ANZAC Day Dawn Service – Beaumont Street Hamilton
This year our students have the opportunity to participate in an ANZAC Day dawn service. I will be attending this event with our school leaders and would like to extend this invitation to our school community. Students attending should wear their school uniform as there will be a march down Beaumont St starting from Gloria Jean’s in Beaumont St. It begins at 5AM.

Garden Party
Don’t forget to get your tickets for our Garden Party which will be held on Saturday evening, 3rd May. Tickets are $35.00 per person. This includes catered finger-food, a glass of champagne on entry and a band. We have already had quite a few parents pay but remember, the magic number is 60. If we sell this many tickets we will have covered the cost of the evening so… the more the merrier. Invite your family and friends (so long as they’re over 18). Correct money to the office please.

Saturday, 3 May
6:30pm at the school grounds

$35 / person

The party is a time for all adults in our school community to mingle, socialise and just have fun at a kids free night.

It is an event not to be missed.

RSVP: 4 April 2014
Name: ________________________________
Number Attending: _____________________
Money Enclosed: _______________________

NAME: ____________________________
NUMBER: _______________________
AMOUNT: _______________________

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Parent Retreat / Back Gate
Unfortunately a number of parents are waiting in the COLA area or outside of classes just before, or at, bell time. Please remember that parents are requested to wait in the Parent Retreat. Teachers will bring your children to you. The main walkway through the school is very congested already with students from all classes using this to exit school.

Also, please use the front entrance only for entering and leaving the school grounds. The gate at the back of the school is for staff use only. Please do not use this gate as it is dangerous – teachers are not looking for pedestrians when they are leaving in their cars.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday. Year 1/2 will be presenting an item.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our whole school photos will be taken on 27th March. Each student has been handed today, a photo envelope outlining the packages available. Please note that:
1. Envelopes and money are only to be brought in on photo day, 27th March.
2. All money and envelopes are to be handed to photographers on the day.
3. No money or change is handled through the school office.
4. Family envelopes are available at the school office.

Paul Harragon Cup
Congratulations to our amazing boys who represented our school so brilliantly last week. An awesome effort team! Well done Bailey, Joseph, Jack, Aydyn, Owen, Kane, Leo, Jake and Jay. We’re all very proud of you!

Premier’s Debating Workshop – Edgeworth Public School
Well done Bessie, Alex, Summer, Maya, Abbey and Sophie for contributing to some great debates throughout the day. These girls had the opportunity to watch and learn from some top quality debaters who have represented NSW and or Australia in international debating competitions. We all (including me) got a lot out of the experience.

Unload Creative Writing Sessions
Due to our nine returned EOIs this workshop will be beginning in Term 2. I believe there are six spots still available. The cost for Term 2 is $105. At this stage, it is a case of first in, first served. Mrs Curtis-Allan has information and payment sheets available in the office.

Payment is made directly to Unload. Details are in the information sheet.

FOEI 2014
The Family Occupation and Education Index is the new, introduced system used by the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) to determine annual funding for public schools.

It is based on parent and carer occupation information that is gathered at the end of Term 1 each year. To ensure that our school’s level of funding (FOEI) reflects our community, it is very important that parental information in regard to employment and level of education are completed on your child’s school enrolment form.

The DEC have provided schools with a Missing Parental Data Report so that we can give parents who have not previously completed this information an opportunity to do so now. If this is the case, you will receive a photocopied section of your child’s school enrolment form within this week. It would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the form as well as sign and date the form. It can then be returned to the office.

This information is confidential and is not used for
any purpose other than to assist in determining the amount of funding that Hamilton North will receive. Thank you for your support.

**FINAL OPPORTUNITY**

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Miss Cowan

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge book read to classes KB, K/1 and 1/2 is “Hairy Maclarys Showbusiness” by Lynley Dodd. The PRC ID is 36854. The story time book at the library 2nd half of lunch was “The Queen with the Wobbly Bottom” by Phillip Gwynne.

**Easter Hat Parade**

Our whole school Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday afternoon, 9th April. More information will be in next week’s Chalkboard.

**Scholastic Bookclub**

Issue 2 of Scholastic Bookclub has been handed to the students today. If you would like to order any of their well priced books, please have your money and orders in at the school office by next Friday, 21st March.

**P & C Meeting**

Our P&C will be meeting on Monday, 17th March 6pm @ Hamilton North Bowling Club.

**Handballs for Sale!**

As a fundraising activity, Leaders and CSOs will be selling handballs for $3.00 on Wednesday, 19 March at recess and after school in the Parent Retreat. All money donated will go to Stewart House for children in need. We have 80 balls so the rule is each student can only buy one ball. We will have permanent marker pens to write names on balls when they are purchased.

Bessie Stokes

**BIN FREE THURSDAYS**

We believe in fostering good lifelong environmental habits and attitudes in our students. As you are already aware most of our students are much more environmentally savvy than some adults.

