Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday

FRIDAY SPORT
New sports commence this Friday, 2nd May. All permission notes MUST be returned and money paid in full before children will be allowed to attend their chosen sport.

Basketball $18 Barefoot Bowls (yrs 3-6) Free
Tennis $24 Netball (at school) Free
Hockey $20 Walking (school environs) Free

WALKING—To enable children to travel to various places around Newcastle, we will need parents to help transport them to and from these places. We would leave school at 11am and return by 1.30pm. We only do 2 or 3 of these walks during the term, if there are enough parents willing to help.

We travel to such places as Nobbys Beach, Blackbutt and the Carrington Boardwalk. Please help if you can be indicating on the permission note.

HOCKEY—all equipment will be provided for children to participate. A pair of long football socks would help to cover shin pads, but they are not essential.

TENNIS—The school has a few racquets for children to borrow. They may bring their own.

SOCCEROOS MARCH PAST
For those who are attending the Socceroos Game on 26th May, please complete and return the permission slip (sent home today), with your $25 coach fare. Money and permission slip must be received at school office by 20th May.

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

KINDER ENROLMENTS for 2015
We are now taking details of Kindergarten students who wish to enrol at Hamilton North School in 2015. Please phone the office with details if you wish to enrol your child.

If you have neighbours etc who do not have children at this school but will be looking to enrol in 2015, please let them know.

LIBRARY NEWS
Our Easter Hat parade was a great success—thank you to all those who helped the children with their hats etc.

The school raised $1112.00 from our Book Fair which allowed us to choose $390 worth of new books for the library. Thank you all for your participation.

By now children should have returned their Premier’s Reading Challenge permission sheets and be reading avidly. There are many wonderful books in our library on the PRC list.

We will hold another book fair during our Book Week in August. They will mostly be second hand books priced from 20c to 50c.

UNLOAD WRITING WORKSHOPS
These workshops begin on Monday 5 May from 3:15 - 4:15pm in Mrs Lyle’s classroom. Students can sit on the bench seats under the COLA and eat their afternoon snack before the workshop begins. The workshop presenters names’ are Suzie and Aleeta
MATHS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to our Maths Champions for 2014!

Early Stage 1 - Champion - Otis Moras-Young, Runner-up - Lewis Cartwright

Stage 1 - Champion - Sophia Deeg, Runner-up - Arlo Roxburgh-Cox

Stage 2 - Champions - Levi Murray and Finn Flanagan

Stage 3 - Champion - Jake Hainsworth, Runner-up - Sophie Grealish

STEWART HOUSE
We have sent out with the Chalkboard today, Stewart House Donation Drive Envelopes for 2014. The Department of Education support the work of Stewart House and if you would care to donate $2 for a chance to win a $4,000 Family Holiday, please fill in the envelope with your $2 inside and return to the school office by Friday, 16th May.

SCHOOL ABSENCES
Under the terms of the Education Act of NSW, the law requires that all children between the ages of 5 and 17 attend school every school day, unless prevented by sickness, misadventure or is on leave approved by the Principal.

It is also a requirement that a note explaining any absence is to be provided to the school, for inclusion in class rolls. Notes must be provided within 3 days of the child’s absence.

It is also worthwhile noting that class rolls are legal documents which can be summonsed to a Court of Law.

GUITAR LESSONS
Guitar Lessons will commence again next Monday. Students will hopefully be in the same class and at the same time as last term. The lessons will run for 8 weeks, the total cost is $40 for the term. The lesson which falls on Queens Birthday Monday will be made up on another day.

If you would like your child to attend guitar lessons, please put the $40 in an envelope with their name on the front and hand in to the office by this Friday. New students are welcome.

MARKET GARDEN
Thank you to everyone who has donated items to sell at our Friday Market Garden.

We do not require any further donations at this time.

Thankyou all, once again.

MOTHERS DAY
Mothers Day is on Sunday, 11th May 2014.

Our school will be holding a Mothers Day Stall so that the students are able to purchase a surprise gift for mum.

The stall relies mainly on donations from parents, staff etc. Your donations of items such as perfume, hand cream, soaps, washers, pot plants, chocolates, candles etc would be appreciated.

Please put these items in the Mothers Day box in your child’s classroom for the P & C ladies to collect.

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ANZAC Day Dawn Service – Hamilton
What an amazing experience we had at the dawn service this year. We had over 30 students participate in the march to Gregson Park. Thanks to all who attended.

CHICKENS
I’m sure you’ve all heard about our latest additions to the school. They are our 5 chickens; Fluffy, Hawky, Black Beauty, Princess and Beethoven! They have settled right in and are already producing eggs which will be sold this week at Market Garden ($3.50 for half dozen).
A huge thank you to Bailey, Zaybien and their families for taking time out of their holidays to get the chickens set up and settled. Also to Nick Flanagan for picking up our massive chicken run from Abernathy (near Cessnock) and bringing it to school last night.
Entertainment Books

All families should have received an Entertainment Book at the end of last term. These are $60 and can be paid either by credit card, cash or via internet at [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426j1](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3426j1). Alternatively, a digital copy can be downloaded on your iPhone or Android Smartphone via this same address. If you do not wish to purchase the book or are purchasing the digital copy, please return the book in the envelope it came in as soon as possible. If you would like to order additional books or have any questions, please contact Gillian Donn on 0431 223381.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**Support a Mathematician**

Our terrific Support a Mathematician program will be running again during Term 2. This 5 minute mental computation program that operates 3 times per week and has proven very successful in supporting students who need a little extra practise. As was the case last year, we are seeking volunteers to be involved in working with children for a few mornings per week (or one or two – depending on what suits you) to assist in delivering this important program. The structure of the program involves children revising maths strategies by completing short, sharp activities.

Miss Boyle, our Learning Support Teacher, is coordinating the program this year. Training for interested parents will be on Tuesday the 6th May at 9am in the hall. It will take a maximum of 20 minutes. The actual program will begin in Week 4 (19th May) and finish in Week 9 (last week of term). The days that the program runs will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please indicate on the slip below if you would like to attend the training session and return to the school office.

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**SUPPORT A MATHEMATICIAN**

I __________________________________________ (please print)
would like to attend the training session for Support a Mathematician on Tuesday 6th May at 9am.

Signed _________________  Date _______________