Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating Success

NAPLAN 2015
Today students in Years 3 and 5 will be receiving their NAPLAN reports. The reports outline each student’s results in the literacy and numeracy assessments. Schools are provided with a large amount of data from the assessments which looks at trends, growth, achievements and areas for improvement.

Hamilton South PS results, for both Year 3 and Year 5, were significantly above the national average across all areas: Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

BOYS’ SOCCER
Congratulations to the boys’ soccer team who were victorious in their match against Belair PS last Friday. The boys’ enthusiasm, skill and persistence came through on the day. We all will be looking forward to watching the next match, the Hunter region group final.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS
This week we have six students competing in the Hunter region athletics carnival. We wish Charles W, Kurtis W, Nate K, Harry F, Oscar C and Siahn P the very best in their respective events.

4T ASSEMBLY
Well done 4T on presenting a great assembly. The movie clip on maths, along with the ‘catchy’ song was very entertaining. From all accounts everyone in 4T loves ‘doing’ maths.

Passion, Persistence and Team Work .... Lead to Success
(Stephen Bradbury Gold Medal Ice Skater)
RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY
Achieving success doesn’t only happen at school, in school hours. Harriet P has shown great initiative to hold a Cupcake Day afternoon tea for her friends and family. The purpose was to bring awareness of the work that the RSPCA does and to raise money for their programs. Around 70-80 people attended on the day and Harriet was able to share with them information on the causes she supports. Money raised from the afternoon tea (and donations) has reached almost $900. What a wonderful achievement Harriet!

KEYS TO SUCCESS
Congratulations to the following students for receiving a Key to Success award:

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TELL THEM FROM ME - PARENT SURVEY
As part of our school’s ongoing evaluation processes we appreciate opinions from parents and acers. 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.


WORKING WITH CHILD CHECK - DECLARATION
All parents, carers, grandparents, family and community members who volunteer at our school are required to complete a Working With Children Check – Declaration and provide Proof of Identity. This applies if you help in classroom, at the canteen, with school programs, transporting students and volunteer in any way.
The forms are available from the school office. These need to be completed and returned to the office.
If you already have a Working With Children Check this documentation can be brought into school. To review this we need you full name and date of birth.
PARK SAFE STAY SAFE
Kids look to you to keep them safe.
Some parking and offences in school zones information is attached to this newsletter.
For more information call 49742000 or visit www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au
Some signs you will see around our school are.
No stopping 8am-9.30am 2.30pm-4pm school days.
5 Minute parking 8am-9.30am 2.30pm-4pm school days.

Sue Estens
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS:

DATES TO REMEMBER
Tuesday, 25.08.15  ~Yr. 6 Canberra Trip till 28.08.15
Wednesday, 26.08.15 ~Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp
~Money collection for excursions: Yr. K Australian Reptile Park Yr. 1 Wetlands Yr. 2 Hunter Valley Zoo Yr. 4 Blue Mountains Yr. 3 Fort Scratchley
Thursday, 27.08.15  ~Money collection for excursions: Yr. K Australian Reptile Park Last collection day for Yr. 1 Wetlands Last collection day for Yr. 2 Hunter Valley Zoo Yr. 4 Blue Mountains Yr. 3 Fort Scratchley
Friday, 28.08.15  ~Hunter Athletics

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

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 6
Issue 6 of bookclub was sent home on Wednesday to all students. It is due back at school by no later than Wednesday 2nd September 2015. Please remember to put your order, with the correct money, in an envelope marked with your name, class and 'bookclub'. If you are ordering online using credit card, you do not need to return your bookclub slip to the school.
If you have any questions regarding bookclub, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cindy Edwards
It's time to get excited because the flights are booked, the bags are being packed and the passports are ready for our school concert!
This year our concert will be held at the Newcastle Panthers Club in King Street Newcastle. Tickets will only be sold **AT SCHOOL** and will be on sale soon. A note will come home to every student with all the details.
There will only be **ONE** show this year at 6pm on Thursday 8th October. If you know your child will not be available at that time please let your class teacher know as soon as possible.
Costume notes should be coming home as class teachers finalise all their requirements.
*Calling all hairdressers……we need a hostess style trolley to use as a prop in the show and thought maybe a salon trolley may work. Please let the office know if you could lend us one on the day.*
* We are also still looking to borrow a bank of connected, plastic moulded chairs – similar to those found in a medical waiting room, etc. Please let the office know if you can help.

