Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome
I would like to welcome you all back to a busy and exciting school year. Everyone looks rested and relaxed after their summer holiday break. It was a great opportunity for families and friends to catch up.

A very special welcome to our new families who have joined the Hamilton South Public School community. I know your children and yourselves will enjoy being part of our wonderful school and encourage you to become involved with the many activities and programs we have at our school.

First Day at School Lunch for Mums and Dads
Next Monday 2 February the Friends of Hamilton South would like to invite our Kindergarten parents and our ‘new’ parents to come along to the Mary Ellen Hotel (57 Railway Street, Merewether) at 12pm. This is a great opportunity for Kindergarten parents to meet other parents with Kindergarten students and for new parents to meet members of our wonderful school community.

Class Organisation
This week students are in their 2014 classes. Our new Kindergarten students are doing the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment this week over the next three days. We will be forming our Year 1 - Year 6 classes on Monday and we expect to have our Kindergarten classes finalised on Monday as well.

Swimming Carnival
The annual Hamilton South Public School Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday 30 January at the Lambton Swimming Pool. All students who are in Year 2 and above will be attending. The Primary Schools Sporting Association (PSSA) permits only 8 year olds and students turning 8 and above to compete in races. Any student who is 7 or turning 7 this year will only be allowed to compete in the novelty events.

A 50 metre swimming assessment of all students who wish to compete on the day will take place before the carnival commences. They will be given a coloured wristband to wear that indicates their swimming ability. This is a DEC safety requirement. Students who cannot competently swim will be able to participate in novelty events and earn points for their respective Sporting House.
Transport to and from the event will be by bus from the school. Students are not to go straight to the pool. All students are required to come to school as per normal on Friday and will return back at school in time for the 2:55pm bell. All students are expected to bring their school lunch and drink to last the day. There may be opportunities for students to buy small snacks (ice-blocks/lollies) but no hot food from the kiosk at the venue.

All students must also take a hat, sunscreen, towel and swimmers with them. All students are required to wear their Friday sports uniform (coloured house shirt). Please ensure that all your child’s belongings are clearly marked. It is very difficult trying to return lost property back to the owner without this.

Parents who wish to take their child home from the venue are able to do so but must sign them off the class roll prior to leaving. This will be with your child’s teacher from 2014. The day will require parental assistance (judging and timekeeping). If you are able to assist, please could you leave your name at the school office.

Thank you for helping the school staff make this day run smoothly and an enjoyable one for the children.

Robby True (Sport Coordinator)

It’s A Boy!
Alby Simpson arrived safe and well on Monday 19 January. Mrs Simpson (and Mr Simpson) are ‘over the moon’. The students and staff are all looking forward to a visit from Mrs Simpson so we can meet Alby.

Sue Estens
Principal

2015 Dates

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SPORT IN SCHOOL
An elephant note has been sent home regarding the payment of the Sport in Schools program for 2015. The program will commence in Week 2, Term 1 on Thursday 5th February. The cost is $45 per student for the 10 lesson PDHPE program. There are still a number of students who haven’t paid. **Money collection day is Thursday, 29th January, 2015.**

Mrs Wilson.

2015 YRS 2-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our 2015 Swimming Carnival for students in Yrs 2-6 will be held this Friday, 30th January, 2015 at Lambton Pool. An elephant note has been sent home. Cost is $10 per student. There are still a number of students who haven’t paid. **Money collection day is Thursday, 29th January, 2015.**

Mr Robby True.

BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS ARE COMING BACK IN 2015.
Brainstorm Productions will be presenting ‘The Protectors’, a show about protecting yourself from bullying and strengthening self-esteem.
This is an exciting and entertaining way to help children learn different strategies to deal with bullying issues and to take brave, assertive actions when it comes to making hard choices at school and online.

*The Protectors* reinforces resilience and provides resources to help reduce the incidences of bullying at school and online. It encourages resilience, assertiveness and empathy. ‘The Protectors’ has been researched and developed in association with teachers and students. It offers concrete solutions and tips that children can practice to protect themselves from hurtful comments and negative behaviours they may encounter in the playground. Clear instructions on internet safety are delivered in a fun, memorable way. Children will be able to empathise and appreciate the devastating consequences of cyber bullying. ‘The Protectors’ unlocks the secrets of body language and gives ‘Protector Tools’ to curb aggressive behaviour.

