Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s a Boy!!
Matthew Press was born in the early hours of Monday morning to great excitement from his parents and especially his big brother Jimmy. Congratulations to Emily and Leo on the birth of their new son. We’re all looking forward to having Matthew visit us at school.

Congratulations!
During the school holidays our School Administrative Officer, Lauren Dean graduated from University of Newcastle with a combined Civil and Environmental degree achieving honours in both. We wish Lauren all the best in finding employment in her new chosen field and are glad that she will be staying with us in the meantime.

The Recent Weather…….
I hope all our families fared well in the recent extreme weather and didn’t experience any, or only little damage to houses, gardens and properties. The sunshine today is a very welcome sight.
At school we had some large trees fall over, luckily missing 2B classroom. A very old olive tree fell over the fence and blocked Jenner Parade for a day. Luckily the tree only took out one fence panel which should be very fairly easy to replace. A large gum tree broke off some tiles on the hall roof and other large branches that fell but did no damage. The hall floor was awash with water from the overflowing box gutter. Some rooms leaked through the ceiling and windows but all in all we were very fortunate. The tree loppers were here early yesterday morning to cut down and lop trees. This left us with a huge amount of leaf and small branch debris.

Many parents rang us to see if they could help out with the clean-up up which was wonderful. A special thank you to the parents, who through the grapevine, ‘popped in’ yesterday afternoon to sweep, rake and clean up the leaves and branches around the playground. The difference this made was astonishing. Even this morning we had parents who came with a rake to continue with the clean-up. What an amazing school community we have!!! Thank you!!!

**Celebrating Success**

**Keys to Success**

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

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**Easter Raffle**

Congratulations to all the Easter raffle winners. There was great excitement as all the winners were drawn out. A huge thank you goes to Fiona F and Sally T who were very much the main organisers, to all the parents and grandparents who came and created the baskets and to all the students, parents and staff who donated items for the baskets and to everyone who bought a ticket. A great effort!

**Anzac Day**
This week we are very fortunate to have a number of parents of students and staff at school to share their experiences and thought on a range of topics which will be presented to classes. These topics include:

- Heroes of War and Their Stories 4/5C and 5C
- VC Winners 3M and 2/3K
- Life as a soldier/sailor or airman/woman 6E and 5/6P
- Women's involvement in War and what ANZACs wore - uniforms/carried/travelled on. 2B and 2H
- What is ANZAC? 1/2S and 1D Kinder

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Cecil Thomas Barrack – A History
Cecil Thomas Barrack was born in the small New South Wales country town of Murrurundi. He was born in 1884 and was the son of James and Sarah Barrack. He had two brothers, William (Wal) and John (Jack)................You can read more about Cecil further on in the Noticeboard.

Hamilton South Public School ANZAC Day Service
We will be holding our school ANZAC Day service today Thursday 23 April 2015 at 2pm. As part of our school service we will be hearing from members of the HSPS school community who are members of the Armed Forces. Parents are invited to attend our school Anzac Service.

ANZAC Dawn Service 100th at Gregson Park
Hamilton South PS involvement in the Dawn Service is to form a ‘Candle Corridor’ either side of entrance to park and around the cenotaph. We would encourage students and their families to be part of the service. We need at least thirty students (more if possible) to give a good presence. We would like to encourage our students and families to participate in the 100th Anniversary of Anzac Day at the Hamilton Dawn Service at Gregson Park on 25 April, 2015.

Details are as followed:
- Students must assemble by 4.45am in driveway of Hamilton School before moving into Gregson Park.
- We must be in place in the Park no later than 5.00am
- Students are to wear full school uniform.
• Please ensure that students bring a jumper and raincoat as the weather may be cold and wet.
• It might be an idea that students have something to eat before the service.
• Candles are to be lit at 5.15am to correspond with beginning of March.
• A note will be going home asking for confirmation of attendance as we need to purchase candles for the service and need to know how many to buy.
• A sausage sizzle along with tea and coffee will be served, for a small cost, at Hamilton PS which is just across the road from Gregson Park at the completion of the service.

60th ANNUAL NEWCASTLE COMBINED SCHOOLS ANZAC SERVICE
Due to the extreme weather conditions experienced this week this event has now been postponed to Wednesday 6 May.

Gallipoli Visit
Mr Smith, along with his father John, will be attending the Anzac Day Service at Gallipoli. This will be a very special, but emotional time for the family. Mr Smith and his father were allocated the tickets from the ballot to attend the service at ANZAC Cove. The tickets were originally balloted to Grant’s brother Hugh, who sadly passed away recently.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The 2nd Hamilton South Public School Trivia Night will be held on Friday 17 July 2015. From the success of last year’s event there will be great interest in booking a table for this night of fun filled entertainment. The Trivia Night will be held at South Newcastle Rugby League Club. The cost is $120 per table with a maximum of 10 people at each table. There will be luck door prizes, raffles, team prizes and bonus points if you ‘Theme Your Table’.
A booking sheet will go home to all families and a copy will be placed on the school website in the parent portal.