Amy Kelly

**KC ASSEMBLY ITEM.**
KC will be presenting a brief item at next week’s whole school assembly on **Tuesday 1st September** starting at 2:05pm. All parents are invited to attend.

**BLUE MOUNTAINS**
A reminder for Year 4 students that the blue, white and yellow notes need to be returned to Mrs Edwards this week. Payment needs to be made separately to the office.

Thank you
Year 4 Teachers

**ATTENTION PARENTS OF POTENTIAL STRING PLAYERS.**
The Hamilton South String group is accepting new members from this week. If you are interested in your child participating in this group please email Mrs Henderson on joy.henderson1@det.nsw.edu.au with the following information.
Student’s name, class, the string instrument they are currently learning or are interested in learning and your name and email address.
Students are required to be having private lessons to participate in the group. If you do not already have a string teacher Ms Nicole Cox is willing to discuss lessons with you and her contact number is 0425235436.

**PARENT-DRIVER DECLARATION**
Parents and carers,
Thank you for volunteering to provide transport for a school activity. In the interest of student welfare, the Department of Education and Communities requires vehicles to be registered, comprehensively insured and fitted with approved seat belts for each person carried.
**We need to sight and photocopy your vehicle registration papers, your driver’s licence and COMPREHENSIVE vehicle insurance policy (NOT THE GREEN SLIP) for the vehicle you will be using. Please keep in mind if you obtain a new vehicle a new form will need to be completed.**
It would be appreciated if you could complete the declaration form which will be filed and regarded as valid for the current year.
SPORTS NEWS

Regional Athletics
This Friday 28th August will see six students from Hamilton South represent the Newcastle Zone at the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival, Glendale. They are Charles W, Kurtis W, Nate K, Harry F, Oscar C & Siahn P. We wish these students all the best in their events.
Mr. True

Boys’ Touch
The Hamilton South boys’ touch football team will play Bolwarra Primary in the 3rd round of the PSSA Knockout Competition. This match has been scheduled for Tuesday 1st September and will be played during lunch (11:15am start) at Learmonth Park. Good luck boys!
Mr. True

Another Win!
The Hamilton South boys’ soccer team has now progressed into the Hunter Regional group final after a win against Belair in the 4th round of the PSSA Knockout Competition. This is a fantastic achievement considering 30 teams began in our group. Hamilton South have now overcome New Lambton, The Junction, Merewether and Belair. Our next opponents will be the winner out of Hillsborough and Eleebana and will have to be played when the Year 6 students return from their Canberra excursion.
The Belair game was a real test for our boys but with improved positional play and some excellent finishing, Hamilton South came away with a 2-1 win. The whole team played exceptionally well but I was most impressed with the efforts of Patrick B, Riley P, Nicholas S and Max B. Congratulations boys, I couldn’t be any prouder!

Mr. True (Sports Coordinator)
The August P&C meeting was held last Wednesday 19 August. Thank you to all parents who attended. Key items discussed were:

- The P&C has drafted a fundraising framework which outlines how fundraising should be conducted at HSPS. School staff will now review the framework.
- The HSPS uniform is now fully stocked at Lowes.
- P&C will fund the installation of blinds in some classrooms. These blinds have the benefit of reducing glare on smart boards in classrooms as well as heating/cooling benefits.
- Some reorganisation of P&C information on the school website will occur to make it easier to access.

