Dear Parents and Carers,

**Celebrating Success**

**Boys’ Cricket**
Congratulations to the boys’ cricket team and Mr Smith for their win last week. There were lots of excited cricketers after the game and are now looking forward to the third round of the competition. Well done everyone!

**Kindergarten enrolment survey for 2017, 2018 and 2019**
If you plan to enrol your child in Kindergarten in 2017, 2018 or 2019 we would appreciate if you would fill out the survey form that has been sent home today. This survey is for children living in our school intake area and/or who have siblings already enrolled at our school.
**Easter Raffle**

Thank you to the families who have already brought in Easter eggs and other items for the raffle. The Easter raffle is a key component of the *Friends of Hamilton South* fundraising and it is wonderful to see it so well supported by our school community. Items for the raffle can be brought in to the school office. Making up the baskets and wrapping will take place in the staffroom on Wednesday, 23 March.

**Easter Raffle Draw** - The draw will take place at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24 March.

Sue Estens  
Principal

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**SCHOOL NEWS:**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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|               | ~School Assembly – 5F hosting                                          |
| Wednesday, 16.03.16 | ~Money collection –School fees  
|               | $60 levy, $40 voluntary contribution                                  |
|               | ~Stage 2 Parent Teacher Interviews  
|               | ~P&C AGM-7pm                                                           |
| Thursday, 17.03.16 | ~Money collection –School fees  
|               | $60 levy, $40 voluntary contribution                                  |
|               | ~Stage 3 Parent Teacher Interviews                                    |
| Friday, 18.03.16  | ~Student banking                                                      |
|               | ~High school enrolment form due                                       |
| Monday, 21.03.16  | ~Harmony Day-gold coin donation                                        |
| Tuesday, 22.03.16 | ~School photos                                                        |
| Wednesday, 23.03.16 | ~Easter raffle tickets due back                                       |
| Thursday, 07.04.16 | ~School Disco                                                         |

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**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
MOVING INTO YEAR 7 2017
The expression of interest form for high school was sent home last week to all Year 6 students. It is very important that the form be returned to Mrs Pettit by this Friday, 18 March, 2016. If you need assistance to fill out this form please contact Mrs Pettit.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCHOOL LEVY
Voluntary school contributions for 2016 are now due. These are set by the P&C and are $40 per student. An additional HSPS school stage levy is applied for each student. This is $60 per student across all Stages and Special Education. The levy covers the cost of new readers, specialised class resources and a number of online subscriptions.
Payment can be made by:-
- Cash or cheque (made out to Hamilton South Public School)
- Credit card (Visa or MasterCard)
- Online payment (The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting $ Make a Payment)

Payment by the end of Term 1 would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS
Once again HSPS is offering students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) and for students in Years 5 & 6 only the Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition.
If you would like your child to participate in these competitions please fill out the form and return with the money to the school office by Thursday, 7 April, 2016.

INFORMATION EVENING AND SCHOOL TOUR
Newcastle High School is having an open night on Monday, 14 March, 2016 from 6pm-7:30pm. This evening is an excellent opportunity for parents/carers and students to view the school facilities, gain an insight into the differences between primary and high school and to meet with key staff. More information is available in the Community Announcements of this newsletter.
COMBINED SCHOOLS ANZAC SERVICE
Year 6 students have been invited to attend the 61st Annual Newcastle Combined Schools ANZAC Service at Civic Theatre on Thursday, 7 April, 2016. Students will be transported to and from the venue by bus. The cost of the excursion is $4.00 per student. A note was sent home today to all Year 6 students. Permission note and money needs to be in by Friday, 1 April, 2016.

Mrs Pettit.

BOYS CRICKET KNOCKOUT - ROUND 2 RESULTS
On Friday 11 March, the Hamilton South cricket team played New Lambton Public School in the second round of the PSSA Knockout Cricket competition.
The players played a tough match, and after winning the toss elected to bowl first. The opposition played well in the early overs and got off to quite the start. Our bowlers however, tightened their lines and lengths, and managed to dry up New Lambton runs. They ended up with a total of 5/101. Our batting line-up was strong and deep. Our openers set the tone for the innings by getting the run chase off to a flying start (after some first ball madness). From here, the top order dominated. Solid innings from all batsmen ensured that the total was chased down within 17 overs with only three wickets lost.
The boys played with amazing school and team spirit, and represented our school excellently. Well done, boys! They are itching for the third round!

By Mr Smith, Harry D, Alek F and Nick S.
UNLOAD CREATIVE WRITING UPDATE
This week the kids had fun trying out some “Pop Up Poetry” a busking concept pioneered in Newcastle by Unload mentor Alex Morris and fellow poet David Graham (pictured). The kids enjoyed writing their own poems and then typing them up on the “Pop Up Poetry Machines”. Many hadn’t seen a typewriter before so were really intrigued. Children with an interest in writing are encouraged to attend the Newcastle Writers Festival beginning on Thursday 31st March.

Many workshops directly aimed at children will be running (several of which are free). Details about the festival as well as a downloadable program are available at: http://www.newcastlewritersfestival.org.au/

HARMONY DAY
Hamilton South Public School will celebrate Harmony Day on Monday, 21 March, 2016. The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is “Our Diversity is our Strength.” Students are asked to come in African dress or colours of all/either red, black, green and gold. A gold coin donations bought on the day will go towards our sponsor child, Keita from Mali, Africa.