Sue Esten
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS:

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 23.04.15 ~Anzac Day Service-2pm
Wednesday, 06.05.15 ~Mother’s Day Stall
Thursday, 07.05.15 ~School Disco
Wednesday, 20.05.15 ~Canteen meeting 6pm
                  ~P&C AGM and meeting 7pm

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 five days to explain your child’s absence. School hours 8:55am-3:00pm Please note:- Students need to be in their classroom by 8:55am.
STAR STRUCK TICKETS ON SALE
Tickets for Start Struck 2015 A-Maze-Ing go on sale to the general public on April 23rd. Tickets are available through all Ticketek outlets.
*A friendly tip: if your child is in the dance or drama group the best sections to buy seats are sections 13, 15 and 17 which are across the back of the entertainment centre. If your child is in the choir, you might like to sit closer to them in sections 3, 5, 25, 27.
The show dates and times are:

Friday 12th June  Matinee 10:30am
Evening 7:00pm

Saturday 13th June  Matinee 2:00pm
Evening 7:00pm

Amy Kelly.

HUNTER REGIONAL SOCCER NEWS
On Wednesday 1st April, four of our students represented the Newcastle PSSA representative team at the Hunter regional soccer trials. These boys were Archie G, Riley P, Nicholas F and Patrick B. The day involved a series of games against other representative teams from the Hunter. In Pool B, Newcastle played the Upper Hunter, Port Stephens and Maitland teams. All of our boys featured heavily in these games (scoring goals) and the team went through undefeated. All four boys were then selected to take part in the ‘Possibles v Probables’ game and again did not disappoint playing against the cream of the crop. Three of the boys (Archie G, Riley P and Patrick B) were then chosen as part of a 20 man train-on squad which will be later reduced to a Hunter team of 14 players. Good luck and congratulations boys! I would like to also thank the boys for their outstanding behaviour on the day. It really makes coaching a rewarding experience.

The Newcastle Zone PSSA Team

Patrick B.

Archie G.
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Grant Smith

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It is unclear where Private Barrack attended school, but we know that at his time of enlistment when he was 30 years old, he listed his profession as “Engineer”. From this we can assume that he was a well-educated man.
We he joined the Army he was unmarried, and upon leaving for Gallipoli he left behind his two brothers, mother and step-father.
Private Barrack joined the Australian Imperial Forces on the 10th of September 1914. He was placed in the 9th Battalion. Private Barrack arrived in Egypt with the rest of the 9th Battalion after departing Australia from Melbourne on board His Majesty’s Australian Transport ship ‘Thermistocles’. After this, he undertook a period of intense training before being assigned to the force that was sent to Gallipoli to try to create a safe passage through the Dardanelles. Coming ashore early on 25 April 1915 at Anzac Cove, the battalion joined the rest of 3rd Brigade, of which the 9th Battalion was a part. Private Barrack’s battalion served at Gallipoli until the evacuation in December.
Unfortunately, like many other ANZACs who landed on the beaches of Gallipoli early in the morning of the 25th of April 1915, the rest of the story of Cecil Thomas Barrack is not too happy.
Private Barrack was among the first soldiers to leave their boats who tried to secure the Gallipoli beachhead. He was killed not long after he landed on the beach, along with many others on the day that we now celebrate as ANZAC Day. It is because of the sacrifice of soldiers like Cecil Thomas Barrack that we continue to remember and celebrate the lives of all Australian soldiers who have fought and died in wars around the world.
He was not officially declared Killed in Action until after a Court of Inquiry Proceedings held in France on 5 June 1916. He has no known cemetery, though his name is listed on the Roll of Honour at the Lone Pine Memorial at ANZAC Cove in Gallipoli, Turkey. He is also listed on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.
An article from the Sydney Morning Herald on Wednesday 25 April 1917, states:
BARRACK. -Killed in action the landing, Gallipoli, April 25, 1915, Cecil T. (Jerry) Barrack 9th Battalion of Gordon beloved youngest son of Mr and Mrs Hawkinson, and brother of Wal and Jack Barrack.

The Application Process for Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2016 is about to begin.
Important dates are as follows:
Monday 27 April 2015: Online applications open
Friday 15 May 2015: Online applications close
Wednesday 22 July 2015: Opportunity Class Placement Test
Parents will be able to access the online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.
**UNLOAD CREATIVE WRITING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Unload writing workshops are starting in term 2 at Hamilton South Public school on Monday and Wednesday mornings before school. Unload Creative Writing is a ‘social business’ which means surplus funds are reinvested in scholarships for disadvantaged students, funding indigenous literacy projects and offering free workshops to disadvantaged groups in the Newcastle community.

If you are experiencing financial or other difficulty and would like your child to attend Unload Workshops, you may consider applying for an Unload Scholarship which provides free tuition for the term. Up to two scholarships are offered per class of 15 students.

