Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Celebrating Success

World Teachers' Day

Today at Hamilton South Public School we are celebrating World Teachers' Day. Every day, teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. Celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide, World Teachers' Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

At Hamilton South Public School our teachers are: committed, hard-working, dedicated, skilled, enthusiastic, knowledgeable, fun, funny, passionate, supportive, and caring and so much more.

Thank you to each and every teacher at our school for the amazing and wonderful work you do to make a difference for our students. It is greatly appreciated by students, staff, parents and the school community.
'No one is useless in this world that lightens the burdens of another'.

Nepal Fundraiser
Our Year 6 fundraiser for Nepal last week resulted not only in raising over $500 for education and health programs in Nepal, but a beautiful artwork was created by all students to display at school. The quote is from Charles Dickens and comes from his book ‘Our Mutual Friend. Thank you to Fiona Matthews and Andrew Dodd who assisted the students in holding the fundraiser for Nepal, thank you to our Year 6 students who ran the day and to all the students, staff and families who supported this fundraising event.

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

Year 3
Merit: Amelia D
Credit: George A, Charlie B, Robert FJ, Lia F, Lachlan M, Sarah M, Caleb M, Madeleine T, Alex W
Distinction: Jerri M, Brock M, Angus M

Year 4
Merit: Eden S, Cohen B
Distinction: Lachlan N, Rafael R, Acela S

Year 5
Merit: Royce M
Credit: Maddie D, Aiden F, Abby J, William R, Flynn S, Alice T
Distinction: Daniel B, Sam D, Alek F, James M, Kurtis P, Charlie W, Ben W

Year 6
Merit: Summer Y
Credit: Daric B, Aidan FD, Daniel F, Sam L, Amy T
Distinction: Griffin S
Keys to Success
Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Key to Success award:

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Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Day
This Wednesday 4 November we are holding the first of our orientation programs for our 2016 Kindergarten students. It will be the first morning that the pre-schoolers spend at 'Big School' and it will also be a time for mums and dads to attend an information session and hear about our school's programs.
Times: 9am-11.30am.
Venue: Kindergarten rooms for pre-schoolers and the hall for mums and dads.

Sue Estens
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS:

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 04.11.15  ~Kinder 2016 Orientation Day-9am
                     ~ Money collection
                     • Yrs 5 & 6 Surf Fun Safe Day
                     • Stage 1 Intensive Swimming
                     • Yrs 3 & 4 Tree Top Adventure

Thursday, 05.11.15   ~Money collection
                     • Yrs 5 & 6 Surf Fun Safe Day
                     • Stage 1 Intensive Swimming
                     • Yrs 3 & 4 Tree Top Adventure

Friday, 06.11.15     ~Student banking

Thursday, 10.12.15   ~Presentation Day

Tuesday, 15.12.15    ~Yr 6 Farewell

NOTES TO BE RETURNED
• Absence Note – if your child has been absent from school, please fill out a yellow note and send it in to the office.
Departmental requirement states you have seven days to explain your child’s absence.
School hours 8:55am-3:00pm
STAGE 1 INTENSIVE SWIMMING
The 2015 Intensive Swimming School for students in Year 1 and Year 2 will commence on Monday 23 November and end on Friday 4 December. The cost of the program is $60 per student. An elephant note was sent home last week. Money collection days are Wednesday and Thursday. Last day for payment is Thursday, 19 November, 2015.

Stage 1 teachers

K-6 School Assembly
1/2S will be hosting the school assembly on Tuesday, 10th November, 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 was sent home last week with further information and payment details. Last payment day is Thursday 12 November, 2015.

Tammy Elroy
Assistant Principal – Stage 3

STAGE 2 TREE TOP ADVENTURE PARK EXCURSIONS
As part of our PDHPE and Sport Program, Stage 2 students (Yrs. 3 & 4) will be going on an excursion to the Tree Top Adventure Park at Minmi on Friday 4 December, 2015. Cost is $32 per student. A note was sent home last week. Payment can be by online payment, credit card, cash or cheque. Money collection days are Wednesday and Thursday. Last day for payment is Thursday, 26 November, 2015.

Stage 2 teachers.

PRESENTATION DAY
Hamilton South Public School will be holding our Presentation Day on Thursday, 10 December, 2015. If any parents would like to make a monetary donation towards the cost of books for Presentation Day, could you please forward the money to the school admin office. All amounts will be greatly appreciated. If you have a business, please include your business card and we will advertise your business in our Noticeboard. Thank you.

Thank you to all the families that bravely attended the evening presentations last Wednesday night. For some it was there sixth visit, very impressive! I hope the evening provided the conversation starters that now help you continue with supporting your child through their emotional and physical development. Well done parents.✓

Mrs Wilson
CHARLIE’S SPIDER DAY

Charlie Walker of 5F is a pretty good swimmer. So good in fact, that he is raising money so that he can represent our state at this year’s Pacific School Games in Adelaide.

If you would like to support Charlie please come and enjoy a refreshing and super tasty Spider drink on Tuesday 10th November at lunch time.

Spiders will be sold underneath the school canteen COLA. Prices will be $2 for a large spider and $1 for a small spider.

Flavours will include – raspberry, ginger beer, lime, passionfruit and cola.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale with some amazing prices to be won!

