Dear Parents and Carers,

**Celebrating Success**

**ICAS Science Competition**
Congratulations and well done to the following students on their results in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools) Science competition.

**Year 3**
- **Merit:** Finn M, Hamish R
- **Credit:** Travis L, Jerra M, George A, Charlie B, Jacob C, Amelia D, Brock M, Angus M, Sebastian W

**Year 4**
- **Merit:** Henry D, Sam W
- **Credit:** Madison, William L, Aela S
- **Distinction:** Sophie A, Isabel D, Lachlan N

**Year 5**
- **Merit:** Maddie D, Royce M, Nick S, Charlie W
- **Credit:** James M, Max B, Daniel B, Abby J, Oscar M, Kurtis P, Will R, Ben W
- **Distinction:** Sam D, Aiden F, Alek F, Madeline H, Alice T

**Year 6**
- **Credit:** Sam L
- **Distinction:** Darci B, Aidan FD, Daniel F, Lili S, Griffin S

**P&C Black and White Ball**
What a wonderful evening! The hard work of the ball committee culminated in a very successful ball which was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. A huge ‘thank you’ goes to the amazing committee who planned and organised all the details to ensure a successful night. Well done to Kylie Farrugia, Jo Bennett, Libby Haydon, Annie Fullerton, Rebecca Roberts, Alison Pepper and Melanie Rao. Thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the ball.
Gonski
Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. This funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review warned too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources. The review, headed by respected businessman, David Gonski, said Australia was under-investing in education and not delivering funded to where it was needed most. Five state and territory governments in 2013 signed agreements with the Federal Government to follow the Gonski plan and improve the way schools are resourced. Those agreements specify the level of funding each government must contribute over six years from 2014 to get to a point where all schools have the right level of resources.

Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level. Schools can use the additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students. The ways they can use the funding include:

- Reducing class sizes
- Employing additional specialist teachers in areas such as literacy and numeracy
- Providing greater assistance and support for students with disabilities or behavioural problems
- Building the skills and knowledge of teachers.

Gonski in Action
At Hamilton South Public School we have used these additional monies to:

- employ a learning support teacher an extra day a week.
- provide individual and small group learning support in literacy and numeracy.
- train staff and volunteers to run the MultiLit program (Making Up for Lost Time in Literacy) three days a week.
- provide teachers additional time to assesses students and develop personalised learning programs.

Resource Allocation Model (RAM)
RAM funding for students who need it most is being delivered to NSW public schools in 2016 through the Resource Allocation Model (RAM). In 2016, $113 million of additional money is being directly delivered to schools through the Resource Allocation Model and has been made possible through the Gonski agreement. Decisions about using this funding are being made by principals working with their local communities and staff. Local decision-making has enabled schools to hone in on the teaching and learning needs of their own students.

MAKE SOME NOISE – Newcastle High School
Hamilton South Public School will be participating in Make Some Noise which is being presented by Newcastle High School. The partner primary schools will be joining in the concert. The concert will be held at the Town Hall on November 17 at 6.30pm. Tickets are available from the NHS office.
Sue Estens
Principal
BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7
Just a reminder that this is our last Bookclub for this year, so don’t forget to have your orders in by this Friday (30th October). There are some fabulous books in the Issue 7 addition (*Piranhas Don’t Eat Bananas* is certainly an entertaining read!)
Remember, you only have to send your order in to school if you are paying by cash.
Many thanks.
Mrs Edwards

K-6 School Assembly
3/4E will be hosting the school assembly on Tuesday, 27 October, 2015. Assembly begins at 2.10pm in our school hall.

STAGE 3 SURF FUN SAFETY DAYS
Stage 3 will be participating in the “Wests Group Surf Fun Safe Days’. These days are a fun day where students participate in a rotation of activities including beach safety, board paddling and beach games. Year 5 will be attending the day on Thursday 19 November and Year 6 will attend on Friday 20 November 2015. The cost of the day is $20. An elephant note has been sent home today with further information and payment details. First money collection day is Wednesday, 28th October, 2015.
Tammy Ecroyd
Assistant Principal – Stage 3
HELP YEAR 6 RAISE FUNDS FOR NEPAL – THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2015
Each year our Year 6 students run an annual fundraiser for NEPAL. The money raised goes towards supporting an orphanage and a hospital fund for the poor in the township of Nepalgunj. On Thursday 29 October students are asked to wear the colours red, blue and white and bring in a gold coin donation which will be collected in the morning. Students will also participate in an activity where they will create a Nepalese Flag using string art. We look forward to your support

Year 6 2015

BANDFEST 2015
Last week, students from Hamilton South represented our school at the annual Bandfest Competition held at Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre. The Training Band competed in the Novice Larger Section against several bands from schools across the Hunter and Central Coast Regions and the band was commended on their fine performance. Our Concert Band also received the award of commended in the intermediate section of the competition. Ms Susan Philippa, our Band Conductor, deserves a special thank you. As always, she supported her bands with an outstanding level of professionalism and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated musical leader at our school. A final thank you must go to the many parents who assisted both on the day and in the lead up to the event. Well done and congratulations to all involved.

Kate Quinn and Alison Wakeman.