The P&C has sent out a survey to help identify parents who have skills that could support the P&C to contribute to the school. This survey will close shortly and we would appreciate 5 minutes of your time to complete it.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2DQCQVB
HAMILTON SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL BALL
SOLD OUT.

Ball Tickets went sale Monday 17th August.
Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket.
Any questions, please email: ky_owen@tpg.com.au

Many thanks
Kylie

FATHER’S DAY WRAPPING

● The Father’s Day Stall is Wednesday 2nd September. There will be plenty of gifts to choose from ranging in price from $4 to $10.
● Thank you to everyone who has taken a box of gifts to wrap
● If you have taken gifts to wrap please return to the Staffroom by this Friday 28th August.
● If you are able to help on the stall meet us in the hall from 9am, Wednesday 2nd Sept.

Fiona
Friends of Hamilton South

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We will cease selling the Entertainment Books this Friday 28 August, so it is your last chance to grab a copy and support the school.
There are 7 copies remaining at the front office or you can purchase a digital membership online at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426u0
Thank you to everyone who has already purchased an Entertainment Book.

YEAR FOUR PARENTS GET TOGETHER

Join us for the Year 4 Parents ‘Superbowl’ – Thursday 3 September at Strike Charlestown.
Enjoy a game of ten-pin bowling and lane side pizza.
Kick off at 6:30pm for drinks, bowling and pizza from 7pm.
For those keen to stick around after bowling, we can try laser tag and karaoke.
The cost for pizza and ten-pin is $22 a head.
To confirm please get in touch ASAP, payment is required to secure your spot.
Cheers, Kylie – ky_owen@tpg.com.au
## Canteen Roster: 31.08.15 – 04.09.15

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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

### Fresh 4 Kids
Students are loving the NEW Fresh choices. We already have 40 entries for the major draw.
Some really great fresh options:
- **Banana Smoothies $2**
- **Floating Fruit Jellies $1**
- **Frozen Fruit 50c**
- **Stix N Dip $1**

### Volunteering
Can you please note the days that you are on. If you cannot make your day can you please organise a swap. As you all know we have a very busy canteen and we really do rely upon our Great Volunteers that give their time.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN - 15TH JULY – 8TH SEPTEMBER
Woolworths Earn & Learn has started, please place sticker sheets in the box in the office foyer.

The Canteen Committee
SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENT
Charlie, W, in Year 5, will be attending the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in November this year after his success at PSSA State Swimming Carnival. Charlie has qualified to swim for NSW in 7 individual events as well as in 5 relay teams. If you would like to support Charlie in attending these games, please consider buying a raffle ticket. Tickets are $2 each and a booklet of tickets has been placed on the table in the staffroom. Alternatively you could contact Emma Walker emwalk@hotmail.com.
Thanks for your support

PARK SAFE STAY SAFE

Offences in school zones
- Stop on/near pedestrian crossing - School Zone
- Stop on/near marked foot crossing - School Zone
- Stop at/near bus stop - School Zone
- Double park - School Zone
- Stop in bus zone - School Zone
- Stop on/near children crossing - School Zone
- Disobey no parking sign - School Zone
- Disobey no stopping sign - School Zone
- Stop on path/strip in built-up area - School Zone

Signs you may see in school zones
- All schools
- School
- School Drop-off
- School Pick-up Zone
- 40 mph
- 20 mph school drive
- Kids and Ride
- No stop
- No parking

For more information visit: www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au

Kids look to you to keep them safe
No parking areas and/or kiss and ride zones have been installed at most schools to help parents and carers safely drop off and pick up children.

