Parent / Teacher Interviews
All parents will have the opportunity to meet formally with their child’s teacher in Week 10. Please note that interviews are 10 minutes in length but this will be sufficient to address individual student progress. Teachers will be sending home notes this week with specific times available for interviews.

Garden Party
We have certainly had lots of interest in our Garden Party which will be held on Saturday, 3rd May here in the school grounds. Thanks to all of those families who have paid. More tickets are available. The more the merrier. Please see the attached invitation to purchase your tickets.

P & C DONATION REQUEST
Once again Easter is nearly upon us and we are holding our amazing Easter Raffle on Wednesday, 9th April. To continue our tradition of having many prizes, it would be appreciated if you could donate egg, chocolate etc. These items may be left in your child’s classroom. The raffle will be drawn after the Hat Parade.

Saturday, 3 May
6:30pm at the school grounds
Live Music
BYO Fingerfood

$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: _________________________________
Maths Championships
Class heats have begun this week. All questions asked will come from the revision pages sent home at the beginning of the term. Stage finals will be held next week and parents of finalists will be notified by the end of week 9.

Good luck everyone, keep on practising!

OFFICE NEWS
Some parents have received a Family Details sheet to complete and return so that the Department of Education and Communities can determine annual funding for our school.
If you received this form last week, it would be appreciated if you could return it to the school office as soon as possible so this confidential information can be updated.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday. Year 3/4 will be presenting an item.

LIBRARY NEWS
This week’s book is not sadly a Premier’s Challenge book, however, the alphabet is the grammar focus so we are doing “Whatley’s Quest” by Bruce Whatley which focuses on the alphabet.
Students are having a great time in the library during lunchtimes. Thank you to all those who donated games and cushions.

Our Easter Hat Parade will be on Wednesday, 9th April commencing at 2.00pm. We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in conjunction with the hat parade. More information will be available next week.

Paddock to Plate Excursion
Payment Due – Wednesday 26th March, no late payment accepted.

Parent Helpers – Thank you to everyone who offered to come along on the excursion, these parents will be joining us on the day.

KB – Mrs Taper, Mrs Bondini-Topic, Mrs Smoother, Mrs Cooper
K/1 – Mrs Pavleski, Mrs Donn
1/2 – Mrs Roxburgh-Cox, Mrs Keegan
2/3 – Mrs Deeg, Mrs Terri Newell

Bin Free Thursday
Tomorrow is our first trial for Bin Free Thursday. There will be no bins for children to put rubbish in except fruit break scraps in their fruit buckets at 10am.

Please consider the waste going back into your child’s bag and where in their bag they will be put- ting it. For example an empty yoghurt container or peach seed, these are **messy items that will attract ants and make a mess** in your child’s bag if not put into a sealed lunchbox.

Thank you for your support with Bin Free Thursdays – we have one more trial in week 10 and it will be permanent every week starting Term 2.

Earth Hour – Saturday 29th March, 2014

CLASSROOM REMINDERS

CLASS 5/6

Tissues
Thank you to everyone who has brought in a box of tissues. As we are heading into the colder months we begin to use an increasing amount of tissues. If every student could please bring in a box of tissues to be used throughout the year it would be much appreciated.

Class Stars
5/6 have worked hard this term and have earned 10 class stars. This means they were able to choose an activity to do as a whole group in week 11. More information will be sent home about this in the next couple of weeks.

Reminder for Year 6 parents
Highschool expression of interest forms are due this Friday 21st March. Please see Miss Drew if you have any questions.
**CHICKENS**
You may have already heard that we are getting 6 hens next term. I have ordered our chicken coop which will be ready by the end of this term. Bailey and Zaybien (along with me) are going to be looking after our girls. There is a picture of the coop on the noticeboard at the front of the school.

Mrs Deakin

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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Punctuation Power

Last week we looked at using apostrophes to show ownership or possession in a sentence.

Congratulations to Danica Walton, 3/4 who was drawn out for the second time!
You’ve got to be in it to win it!

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. Correct answer

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Name ________________________________  Class __________________

This week, we’re focusing on whether to put the apostrophe before or after the ‘s’ at the end of a word. Before the s is for one thing (singular) and after the s is for more than one thing (collective). Remember – it relates to ownership.

Good luck!

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COMMUNITY NOTICE
FREE in APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Newcastle Permanent Junior Ranger Fun Day

A great opportunity to have an exciting learning experience at Blackbutt Reserve where children can participate in fun and education activities.

When: 11am - 1pm, Tuesday 15th April 2014
Where: Richley Reserve top flat (entry off Freyberg Street)

Free sausage sandwich for children only, $1 each for adults. Drinks available for purchase.
Compulsory parental supervision at all times. Children must wear fully enclosed shoes.
Blackbutt Reserve Office: 4904 3344
ETHICS CLASSES AT HAMILTON NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE)/Scripture.

The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for profit organisation, to design curriculum and provide school communities with training and support to establish and maintain classes in their schools.

Classes are inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument.

We do not currently have ethics classes running at Hamilton North Public School and are assessing demand for 2014. At this stage, classes would be available at Hamilton North Public School for students in classes 2/3, 3/4, 4/5 & 5/6.

**NB:** Ethics classes would be run at the same time as scripture classes, to avoid any teaching/scheduling clashes.

Please let us know if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child by returning the slip below by Friday, 28th March to the school office.

We currently have one trained Ethics teacher available but are hoping to involve at least one more volunteer as a teacher for Hamilton North Public School. Teachers are given full training and ongoing support. Teaching & preparation would require between 1 to 2 hours per week.

For more information about ethics classes and Primary Ethics and how you can volunteer, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact our school’s Ethics Coordinator, Shelley Brandon, by phone: 0404 03 8737 or by email: shelley.brandon@gmail.com

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Please return this form if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2014.

Child’s Name: __________________________________________ Class: ______________________

Signed: ______________________________________________ Date ______________________