YEAR 6 PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
A casual dinner and drinks are planned for Friday 13 November, 2015 at 7pm at the Cricketers Arms, 61 Bruce Street, Cooks Hill. Any parent of a year 6 student is welcome to come along and celebrate the approach of high school for our precious ones (for some of us, our first born). Please contact Linda New on 0414 341 964 by Friday, 6 November to confirm your attendance.
COUGH WHOOPING INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

INTERRELATE SESSIONS

Interrelate will be holding sessions at Hamilton South Public School on Wednesday, 28 October, 2015.
HSPS BAND - DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 4 2015

These dates are for both current and prospective band members for 2016

Please remember that next week both bands will merge into the one Band. So from Week 3 until the end of Term 4 all band students will have morning rehearsals on a Wednesday and Thursday morning each week at 7:50am in the hall.

I have also outlined the event dates for Band for Term 4 below for your convenience. It a busy term!!

- **Week 5**: Band Committee Meeting Thursday 5th November in Staffroom 6:30pm
- **Week 6**: Thursday 12th November - Both bands perform for Frogstomp and Year 2 in the school hall.
- **Week 7**: Thursday 19th November - Information night for prospective new band parents for 2016 at 6:30pm in the library.
- **Week 8**: Wednesday 25th November - Band Screening day for prospective band members from Year 2-6.
  
  Thursday 26th November - Band Presentation Night 6:00pm in the school hall.
- **Week 9**: Friday 4th December - Both band have been invited to perform at the Christmas Winds Concert at the Newcastle Conservatorium. This is an evening performance and the time will be confirmed closer to the date.
- **Week 10**: Thursday 10th December - Our last performance for the year at the School presentation day.

Kate Quinn
At last week’s meeting of the P&C, voluntary contributions and P&C Bylaws were discussed.

The last P&C meeting for 2015 will be held on Wednesday 18th November at 7pm in the staff room. Planning for 2016 will be discussed at this meeting, including 2016 budget and fundraising calendar. If you are interested in participating in fundraising activities such as the trivia night, family get-together, Easter raffle, Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, please join us. We’re very friendly and welcoming of new members.

If you have any items you would like discussed, please come along, contact a member of the P&C or send an email to hsp.pandc@gmail.com.
WANTED - 2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK COORDINATOR
We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate Entertainment Book sales from March to July 2016. The role is not time consuming and includes tracking sales, organising payments to Entertainment Publications, re-ordering stock and promoting to the school community. If you are interested, please email hsps.pandc@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE - 2 DECEMBER 2015 - CHRISTMAS DRINKS
All parents and carers are invited to attend Christmas Drinks on Wednesday 2 December from 7pm. Location will be advised in Noticeboard in November.

BLACK & WHITE BALL
Saturday night's Black & White Ball at the Newcastle Club was a great opportunity to dress up, dance and chat with parents and teachers. As an added bonus, the event also raised $5,000 for the school! Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our fundraiser Last Man Standing. We appreciate the generosity of local businesses; The Star Hotel, Eurobar, Chrysalis, Habitat, Sight Savers Hamilton, Zebra Finch, Cinderina’s Wedding Services and The Bronte Boutique Hotel Morpeth. Last but not least, a big thank you to the Ball Committee for organising the event; Libby Haydon, Annie Fullerton, Jo Bennett, Rebecca Roberts, Alison Pepper and Melanie Rao – your energy and organisational skills were greatly appreciated!

Kylie

KINDER ORIENTATION MORNING TEA – WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
Kinder Orientation is next Wednesday 4th November and we arrange morning tea for attending parents. If you are able to donate a plate of food for this event it would be appreciated. You can leave your plate of goodies on the table in the Hall on the morning of Wednesday 4th November. Please label your plate/container with name and child’s class so it may be returned to you easily. Thanks for your help.

Fiona
Friends of Hamilton South

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop opening hours are Tuesday from 8.30am-9.15am. DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
Canteen Roster: 02.11. 15 – 06.11.15

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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

• Sushi – to ensure you do not miss out, make sure you order online.

• The canteen urgently needs help on the following days:-

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Do you provide care and support to another person?
You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers
and listen to our Guest Speaker!

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support to children or adults who have a disability, mental
illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

GUEST SPEAKER:

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TOPIC: Managing Stress & Self Care
VENUE: Wallsend Diggers, 5 Tyrrell Street, Wallsend
TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm
COST: Free - includes Morning Tea
WHEN: Wednesday 11 November 2015
RSVP: Wednesday 4 November 2015

For more information or to Register Contact:
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
on: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)
MAKE SOME NOISE

Newcastle Town Hall
Nov 17
6.30 PM
$15

Newcastle High School
Presents
A night of drama, dance and music
Featuring performances by our partner primary schools
Carrington; Newcastle East; The Junction
Hamilton; Hamilton South; Stockton
Tickets available from Newcastle High School office
Limited tickets on the door
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To protect young children from driveway injury or death

• Hold their hand or hold them close to keep them safe.
• Always expect the unexpected – it takes just a second for a tragedy to happen.
• Make sure another adult is protecting your child before you start or move your car – or buckle up your child safely in the car with you.
• Separate play areas from home driveways wherever possible.
• Stay alert – reverse cameras and parking sensors can help you detect objects – including children – near your vehicle. But children move fast and you may not be able to stop in time!
• Nothing can replace close adult supervision.

Talk with all the adults in your children’s lives about your family rules to prevent driveway injury or death.

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