November

Time: 4pm

Where: King Edward Park

BYO: Picnic dinner & piece of cardboard for sliding down hills!

Lynda 0427 272 259

RED CROSS COMMUNITY FUN DAY:

On Saturday, 28th November the Australian Red Cross Blood Service is holding a Community Fun Day to celebrate 80 years of blood services in Australia in conjunction with the Year of the Blood Donor-2009. It will be in Civic Park, Newcastle from 10am-3pm and give people the opportunity to find out their blood type, tour the Donormobile, get a free sausage sandwich and piece of birthday cake, meet Billy the Blood Drop, free rides and face painting for the kids, hear from local blood recipients and much more.

Melinda Randall.

Community Relations Officer.
Ph 4907 7743.

FREE CRAFT WORKSHOPS:

Livesites & Newcastle City Council are conducting FREE craft workshops in November and an exhibition during December to help encourage creativity while also boosting the city centre's economy.

When: Saturday 14th, 21st & 28th November 1-3pm

Where: Shop 45, corner Hunter & Market Streets

Everyone is welcome – from school-aged children to mature artists. The workshops are secure and safe events supported by Newcastle City Council.

Ph 4925 3969.

WANTED TO BUY:

Canoe suitable for an adult. Please contact Sue Smith.

KINDERGARTEN MUM'S CHRISTMAS NIGHT

OUT:

When: Friday, 4th December, 2009

Time: 7.00pm drinks – dinner at 7.30pm

Where: Mary Ellen Hotel

RSVP: Friday, 20th November, 2009 so that a table can be booked.

Amanda Linstrom 4963 3226 or 0401 148 565

"NEW MOON" SCREENING:

Come and support the Hunter and Northern Kidney Association at a special screening of "New Moon" at Greater Union Glendale this Friday, 20th November. Tickets are just \$20 each so be quick. Tickets are available via www.sticktickets.com.au/2471 or by phoning Kylie on 4965 4050.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 4 KIDS:

Crusaders are running 22 awesome Christian camps for kids in school yrs 3-12 in the summer holidays. For a free brochure visit www.crucamps.com.au or call (02) 9874 8933.

GREEN LOANS PROGRAM:

The Australian Government's Green Loans Program is creating greener homes and more green jobs by providing:-

* free home sustainability assessments (valued at over \$250) to identify how to save energy, water and reduce greenhouse gas emissions

* interest free Green Loans of up to \$10,000 to make recommended improvements.

Please contact your local assessor, Andrew Freeman, for further information and to arrange a convenient time for your free home assessment.

Phone: 02 8006 3566 or 0402 132 477

Email: info@greenwalk.com.au

Web: www.greenwalk.com.au

\$20 will be donated to the school for every assessment, so make sure you mention the school name!

GREEN LOANS

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