5F (keen supporters of Charlie Walker)

COUGH WHOOPING ALERT

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

At Hamilton South Public School we have had 3 confirmed cases of whooping cough.

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.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

Symptoms

Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blister around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.

School or home?
Keep home from school until all blisters have dried.

How can I help prevent spread?
Careful hand washing, especially after wiping the nose and using the toilet, and respiratory etiquette (covering a cough).
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.

BAND NEWS:

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
P&C UPDATE
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 hspspandc@gmail.com.

UNIFORM COORDINATOR
The P&C are looking for a uniform coordinator to be the liaison point between Lowes and the P&C for any uniform matters. The role only involves a regular conversation with the Lowes contact. The time involved is limited. If anyone wants further information about the position contact Robyn Theacos 0403 570 959

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 hspspandc@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.

KINDER ORIENTATION MORNING TEA – WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
Kinder Orientation is this Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} November and we arrange morning tea for attending parents.
If you are able to donate a plate of food for morning tea it would be appreciated. You can leave your plate of goodies on the table in the Hall this Wednesday morning 4\textsuperscript{th} 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
During the year the P&C decided to change the brand of polo shirt that Lowes were using for our uniform. To clear the old stock, Lowes have the original stock on sale both in short sleeve and long sleeve.
The Uniform Shop opening hours are Tuesday from 8.30am-9.15am.
DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED.
Canteen Roster: 09.11.15 – 13.11.15

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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:
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
Proudly Supported by the Fuchs Foundation
Free Art & Design Workshops at The Olive Tree Market

**Kids Workshops on November 7th at Civic Park.**
The Olive Tree Market has started free art & design workshop at market called The Makery. On November 7th there are two children focused workshops that we are inviting Children in the local area to attend.
To book free tickets for your children- and for further information- go to The Olive Tree Market website. Get in quick as there are limited spaces! www.theolivetreemarket.com.au

**KIDS CREATE A PALLET PLANTER + FEEDBACK RECOVERY**
10:30-11:30am at The Olive Tree Market in Civic Park NOVEMBER 7TH
In this workshop, children will construct their own pallet planters & plant their own seedlings. The Makery provides pallet pieces cut to size, and ready for participants, to build their own pallet planter. The children then plant their own seedling and decorate their planter box.
Olive Tree Stallholder David Sivyer, of Feedback Organic Recover, will lead the workshop.
Feedback was founded on the philosophy that that there is no such thing as waste. Feedback runs creative, interactive and fun educational experiences for children to show how easy it is to become more sustainable in our everyday living.
This workshop includes all materials and supplies needed for your inspiring and creative time with us. Make sure to bring an apron or old shirt so your clothes stay clean!

**CREATE A MODERN EMBROIDERY PENDANT**
Saturday, 7 November 2015 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at The Olive Tree Market in Civic Park.
In this workshop, you'll create a unique embroidery pendant using modern embroidery skills. This workshop is for beginner’s level- although anyone if welcome! We'll start with learning a few embroidery basics to warm-up and then will work on our individual embroidery pendants.
Jo Campbell, of Clementine and Thread, maker, and creative will lead the workshop.
All workshops include all materials and supplies needed for your inspiring and creative time with us.
This workshop is limited to 15 participants so get in quick! Please do not book tickets unless you are 100% committed to coming.

For more information contact Justine Gaudy
The Olive Tree Market
M: 0439649058
E: enquire@theolivetreemarket.com.au
W: www.theolivetreemarket.com.au
**Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids**

**ARE YOU A DAD? ARE YOUR KIDS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL?**

Register your interest now to be involved in an international award winning healthy lifestyle program in 2016!

"I cannot recommend this program enough."

"Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids made me a better father."

"The four of my kids and I had smiles and sore abs. The abs were from laughing so much!"

![Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids](Image)

**What does 'Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids' involve?**

- 9 x 90 minute face-to-face weekly sessions delivered by expert facilitators for dads and kids consisting of:
  - 5 x dads and kids information sessions (30 mins) and physical activity sessions (50 mins)
  - 2 x weight maintenance, healthy eating and physical activity information sessions for kids only (30 mins)
  - 2 x dads, mums and kids information sessions (30 mins) and physical activity sessions (30 mins)

**What will you get out of 'Healthy Dads, Healthy Kids'?**

- Dads learn how to manage their weight without having to give up the foods and drinks they love
- HEHK will provide dads with parenting skills to get kids physically active, reducing kids screen time and improving their self esteem and confidence
- Dads and kids will spend quality time together participating in fun rough and tumble games, health-related fitness and sports skills activities

**DADS ONLY PLEASE MODEL OF PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS**

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW**

Email: healthydads@newcastle.edu.au

or call The University of Newcastle team on (02) 4913 8739 If you have any questions.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2013 AT 3PM

**AN INVITATION TO CARERS**

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!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

- **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)
Community Link Up
Celebrating Social Inclusion Week 2015

You’re invited to a FREE community event to promote Social Inclusion for people of ALL abilities.

Don’t miss this opportunity to discover what’s on in your community and to promote YOUR community group.

Join us as we create an inclusive community!

When: Thursday 26 November 2015
Time: 10am - 2pm
Where: Newcastle PCYC. Corner Young and Melbourne Roads, Broadmeadow
RSVP: Phone Libby on 4905 0705 or email elizabeth.pike@vinnies.org.au

Lunch and entertainment will be provided.

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