Dear Parents and Carers,

‘The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go’ – Dr Seuss

ANZAC Dawn Service at Gregson Park
Anzac Day services across the country provided a time for people, of all ages, to come together and reflect on the contribution our service men and women make for us all. Our school participated in the Hamilton Dawn Service at Gregson Park. It was wonderful that we had around 50 students and members of their families in attendance. Our school formed a Candle Corridor along the road leading to the cenotaph. The candle flickering in the dawn light made it even more special. Thank you to all the members of our school community came to share this memorable occasion.

HSPS Anzac Day Services and Class Talks
Last week we held our own school Anzac Day service which involved parents of students or staff who are members of the Armed Forces. Classes were fortunate to hear stories on a range of topics from these special visitors. Classes that missed out last Tuesday and Wednesday will hear these talks this week. We would like to thank the following people who were involved with the Anzac Day service and class talks.
Thank you:
Group Captain Wendy Horder
Wing Commander Lara Gunn
Wing Commander Linda New
Squadron Leader Terry New
Sergeant Michael Gunn
Brigadier (Ret) NZ Anne Campbell
Sergeant David Thompson

HSPS Kindergarten Enrolment Survey
A survey form (blue) is going out today asking parents to complete if you have a child who will be enrolling in Kindergarten in 2016, 2017 or 2018. The survey is for children living in our school zone and/or have siblings already enrolled at HSPS. If you know of other children in the community who live in our school zone and will be starting Kindergarten (2016 – 2018) at Hamilton South Public School, please pass on this information.

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 has gone home to all families and a copy will be placed on the school website in the parent portal.

Sue Estens
Principal
**SCHOOL NEWS:**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

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**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:

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Amy Kelly.

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**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT SURVEY**

Today we have sent home a Kindergarten enrolment survey for the next three years. If you plan to enrol your child in Kindergarten 2016, 2017 or 2018 we would appreciate if you would fill out the survey and return it to the school office by Friday, 15th May. This survey is for children living within our school zoning area and/or have siblings already enrolled at our school.

Sue Estens.

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** STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE**

Stewart House donation envelopes have been sent home today. Your donation will help support over 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope, complete the entry details on the back and return to the school office by Friday 15th May.
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 or https://www.facebook.com/unloadcreativewriting

Suzie Galwey
0409 409 141
www.unload.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/unloadcreativewriting

CANTEEN NEWS:

Canteen Roster: 04.05.15 – 08.05.15

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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

• Apologies to students who did not get what they ordered last Friday. We were very limited as deliveries were delayed due to the storms. The co-operation from students was fantastic... Thank you!!!
• Please join the online ordering system, this makes getting lunches ready by 10.50 much easier.

Although, it is still taking extra time as we are running with 2 systems. If you have any questions, please call into the canteen or phone Mary.

The Canteen Committee.
# BAND NEWS:

**Hamilton South PS Term 2, 2015**

**Band Rehearsal Timetable - Version 2 as at 20.4.15**

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

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**
- The Mother’s Day Stall is next 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 ASAP.
- If you are able to help on the stall meet us in the hall from 9am next Wednesday.
- We also need a few helpers to get organised next Tuesday 5th May between 1pm and 3pm in the staffroom.

Thanks again everyone.  
Friends of Hamilton South

**EASTER BASKET RECYCLING**
Win a prize in the Easter raffle? Eaten the contents and now have the basket lying around, you won’t reuse? Or have any baskets from gifts you no longer wish to use but are still “nice”. We do have some storage space available to take baskets now if you don’t wish to hold onto them for a year. Just drop them at the office by the end of week 3. Thanks.

Friends of Hamilton South

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
Tables are selling fast for this year’s Trivia Night, so get in early to secure your table.
**DATE:** Friday 17 July 2015  
**TIME:** 6:30pm for 7:00pm start  
**VENUE:** South Newcastle Rugby League Club  
46 Llewellyn Street, Merewether  
**TICKETS:** $120 a table (teams of up to ten)  
Purchase through the school office  
If you would like to contribute a prize to the evening or are looking to find a team, we would love to hear from you ky_owen@tpg.com.au  

Kylie Farrugia.
**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.

**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!
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