For more information on the company, follow this link or go to [www.brainstormproductions.edu.au](http://www.brainstormproductions.edu.au)
An elephant note has been sent home. The cost is $5.00 per student. The production has been booked for Thursday 5th of February 2015. There are still a number of students who haven’t paid. **Money collection day is Thursday, 29th January, 2015.**

Mrs Wilson.
**PAYING FOR EXCURSIONS AND PERFORMANCES**

At Hamilton South Public School parents can pay for their child’s excursions and performances by any of the following methods:-

- Cash or cheque
- Credit card (Visa or Mastercard)
- Online payment (The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting $ Make a Payment.)

**HOMEWORK**

Thank you to all the parents who completed the homework survey which ran during the end of Term 4, 2014. Staff have been working with the results to develop the Hamilton South Homework Guidelines in accordance with the Department of Education and Communities policy. Homework for 2015 will not commence until Term 1 Week 5. This will allow for homework information to be discussed at the upcoming Parent Information Nights.

Executive Staff.

**ANZAC 100 YEARS**

Last year we were fortunate enough to have a variety of guests from the Defence Forces to assist us with our school ANZAC day ceremony. As this year we remember 100 years since the Gallipoli landing we would like to extend an invitation to anyone that would like to contribute to our school ceremony. Please contact Grant Smith or Tammy Ecroyd for more information.

**SCHOOL LUNCH BOX IDEAS**

Not all children enjoy eating sandwiches, even when the sandwich has been freshly and lovingly made rather than sitting inside a warm lunch box all morning.

Most parents want their child to take a healthy lunch box to school. After all, studies have shown that a nutritious lunch helps kids perform better educationally. At the same time, parents want their child to actually eat their lunch!

Discovering your daughter hasn’t even taken a bite of her lunch box sandwich and only nibbled on an apple is frustrating. It's enough to make a parent take the easy lunch box option of resorting to expensive pre-packaged snacks, just to ensure something from the lunch box gets eaten.

While sandwiches are the easiest lunch box option, if your child won't eat them, then you need to become particularly creative with healthy lunch box ideas.

So why not start the year inspired with a flurry of new creative lunch box ideas that you and the kids can prepare and make together.

The following link has some fantastic lunch box ideas, tips and recipes. Good luck and I can’t wait to see what is inside all the new 2015 lunch boxes.


Mrs Wilson.
Canteen Roster: 02.02.15 – 06.02.15

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If you are unable to work, please arrange a swap. In an emergency, phone Mary on 0412 451 226 or email alford@idl.com.au

Canteen News
• Online ordering
Please ensure that your family is registered for online orders and that you have updated your child's class details when they go into their new class next week. Thanks

The Canteen Committee.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

South Newcastle Junior Rugby League
Registrations are now open for all new and returning players.
In 2015, registrations will be 100% completed on-line.
Registration links can be found on the South’s Facebook page or website.
On-line registration assistance days will be held at South Newcastle Leagues Club (Llewellyn Street, Merewether), Sunday 8th February 2015 (2pm – 4pm) and Thursday 13th February 2015 from 6pm – 8pm for those who may not have access to “on-line”.
On Sunday 22nd February 2015, a final registration day is planned from 2pm – 4pm
Mini League age groups from under 6’s to Under 8’s,
Mod League age groups from Under 9’s to Under 12’s
International from U13’s to U18’s
Enquiries: Please contact Scott Hallett at scotthltt@yahoo.com.au or Graeme Fitzgerald on 0407 093 662.
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2015
REGISTRATION & SKILLS DAY
for Under 7s through to 18s
BRING YOUR BOOTS!
SATURDAY 7th FEB
10am to 12md @ Hawkins Oval
Sausage sizzle provided

Afternoon rego only Tues 10/2/15,
4.30pm to 6.30pm @ Hawkins Oval

Full 2015 season details click on the Juniors tab @ our website
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