School Attendance

*Late Arrival* - Please note that our designated Home School Liaison Officer has recently conducted a check of our student records of attendance. It is very important for students to attend school on time each day. If your child is frequently arriving late to school they are missing crucial elements of their daily Literacy session. Some families will be receiving a letter shortly outlining their number of partial absences as well as requesting every effort be made for students to arrive on time.

*Late Pick-up* – Please ensure that your children are collected from school at our 3pm bell time. Recently some students have been picked up by parents significantly later than this. This is unfair on teachers who spend their afternoons preparing for lessons the next day or in meetings and are not able to provide adequate supervision for your child. If for some reason you know you will be late, please contact our school office as soon as possible. Also remember that we have an OOSH Centre that can be utilised if you know that you can’t collect your child on time.

*Cluster Choir*

Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission notes and $2 for cluster choir. Remember that this needs to be given directly to Miss Drew by Friday 15th August.

**JOGGING CLUB – FUN RUN DAY**

Our fabulous fun run will take place on Thursday 14 August at 12:10pm.

This involves all students who have qualified (they will find out tomorrow after our last jogging club session) jogging / walking down to Energy Australia Stadium and back. This is a fantastic event that is carefully supervised by all teachers.

We also appreciate the support of parents who assist as ‘Checkpoint Charlies’ along the way. I already have 4 parents who have offered to man a checkpoint but would appreciate about 6 more if possible. Please complete the attached slip and hand it in at our office if you can help out.

Students can change into gear suitable for running at lunch time before the fun run. Joggers are a must. It’s a good idea to have a big water bottle ready at the finish line (back at school).

In conjunction with the Fun Run Day the P & C will be running a RED DAY in the canteen. This special day will see the canteen selling a set lunch of:

- Hot dog with tomato sauce
- Poppa (Blackcurrant and apple)
- 2 Red frogs

The special lunch will cost $5 and orders are to be put in the canteen lunch box before 9.00am on the Thursday, 14th August as usual. There will be no other food available on this day.
Friday Assembly
Assembly will commence at 2.20pm this Friday, class 3/4 will present an item.

Overnight Sydney Excursion– Years 4/5 &6
Final payments for the overnight Sydney excursion are due by Tuesday 2/9/14.

Spelling Bee
All K-6 students were given Spelling Bee lists in week 1 this term and should be practicing these words. The Stage Finals will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 20th August, Week 6. Parents of those children participating will be notified next Friday. If your child is in Stage 2 or Stage 3 and you would like to look at the lists online you can access them at http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2014-premiers-spelling-bee

The password is: decade

Regional Finals for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will take place on 10th September at Hamilton Public School

Students with Asthma
Asthma attacks can be deadly and therefore new guidelines from the Department of Education regarding students with asthma are to be implemented immediately. If your child suffers with asthma, the school now requires you to supply a spacer, Ventolin puffer (or other if used) and an action plan supplied by your doctor for your child.

Parents who have advised us their child suffers from asthma will be receiving a letter stating the requirements by the end of the week.

Library News
Overdue notices have once again been attached to your child’s Chalkboard. Each child may borrow 2 books per week. The books are brought back to the library on their borrowing day to be either returned or renewed. If you are unable to find your child’s book we would appreciate you notifying us and sending in the cost of the book (listed on the overdue notice) so that we may purchase a new copy.

If your child has overdue books, unfortunately, he or she will be unable to borrow any further books until the over dues are returned or replaced.

SYDNEY EXCURSION YRS K/1/2/3
All students attending the Aquarium and iMax Theatre next Wednesday must be at school at 7.00am sharp. Rolls will be marked and buses will leave promptly at 7.15am.

Students are required to wear full school uniform, blue school jumpers only and their school hat is needed. Please only pack what is essential as students will be walking the majority of the day.

A note outlining further details will be sent home later this week to those participating in the excursion.

Archibull Update
Please visit our blog at www.hamiltonnorthandarchibull2014.wordpress.com. There are some great photographs, information researched by our very own editorial team and we will be blogging as our calf loses its skates and gets a colourful make over by our very own students. Some children chose to take home a competition entry form yesterday. They need to post comments on the blog and come up with a design for our calf. The designs need to tell a story about the wool industry. Entries are due next Friday 15th August 2014.

WEEKLY WOOL FACTS
Week 4—did you know wool is fire retardant.

CLASS ROOM REMINDERS
Class K/1
Thank you for coming into our classroom last week and making Semester Celebration a special day for your child. Please remember next Wednesday is our Sydney Excursion, a note will be sent home next week to those students who will be attending the excursion.

JOGGING CLUB FUN RUN
I am able to help as a Checkpoint Charlie on the Fun run on Thursday, 14th August.

Name _______________________________ Phone No. ______________________
Child’s Name and class ____________________________
Rubbish Monitors
These 3 beautiful girls have been keeping an eye on the amount of litter in our school. Alice, Grace and Sophia report daily at our COLA assembly. This Environment Club initiative is really helping to keep our playground looking good. Thanks girls!

Sheep Shearing
A massive thank you to Emily King from AWI (Australian Wool Innovations) and Shaun the Shearer for making last Thursday so exciting for our children. The two rams and two ewes bought the farm to the city. It is important for all of us, especially our younger generation consumers to understand and gain an appreciation for agriculture in Australia.

5/6 Lemonade Stall
Well done 5/6 students who have taken the lead in our class lemonade challenge. They raised $363.00.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**TOPS NEEDED BY CLASS KB**

Mrs Bradley is collecting the tiny lids on the top of the squeezy food containers such as baby foods and yogurts (pictured). Can you please bring any to Mrs Bradley’s room. We are planning on making something special for the garden when we get enough.

Perhaps parents could ask their pre school or day care centre etc, if they would be willing to save the tops for us.
Dear Parents and Carers,

**FINAL WEEK FOR TOUCH FOOTBALL AT WALLSEND TOUCH!**

We are sending an expression of interest to gain numbers and assist with team set up, registration and attain willing coaches for each team.

We need a few more players and coaches to complete the following teams.

- 7 and under boys - 3 players and coach
- 9 and under boys - 4 players
- 9 and under girls - 4 players
- 11 and under boys - 4 players and coach
- 11 and under girls - 10 players (may join 13’s)

If there are not enough players or coaches we will be unable to enter teams this year!

Wallsend Touch Junior Competition is at Upper Reserve Wallsend and runs weekly from September to December on Tuesday or Thursday night (depending on your children/s age) from 5:30pm.

**Tuesday Night:**
- 11 and Under Boys and Girls
- 13 and Under Boys and Girls

**Thursday Night:**
- 7 and Under Boys and Girls
- 9 and Under Boys and Girls

Registration will be between $75 - $85 depending on players and teams. This includes playing shirt, team ball, insurance and 12 rounds of Touch Football.

Thank you,

Josh Sparke
Assistant Principal

My child/children would love to play at Wallsend Touch Junior Competition at Upper Reserve, Wallsend from September to December on Tuesday or Thursday night (depending on your children/s age) from 5:30pm.

My Child/Children are:

Name: ____________________________________________________ Age: ______________

Name: ____________________________________________________ Age: ______________

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________________________________________

I can assist with coaching my childs team □