Why Bin Free? The aim is to cut down on waste and limit our contribution to landfill.

What does Bin Free mean? No bins at all will be present on Thursdays starting week 1 term 2. All rubbish on a Thursday will be placed back into your child's school bag.

Will we get any practice? Yes, in weeks 8 and 10 this term we will be having trials, the Environment Club want to make sure that this will be a sustainable and well run initiative.

Who is in charge? Our Environment Club made up of students from every class in the school led by their President Abbey Phipps and Vice President Owen Squires led by Mrs Ramsay together with all staff and Mrs Deakin.

Plastic containers with your child’s name clearly labeled are a great alternative. There will be no bins at all available during eating or play times. The fruit buckets will only be available for fruit break in the classrooms.

Any questions or concerns please see Mrs Ramsay

**Earth Hour**

This year Earth Hour will be held on Saturday the 29th March. Chanel 10 have partnered with Earth Hour's organisers to air an inspiring documentary on our very own Great Barrier Reef prior to Earth Hour.

**Paddock to Plate Exursion**

Please make sure that you have received a permission note for the Paddock to Plate excursion if your child is in KB, K/1, 1/2 or 2/3. A reminder that all money and permission notes are due by Wednesday 26th March no extensions are possible. Parent Helpers will be notified by the classroom teacher once numbers are confirmed.
**CLASSROOM REMINDERS\n**

**CLASS K/1**

Please make sure that your child is doing their Home Reading.

Congratulations Lily Mae, Jasmine, Lewis, Noah and Ruby who have all achieved at least 1 bronze certificate in Mathletics this year. Well done!

**Wheat Grass** - Children planted wheat grass seeds at school on Tuesday afternoon. They have taken these home to watch them grow. Please place them out of direct sunlight (eg a windowsill) and water regularly.

**FAMILY DISCO**

As a member of the Hamilton North School Community we are looking to have a Family Disco on Thursday, 10th April at Hamilton North Bowling Club. We would like to commence at 6.00pm and finish at 8.00 pm. The cost will be $5 per child or a family ticket of $10.

The theme will be “Super Stars”. The club’s restaurant has $12 specials on that night and reasonably priced children’s meals.

We don’t aim to make a profit but to have some fun for all the family. Supervision of children will be the responsibility of their parent.

If you will be coming, please return the slip below and return to the office by Friday, 21st March. Money is paid on the night.

Thank you,
Lee Wilton and Terrie Newell.

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**FAMILY DISCO**

I _____________________________________________________ (parent/carer) will be attending the family disco with___________________________ number of children.

Signed _____________________________________________
Punctuation Power

Congratulations Danica Walton in 3/4 for solving our punctuation problem. She has received a $5- canteen voucher. Well done!

We had 100% correct answers this time. We certainly know how to separate lists using commas and the word ‘and’ here at HNPS!

Last week’s solution:

How to punctuate lists
a) At the zoo I saw lions tigers elephants and giraffes.  
b) At the zoo I saw lions, tigers, elephants, giraffes.  
c) At the zoo I saw lions, tigers, elephants and giraffes.  
d) At the zoo I saw lions and tigers and elephants and giraffes.  

Please put your entries into the Punctuation Power box on the bench outside of the office either Thursday or Friday morning.

This week’s problem:

This week we will look at using apostrophes to show ownership or possession in a sentence.

Good luck everyone.

Name: _______________________________ Class: ________________

a) Jame’s went to Kims house after school.
b) James went to Kims’ house after school.
c) James’ went to Kims house after school.
d) James went to Kim’s house after school.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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NMJHA
Modified Hockey Competition
2014 Information Day

Saturday 15th March
9.00 – 10.00am

Come along and join us for an hour of fun at the Hockey Centre.

You will be able to meet other players and club officials.

All players in the Modified Competition and any new players wishing to “have a go” are welcome to come along for an hour session on the field with some great coaches.

During the fun, parents and club officials will be receiving some important information about the upcoming 2014 season.
Dear Parent

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:
- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12; assessments are available in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student’s performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students’ results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students in each subject in each school year in each state when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official test date
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
  2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
  3. Credit to the next 25% of students
  4. Merit to the next 10% of students
  5. Participation to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student’s portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to school by Friday the 14th of March, 2014.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely

Dr Sofia Kesidou
Group Executive
Educational Assessment Australia

Kelly Deakin
Relieving Principal
Hamilton North Public School
2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to your child’s school

I give permission for my child ___________________________ of ___________________________

Child’s name Class

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

* Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 16 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Please complete the registration form and return it, with your entry fees, to school by Friday the 14th of March, 2014. Entries will not be accepted after this date.

Please find enclosed ___________________________ total entry fee.

Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian___________________________________________ Date_________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian __________________________________________