Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating Success

Robotics
During the holidays we had two students compete at the National RoboCup Competition. The students competed in the Search and Rescue section. Daniel F came 6th and Griffin S 19th. Daniel also competed in the Documentation Award where he was placed 1st. Here is a quote from the judges - "The log book was well laid out, it had flowcharts and tables that gave an overview of how it worked as well as commented code sections that went into more detail. There were good sections on some of the problems that were faced and how they were overcome. A great report all around." "Thank you to everyone who submitted entries for this year's documentation award. In addition to the winner and runner-up, there were two students who received a Highly Commended and four other finalists.

Our school robotics program continues to go from strength to strength. This is a result of the students' commitment, enthusiasm and interest, parents who support the program and provide lots of transport and 'time' and to our robotics teachers, Jason Flood and Ryan McCann who run the program each week.

Concert week is here!!! After extensive preparation, organisation, planning and attention to detail our school concert Hamilton South International will be performed at Panthers this Thursday evening at 6pm. A full dress rehearsal will take place during Thursday. All classes will walk down to Panthers once rolls have been marked. Students will return in the afternoon, prior to the end of
the school day. Students will need to be back at Panthers, dressed in their costumes, by 5.15pm and will remain in Auditorium 2 during the concert when not on stage. They will be able to watch the concert on the large screen within the auditorium.

**At the Conclusion of the Concert**
Once the concert has ended parents and carers are asked to wait in the auditorium while the students return to Auditorium 2 and collect their belongings and wait to be collected. We ask that students are collected in the following order – starting with Kindergarten through to Year 6. Siblings can be collected with the younger age group. Counting members of the audience, students and staff there will be over 1500 people who will need to leave around the same time so it is important that this runs as smoothly as possible.

**Concert Tickets**
There are around 80 tickets left for sale. These can be purchased from the school office. Orders and money can be put in an envelope and ‘posted’ at the office. Staff will be allocating tickets at a set time during the day. Once allocated, tickets will be sent home with students.

**Video and Photography**
In accordance with the DEC Child Protection policy, we ask that parents refrain from videoing or photographing any children. Parents please note that filming of the concert is not allowed as this is in breach of child protection policies and procedures. We are having the concert filmed professionally so we can have a copy for school.

**Keys to Success**
Congratulations to the following students for receiving a *Key to Success* award:

- **CONFIDENCE**
  - Liliana H
  - Cooper Q
  - Ava McM
  - Emily J
  - Harlow-Rose W-S
  - George W

- **PERSISTENCE**
  - James C
  - Jack K
  - Aurabelle W
  - William O
  - Charlie D

- **GETTING ALONG**
  - Matthew D
  - Nate K
  - Ruby K
  - Macy R
  - Jordan B
  - Amelie T
  - Hudson W-S

- **ORGANISATION**
  - Cohen B
  - Angelina F
  - Lilli S

- **RESILIENCE**
  - Lachlan MacG
  - Shayne M
  - Lucinda T
  - Mrs Wilson
  - Sarbella P

Sue Estens
Principal
YEAR 6 FAREWELL – PARENT MEETING

The Year 6 Farewell is a fun event organised by the Year 6 Parents and Teachers. The date for the farewell is Tuesday 15 December 2015. The farewell is held at Souths Leagues Club. An official invitation will be sent home closer to the date.

We will be holding a parent meeting on Monday 12 October 2015 at 3:15pm in Ms Ecroyd’s classroom. At this meeting we will determine the colour scheme for the farewell and organise for the purchase of items such as the decorations and cake. If you are unable to come but would like to offer assistance please contact us at school or vis email - Ms Ecroyd at tammy.ecroyd@det.nsw.edu.au or Mrs Pettit at trudy.pettit@det.nsw.edu.au

TRIPLE ZERO KIDS’ CHALLENGE

Teaching your children what to do in an emergency could save your life!

As part of our school PD/H program K-2 students have been discussing and investigating what an emergency is and what they should do.

The TRIPLE ZERO CHALLEGGE interactive game is a fantastic resource that parents and children can play together at home that guides you through what to know and do in the event of an emergency. The students really love the games and they only take 5 minutes to play. So parents and carers please take the time, if you have not already, to talk to your children about the actions they can take in an emergency.


Mrs Wilson
TOUCH FOOTBALL NEWS

During the last week of Term 3, the HSPS boys’ touch football team came up against Anna Bay in the 4th round of the PSSA Knockout Competition. This game was always going to be a tough game with the opposition boasting state representative players. The game didn’t start as planned for HSPS with Anna Bay scoring two tries in quick succession. To our boys’ credit, they immediately fought back with good movement of the ball by Beau D. and Archie G. using his pace out wide to score tries of our own. The game then became a real arm-wrestle with both teams testing out the defensive capabilities of the other (5-4 to Anna Bay at half time). In the second half, HSPS were unlucky on many occasions not to score and pull away from Anna Bay but luck just didn’t seem to be on our side. Anna Bay then dominated a period of ten minutes to score a handful of tries and our guys began to look tired. A late try at the end gave us some hope but time was against us going down 9-5. Congratulations to all team members for making the 4th round of the competition which is a fantastic achievement. It was a joy to coach you and watch you play some really great touch football as I’m sure your parents would agree. This game marked the end of representative team sports for 2015.