For these zones to work effectively, parents and carers need to:

- **Be timely.** If there is no indicated time on the No Parking sign, you are only permitted to stop for 2 minutes. If your child does not enter or exit the vehicle within that time, you are required to exit the zone and re-enter when the child is ready
- **Not move more than three metres from your vehicle.** For example, a driver may get out of the car, open the boot and help children with their bags, but they must not move any further than 3 metres from their vehicle
- **Stop their vehicle as close as possible to the head of the zone, this will allow other parents and carers easy access to the zone.**

Signs you may see in school zones
- All schools
- School
- School Drop-off
- School Pick-up Zone
- 40 mph
- 20 mph school drive
- Kids and Ride
- No stop
- No parking

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HAMILTON WICKHAM
COLTS
JUNIOR CRICKET
2015/16

Our Club offers the following:
- Purpose built under cover practise wickets
- Excellent coaching
- Turf Wickets
- Transition into senior cricket
- $40 discount for every additional sibling registered (excludes In2 & T/20 Blast cricket)

- **Milo In2 Cricket**—Ages 5-8 Monday afternoons 5pm—6pm
  - No.1 Sportground
  - 19 October to 14 December. Cost $70.00.

- **T20 Blast** - Ages 8-12 Mondays 5.30pm—7pm for 8 weeks prior to Christmas and 4 weeks over February and March. Cost $109
  - No.1 Sportground Mondays, Charlestown Oval Thursdays OR Harker Oval Wednesdays

- **Under 11 Tonkin’ 10’s** — 25 overs modified Cricket Saturday Mornings.
  - $85 for returning players;
  - $110 new players (includes playing/training shirts & hat)

- **Regular Saturday morning Cricket** 8.40am—12.15pm age groups 11 to 18.
  - $85 for returning players (+ $5 weekly match fee or $50 upfront)
  - $110 new players (includes playing/shirts & hat) (+$5 weekly match fee or $50 upfront)

Contacts: Secretary: Jillian Dwyer 0411 209240 jkdwyer@optusnet.com.au

Registration Dates:
- 4.00pm—5.00pm Friday 7th August Passmore Oval Albert Street Wickham
- 10.30am—11.30am Sunday 16th August Passmore Oval 3.00pm—4.00pm Sunday 30th August Passmore Oval
Or register on line at www.hamwickscolts.nsw.cricket.com.au, or contact the secretary.

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**T/20 Blast** is an exciting new format of cricket for 8-12 year olds that only takes 90 minutes one evening a week at the same venue each week.
- Your choice of venue and day from Mondays at No.1, Wednesdays at Harker Oval or Thursdays at Charlestown Oval
- Program runs for 8 weeks before Christmas and 4 weeks in Feb/March
- Set fee of $109 per player includes a shirt, hat and bag
- All equipment provided
- Play with soft ball and no protective equipment required
- Multiple games run at one venue with music & canteen
- 8 overs & 16 overs per innings
- Bat in pairs for 4 overs each and keep batting if get out
- Every player bowls
- Skills activities run by coaches whilst waiting to bat.
- Designed more for those that have not yet played cricket or those that haven’t done Milo in2 cricket.

To register go to www.hamwickscolts.nsw.cricket.com.au
Or refer to registration dates below

Milo in2Cricket introduces boys and girls aged 5-8 to Australia’s favourite sport. It’s available for kids of all abilities and it’s great fun, safe and teaches basic skills—helping kids learn to play just like their Australian cricket heroes.

Our program will be held Monday afternoons at No.1 Sportground in conjunction with T20 Blast. If you have children in both programs you will only need to travel to one venue one afternoon each week.

Program Dates:
- Monday afternoons 5pm-6pm
- No.1 Sportground, Parry St
- 19 October to 14 December
- Cost $70.00 (includes kit bag)

Registration Dates:
- Friday 7th August 4pm—5pm
- Sunday 16th August 10.30am—11.30am
- Sunday 30th August 3pm—4pm

Visit www.hamwickscolts.nsw.cricket.com.au to register online

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IT'S CRICKET & IT'S A BLAST!
FREE TO GOOD HOME
KITTENS
If interested please call Carolyn Fay on M: 0488575927.
The appearance of advertising in our Noticeboard does not indicate Hamilton South Public School's support or endorsement.