Zone Cross Country
Congratulations to all of our students who represented our school at Zone Cross-Country today. I'm sure you'll all sleep well tonight after running all that way this morning.

Unload Creative Writing Workshops
We have 11 people who are going to participate in these workshops next term. Payment details are on the sheet that was handed out two weeks ago. Payment is made directly to Suzie and Aleeta at Unload.

Garden Party
Time to buy your tickets
Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets. All tickets must be purchased by Thursday 10 April so that we can make certain we will have sold enough tickets to cover costs. We have had a number of tickets purchased but haven't quite reached the magic number yet. The Garden Party is a great social night to get to know other parents and teachers a bit better. There will be music, food and lots of fun! Correct payment can be made at the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our whole school photos are being taken tomorrow, Thursday, 27th March. Please bring in your photo envelope with name and correct money in it and give to your class teacher. The office will not have any change for this event.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Mrs Fia Lyle and her husband Brock on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter, Nevaeh Ana.

Nevaeh was born on Monday night at 9.30pm, weighing in at a healthy 8lbs. Mum, dad and baby all doing very well.

EASTER EGG HUNT & COLOURING COMPETITION
Our annual Easter egg hunt and colouring competition will be held on Wednesday, 9th April. Children will need to bring in $2 by Friday 4th April to enter.

They will colour their picture at school between lunch and recess, then come out into the playground at about 1.00pm to hunt for “hidden” eggs.

The $2 must be put into an envelope with your child’s name and class on it and put in the Easter Basket in the office for Mrs Bradley.
Earth Hour - Earth hour is the largest global environmental movement on the planet. It began in Australia in 2007 has now been taken up by the people of 152 nations and over 7001 cities. This Saturday at 8.30 please switch all lights and unnecessary electrical devices off. You can tune in to channel 10 from 6-6.30 for a special save our reef documentary.

HNPS Earth Hour Event
When Monday 7th April @ 2:15-3pm
Where HNPS hall
Who - all students and any family or friends that would like to attend
What - special screening of Earth Hour's save the reef documentary.

International Space Station Siting
Have you ever wondered what the International Space Station may look like flying over your head over 400km high above you?
This Saturday night (before Earth Hour) the ISS is scheduled to pass over Charlestown coming from the South West at 7:13pm and leaving our view in the North East at 7:19pm. It will be travelling slightly off centre if you look straight up. You will see a very bright star like light moving across the sky.

Gardening
Our pumpkin and sunflower patches are really coming along. We have more watermelon seeds in the ground and all of the seedlings planted on the Working Bee afternoon are doing well.
Our fruit trees are showing lots of fruit and hopefully after the holidays if the lemons are ready we may run our 3rd annual Stage 1 Lemonade Stall Challenge.

Weeding
Can you spare an hour of your time to help with some much needed weeding?

Grow Tunnel
Do you know anything about hydroponics? We want to look at making better use of our grow tunnel. If you would be keen to help out with the planning we would love to hear from you. Mrs Ramsay

Frog Pond and Chicken Coop
Congratulations Mrs Deakin along with our GAs Mr Newell and Mr Johns for the amazing frog pond refurbishment and the highly anticipated chicken coop, the children are really looking forward to our new feathery friends.

Paddock to Plate Excursion
Thank you to all of you who have paid for this wonderful excursion, it had to be paid by 3pm today and no later. Children who are attending the excursion will receive a note on Monday outlining the day, what to bring as well as departure and arrival times.
We are really looking forward to this great day, it will support what we have been learning about in class this term.
Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 teachers

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.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday. KB will be presenting an item.

LIBRARY NEWS
Congratulations to Arlo and Lainey from class 1/2 who have already completed and handed in their Premiers Reading Challenge Record Sheet.

Easter Hat Parade
Our spectacular Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday, 9th April at 2.00pm. All parents, grandparents, carers etc are welcome. In conjunction with the parade we will be holding a Scholastic book sale in the library. Books will be priced from $1. Students will be able to view the books on Tuesday, 8th April before school and lunchtime and fill in a wish list for their parents to see. Some books can be ordered, but some are one only.
This week our book for KB, K/1 and 1/2 is once again Whatley’s Quest by Bruce Whatley.
**CLASSROOM REMINDERS**

**Class KB**

This week some children have started taking home “Gold Cards”. These are for children who are having trouble with some sounds. Please practice with your child these 3 sounds. When they know them, I will either change them or not send them home at all.

Next week we will be starting our Easter Egg decorating. Children are asked to bring in 2 or 3 hard boiled eggs to turn into beautiful Easter eggs. As long as there are no cracks in them they will last forever.

Thank you to all who have returned their interview notes. As I have a lot of requests for early times (before 9.00am), I will have to schedule some on other days at these times. If the day I give you doesn’t suit, please get back to me.

Don’t forget to come and watch the kids perform this Friday in Assembly—we will be great.

**Class K/1**

Thank you to those of you have booked a time for your Parent Teacher interview, there are still a number of spots available. A note will be sent home with your child today to confirm your time and date.

Thank you. Mrs Ramsay and Mrs Jackson

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**DONATION REQUEST**

John Hunter Children’s Hospital are looking for DVDs suitable for the sick kids at the hospital to watch. If you would like to go through your cupboard and donate any dvds you now don’t need, please hand them to the school office.

Mrs Deakin will take them to the hospital on 4th April.

**FAMILY DISCO**

Tickets are now for sale each morning and afternoon on the library verandah. It is $5 per child or $10 for more than one in a family.

Don’t forget, Hamilton North Bowling Club, Thursday, 10th April 6.00-8.00pm.

Children must be supervised by an adult. The them is “Super Star”, come dressed up. Food is available at the Club.

**Banking**

What a wonderful turn up last week, 37 bankers, WOW!!. Let me know how many silver tokens you have, so I can tally it up with the bank. I don’t want you to miss out.

Thanks Terrie.

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

Remember to check the community noticeboard at the front of the school gate for the interesting community information posted there. An interesting item this week is the new Café opened in King Street by Ms Bailey and Mr Paul Hampton.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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Punctuation Power

Congratulations to Abbie Condon 3/4 who won Punctuation Power. The punctuation problem was complex with students needing to identify the correct word that had ownership within the sentence and then placing the apostrophe correctly.

a. All of the different herds calve’s in Greta were born within 5 days of each other.
b. All of the different herd’s calves in Greta were born within 5 days of each other.
c. All of the different herds’ calves in Greta were born within 5 days of each other.
d. All of the different herds calves’ in Greta were born within 5 days of each other.

This week’s problem:

Apostrophes: Which sentence is punctuated correctly

Name: ____________________________   Class: _________________

a. The high winds and heavy rains have resulted in roads being closed today.
b. The high winds’ and heavy rains have resulted in roads being closed today.
c. The high winds’ and heavy rains’ have resulted in roads being closed today.
d. The high winds’ and heavy rains’ have resulted in roads’ being closed today.

Canteen Roster

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