Mr. True (Sports Coordinator)

TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY
SURVEY Closes Friday 16.10.15

Research indicates that partnerships between home and school improve student learning outcomes. We invite all families to take part in completing the Tell Them From Me Survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous and information gained will be used to make informed decisions about our schools future directions.

Clicking on the link below will take you directly to the survey.
If the survey opens to a login page, please copy and paste the link into your internet browser. This will ensure the survey launches directly to page one of the survey.
https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_aceqi_security_check?j_username=parent18485&j_password=Ham3795
HELLO UNLOADERS
Thank you to you and especially your children for inspiring us with their poetry and storytelling this term. We feel so lucky to work with such a diverse bunch of talented, creative, surprising young people.

Please register ONLINE for Term 4
Next term we’ll be getting creative with the world’s most fascinating topic with the theme “ALL ABOUT ME!” The program will be jam-packed with inspiring ways to express yourself. We will also encourage the children to write a short, private diary entry at the beginning of each class. As always, our writing and storytelling workshops cater for a range of levels and abilities with a focus on having FUN and building confidence with language.

PLEASE let us know if you won’t be continuing next term. Otherwise you can now register your details directly on the website (not payments yet sorry) at http://wwwunload.org.au/registration/

Testimonials Please
We are planning to launch a ‘testimonials’ page on our website so we would be most grateful if you could send us your thoughts and reflections regarding Unload. Please indicate if you are happy to include your name.

Please don’t hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or feedback.

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https://www.facebook.com/unloadcreativewriting

BAND NEWS:

CHANGES TO BAND REHEARSALS AND LESSONS FOR WEEK 1 TERM 4
Due to the Hamilton South PS Concert being scheduled for Thursday 8th October 2015 the following changes have been made to band lessons and rehearsals for this week:

Concert Band: Morning Rehearsal in the hall 7:50am Tuesday 6th October / No Lessons this week.

Training Band: Morning Rehearsal as usual 7:50am Wednesday 7th October / No Lessons this week.
P&C NEWS:

P&C UPDATE
Welcome back to all school families. We hope your break was relaxing!

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 October at 7pm in the staff room. At this meeting voluntary contributions will be discussed and the amount set for 2016. HSPS P&C Bylaws will also be discussed. These Bylaws are the set of rules that governs how the P&C operates.

If you have any items you would like discussed, please come along, contact a member of the P&C or send an email to hsps.pandc@gmail.com.

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday from 8.30am-9.15am. DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen Roster: 12.10.15 –16.10.15

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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 m.alford@idl.com.au

CANTEEN NEWS
We are experiencing a lot of online orders, not presenting. Please make sure you hit confirm and exit at the end of your order. You can also hit the “Active Order Tab” to check.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Year 5 Sports Gala Day
@ Newcastle High School
Friday Oct 23rd Wk 3 T4
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Lets get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in January 2016 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6

Date: Wednesday, 28th October 2016

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night. Keep a look out for flyers coming home with your child (before the program) outlining onsen content.
The team at Everyday Kids are experts at finding fun and interactive ways to engage with children and our new LEGO workshop is one of our best. LEGO provides an interactive medium for working on Social Skill development. The following will be targeted during the sessions:

- Social interaction
  (initiating play, sharing, turn-taking, verbal & non-verbal communication, respectful listening, joint attention)
- Group skills
  (asking social questions, requesting assistance, waiting, perspective taking, accepting feedback, collaborative problem solving)

Our LEGO groups are run by our experienced Occupational Therapists with children aged 6-8 years in groups of between 4-6 children. We run our LEGO group sessions on Thursday afternoons throughout the school terms from 4-5 pm for eight weeks. Our next group will be commencing from the 22nd of October 2015. The cost for the eight sessions is $360 which includes an assessment prior to attendance and an individualised report following the group.

Contact Steffanie Auld at Everyday Independence to secure your child’s spot today on 02 4957 4372.

Don’t want to give up your Saturday Mornings for Cricket?..... Well now you don’t have to!!!

Newcastle Junior Cricket has received over 300 registrations for T20 Blast & places are filling fast.
So if you are aged 7-12 and want to be part of this fun & exciting new form of cricket at No.1 Sportsground Mondays 5.30pm-7pm commencing 26th October you had better get in quick.
Cost is only $109 & no equipment is needed.
To register go to www.hamwickscolts.nsw.cricket.com.au
Or contact Jillian on 0411 209240
Email jkdwyer@optusnet.com.au
**57th Annual Stockton Fete**

Proudly presented by Stockton Hospital Welfare Association

**Saturday 24th October 9:30 - 2:30**

- Hot & cold drinks
- Pirate Pete
- Market stalls
- Chocolate wheel
- Jumping castles
- Face painting

Catch 136 from Stkn Ferry Wharf
Norfolk Drive, Stockton Centre FREE PARKING

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**The Mental Health Walk of Pride**

Arafmi Hunter’s Annual Mental Wellness Festival

2015 Saturday 24th of October
10 AM @ Pacific Park Festivities @ Civic Park

For the kids:
- Face painting
- Jumping castle
- Circus Avalon performers
- Book reading
- Don’t think about purple elephants

Featuring:
- Live music: Small Bird
- Information forum
- Wellbeing area
- Mini markets
- Food stalls

The Walk of Pride

Phone: 02 49612842
Email: walkofpride@xemai.com.au

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