Fiona Matthews
School Chaplain

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken next Tuesday, 22 March, 2016. Prices range from $20 to $50 per pack. A Newcastle School Portraits envelope has been sent home today. The envelope with the money enclosed is to be given to the photographer on the day. Please do not send your photo envelope to the school office.
If you would like a family photo of your children, family packs are available from the school office.
P&C UPDATE
HAMILTON SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
16 March 2016 at 7.00pm
Staff Room – Hamilton South Public School

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton South Public School Parents and Citizens’ Association will be held this Wednesday 16 March commencing at 7.00pm. Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2015 AGM and the tabling of the Audit Report for the year ended 31 December 2015, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

• President
• 2 x Vice Presidents
• Secretary
• Treasurer

Nominations will also be sought for membership of the following P&C Sub-Committees:

• Canteen
• Band
• Friends of Hamilton South
• Grounds

A nomination for Uniform Coordinator will also be sought.

All current P&C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions on the executive and sub-committees.

For more information concerning any aspects of the P&C including the conduct of the AGM, and the roles of executives and sub-committees, please visit the NSW P&C Federation website: http://pandc.org.au/

The AGM is open to all parents and carers who wish to attend. Financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

At the completion of the AGM the March general meeting will be held.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in nominating for a position or committee or would like to raise an item for discussion, please email hsps.pandc@gmail.com

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

• The school uniform shop is open Tuesdays 8:30am-9:15am.
• Any concerns about uniforms please contact Rebecca Roberts 0431 747 008.
EASTER RAFFLE:
 TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED BY NEXT WEDNESDAY, 23 March

- Please bring eggs and baskets to the front office until Wednesday 23rd March
- Tickets are $1.00 each or 10 for $10.00
- Please place money and tickets stubs in an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly on the front to office anytime until Wednesday 23rd March
- Remember Special Prizes this year for child who sells the most tickets. More books available at office if needed.
- **Reminder** – Easter Basket wrapping next Wednesday in the staffroom from 12 noon.
- This is one of our major fundraisers for the year, so please help to make it a success.

Friends of Hamilton South

BAND NEWS:

Don’t forget that order forms for the new Band Polo Shirts is due by this Wednesday. Money and white order form can be dropped to the office or payment can be made online directly to the Band Committee, just remember to give your white order form to the office.

Pizza Day was a huge success and all band members really enjoyed their lunch. A big thank you again to Donna B for organising this event for the band.

Please remember to let your tutors know if you are going to be absent on the day of your lesson so other arrangements can be made if possible.

Don’t forget to be organised and bring your music folder, pencil, eraser and glasses (if applicable) to ALL rehearsals and tutoring sessions.

Organisation for the disco is coming along. Please let me know if you would like to be involved with the organising of this event. I will be sending out emails this week once we have finalised some last minute issues to ask for help with catering etc.

Remember to always keep practicing.

**Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or queries at:**

Nadine Bell
nadine.bell6@det.nsw.edu.au
## Canteen Roster: 21.03.16 – 25.03.16

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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

- Help is desperately needed this Wednesday, 16 March. 2 volunteers are needed to help out.
- Easter recess special – Hot Cross Buns $1.00 each. Please order.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Information Evening & School Tour

**Open Night**

Parents/Carers and Students of Years 5 & 6 are invited to attend an information evening and school tour.

**Monday 14 March 2016**

6:00pm–7:30pm

**Staff House**

(entry via Main Foyer off Parkway Ave)

This evening is an excellent opportunity for parents/carers and students to view the school facilities, gain an insight into the differences between primary and high school and to meet with key staff.

Enquiries can be directed to

Miss Robertson or Mrs Sagar during school hours

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BOOK AT TANTRUM.ORG.AU  49 297 279
EARTH HOUR - 8.30PM 19 MARCH 2016
Earth Hour is on again this Saturday March 19. Switch off your lights from 8:30-9.30pm and join the millions of Australians taking part in Earth Hour to show their support a low pollution, clean energy future, one in which we can continue to enjoy the best of nature and our great Aussie outdoor lifestyle.  https://earthhour.org.au/home/
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- The AFL Championship
- Indoor Cricket Twenty 20 Cup
- Dodge Ball Tournaments
- Daily Trophies, Awards and Prizes

FREE T-SHIRT
Join Our Team and Score Your Very Own Super Sports Camps T-Shirt!

EARLIER BIRDS
Register By March 24 And You Will Save!

GROUP BOOKINGS
Book In Groups To Earn Hats, Wrist Bands And Gift Vouchers!

11-13 APRIL, 2016

LOCATION: Howzat Indoor Centre, Cooks Hill

TIME: 9.00-3.00pm (FREE before camp care from 8.00am)

AGE GROUPS: 6-13 years

$70 Per Day $200 for 3 Days

*All prices are early bird rates and end March 24.
Regular Per Day Rate is $100. Regular 3 Day Rate is $250.

"Franco loved his time at Play The Game! Your coaches helped Franco take his confidence sky high. Thanks for giving him the ultimate school holiday experience."

Mrs. Marciano

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What is the Go4Fun program?
Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities to get more physically active and they learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.go4fun.com.au
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