We currently have two scholarships available in the Monday morning class. Students **already enrolled** in the Wednesday class may also apply for a scholarship.

To apply for a scholarship on behalf of your child please email suzie@unload.org.au by **Monday 27th April** briefly outlining the reasons for your application and why your child wants to attend Unload workshops. The process is completely confidential.

For more information about Unload go to [www.unload.org.au](http://www.unload.org.au) or [https://www.facebook.com/unloadcreativewriting](https://www.facebook.com/unloadcreativewriting)

Suzie Galwey
0409 409 141
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**SMALL JARS WANTED**

Can you help? Mrs Smith is collecting small glass jars for a ‘special’ project. Jars similar to small vegemite, small jam, mustard, pesto, little curry jars etc. Jars can be left in Mrs Henderson’s classroom. Thank you.

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**CANTEEN NEWS:**

**Canteen Roster: 27.04.15 –01.05.15**

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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**

• New Term 2 menu is on the school website.
• Check the new roster for when you are on. Please arrange a swap if you can't make it.
• Please register for online ordering.

The Canteen Committee.
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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**
The Uniform Shop is now only open on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am to 9.15am.

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**EASTER RAFFLE**
We hope everyone enjoyed the school holidays. The Easter Raffle was a huge success with 62 baskets plus 7 special prizes and making over $3500 profit.

A huge thank you to everyone who:

- donated Easter Eggs, baskets, Easter products and shredded paper
- bought and sold tickets
- to all the mums, (one younger sibling) and grandparents who came to wrap the baskets on the day.
- A special thank you to our small team of helpers who stamped, separated, stapled and assembled the raffle books, counted money and various other tasks leading up to the raffle draw, some tasks were more fun than others but necessary to make the Easter Raffle such a success.
- An extra special thank you to Sally T who came folded all the tickets with me on the raffle draw day, (I’d still be folding otherwise), even getting gassed out of the staffroom didn’t stop us from folding. After a 20 min break she returned to record all the winners at the raffle draw itself.
- Please note we would love this small team of helpers to grow to a much larger team, we have a good system in place but need a larger pool of people to spread the load and continue well into the future, it is a small time commitment and very flexible to the people involved, please contact Fiona F if you would like to know more.

Fiona,
Friends of Hamilton South.

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**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

- The Mother’s Day Stall is Wednesday 6th May. There will be plenty of gifts to choose from ranging in price from $4 to $10.
- If you have taken gifts to wrap we need them returned by end of this week.
- If you still wish to take a box there are about 4 in staffroom as of last day of term 1,
- Please only take a box if you are able to wrap and return by end of next week – as wrapped boxes will also be in staffroom please have a good look at the box to check it needs wrapping before taking,
- If you are able to help on the stall meet us in the hall from 9am, Wednesday 6th May.

Thanks again

Friends of Hamilton South.
SENSORY MOVIE DAY - READING CINEMA MAITLAND
Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs,
Lighting is on Dim, Sound lowered.
Fire exit doors are monitored by Volunteers
"HOME"
Reading Cinema Maitland
11am Sunday 26th April 2015
Tickets cost $8 each
Children 2 years and under are free
Companion I.D. cards accepted
Tickets can be purchased on the day

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!
Let’s 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 July 2015 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!
2015  
WESTPAC RESCUE HELICOPTER SERVICE

High Tea

SUNDAY 17 MAY 2015
SINCLAIRS - 270 HILLSBOROUGH RD, WARNERS BAY
2.00PM TILL 5.00PM
$65 PER PERSON | $600 PER TABLE

Can't think of what to buy Mum for Mothers Day?
Why not bring her along to our Helicopter High Tea.

A wonderful excuse to catch up with the girls in your life, be it mums, daughters, sisters, best friends, nieces, aunts, cousins or work colleagues. A glass of bubbles awaits you upon your arrival before enjoying an afternoon relaxing & sampling an assortment of beautiful teas & tempting cake treats. There are fantastic prizes up for grabs along with our famous stalls of pampering.

Special Guest MC's
CARLY AND TRESNE

To book go to www.rescuehelicopter.com.au
or call Annette Watson on 02 4952 2000

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: National Disability Insurance Agency
Topic: NDIS Community Conversation
Where: East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street, East Maitland
TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm
COST: Free - includes Morning Tea
WHEN: Monday 25 May 2015
RSVP: Wednesday 20 May 2015

For more information or to Register Contact
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
on: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 770
or Email: Educare.Admin@nehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)
The simplest way

to add fruit at brekkky

This delish recipe will give your kids’ a great start to their day!

Ingredients
2 eggs
1 tbsp honey
2½ cups reduced-fat milk
3 bananas, sliced
2 cups self-raising flour
2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp margarine, melted
3 medium apples, peeled, cored and grated

Method

Adding fruit in fun ways can make it more appealing to fussy eaters – for more ideas, visit our website today!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit