Chalkboard - Term 1 Week 8 Wednesday, 18th March 2015

Assembly
This week’s assembly will be at 2:20pm in the hall. Classes KB and 1R will present an item.

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
The University of NSW is offering your child an opportunity to participate in ICAS.

If you are interested in your child enrolling in any of the assessments, Computer, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics, please complete the registration form at the end of the Chalkboard and return it, with your entry fees, to school by Friday the 19th March 2015.

Entries will not be accepted after this date.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS
The P & C draw the Easter Egg raffle at the end of the Easter Hat parade on Tuesday, 31st March.

To continue our tradition of having many wonderful prizes, it would be appreciated if you could donate an Easter egg, rabbit, chocolate, baskets etc. These items may be left in your child’s classroom.

The P & C appreciate all donations.

Canteen Reminder
Please remind your children to put their lunch order in the lunch order box (on the canteen verandah) before the bell.
Our wonderful canteen volunteers are finding that some days they have quite a few students putting in their orders well after the bell, after food has been organised for the day.

EASTER EGG HUNT & COLOURING COMPETITION
Our annual Easter Egg hunt and colouring competition will be held on Hat Parade Day, Tuesday, 31st March.

Students 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”.

Students need to bring in $2 in an envelope with their name on it by Friday, 27th March and put it in the Easter Basket in the office for Mrs Bradley.

School Photos
School photos are to be taken next week on Thursday, 26th March by Newcastle School Portraits. Photo envelopes have been handed to the students today. Family Group Photo envelopes can be collected from the office from tomorrow.

This year parents will have the option of paying online for their photo orders. A specialised code features on the front of the order envelope.

No money or change is given by the office in relation to the photo shoot.

All envelopes with the correct money inside are handed to the photographers on the day.

No money comes in before the 26th March.
Library News
Library books are borrowed for one week. They should be returned on the following Tuesday to be either renewed or returned.

Handed to the students today are overdue library book notices. Please ask your child to return their book/s to the library next Tuesday so other students may borrow the book/s.

Crazy Hair Day
Our Crazy Hair Day (raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation) is on Tuesday 24th March. Students come to school with their hair in a crazy colour, style etc. A gold coin donation for the Leukaemia Foundation would be appreciated.

Some of our students have shown initiative and will have beaded friendship bracelets and necklaces for sale from 50c to $1.50 to help raise money for the Foundation.

Zone Cross Country
All students participating in the zone cross country on Friday, 27th March should have received an information note yesterday. If there are any concerns please see Mrs Jackson.

State Election
Our school hall will be used for the state election on Saturday, 28th March. Voting is available from 8.00am.

CLASSROOM REMINDERS

Class KB
This week it is KB’s turn to perform in our school assembly on Friday. Assembly commences at 2.20pm in the Hall, so don’t be late!

Next week in craft groups, we will be starting on our special Easter eggs. Each child needs to bring in 1 or 2 hard boiled eggs—in an egg carton with their name on it.

Make sure there are no cracks and they will last forever!

Class 1R
Class 1R are presenting an item at the school assembly this Friday. Please don’t forget to bring your costumes.

Class 4B
Our class has had a case of headlice reported last week. Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat as necessary to try to contain this problem.

Year 6 parents
Placements in Year 7, 2016 Expression of Interest forms are due to be completed and handed in at the school office by this Friday, 20th March. If you have any questions or need assistance please see Miss Drew.

Applications for Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus High Achievers Class applications are also due to the school office by Friday.

Canteen Roster

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Tuesday 24th March  
K-6 Funky Hair Day Fundraising for Leukaemia Foundation

Thursday 26th March  
Whole School Photos

Friday 27th March  
Zone Cross Country

Tuesday 31st March  
Easter Hat Parade/Easter Egg hunt/Raffle

Friday 3rd April  
Good Friday — School Holidays commence

Tuesday 21st April  
Students return for Term 2

Saturday 25th April  
Anzac Day Dawn Service — Gregson Park

12th – 14th May  
NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5

Monday 27th July  
K-6 Excursion to Civic Theatre

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**LIVE LIFE WELL**

**Recommendations for lunchboxes:**

- **yes** - water makes the best drink
- **yes** - milk for healthy teeth and bones
- **no** - cordial, soft drinks, fruit drinks and many sports drinks should be considered
- **occasional drinks** - best kept for special days.

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**Hamilton Anzac Day Dawn Service**

100th ANZAC Day Anniversary Invitation
Gregson Park

Merewether-Hamilton RSL Sub Branch would like to invite students, parents and staff to attend the 100th Anniversary of Anzac Day at the Hamilton Dawn Service at Gregson Park on 25th April, 2015. Anzac Dawn Services have been held in Gregson Park, Hamilton since 1922.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the march from Beaumont St to Gregson Park. Those wishing to march, will need to form up on the corner of Tudor and Beaumont St at 5.00am. Marshalls will be in attendance to assist.

If you just wish to attend the service please make your way to Gregson Park prior to 5.15am.

The service begins at 5.30am and is completed just on sunrise.

A sausage sizzle along with tea and coffee will be served, for a gold donation, at Hamilton PS which is just across the road from Gregson Park at the completion of the service.

If you have any questions please call David Jack on 0447902352.
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 19th of March, 2015.

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,

[Signature]

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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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** TOTAL **

Students should sit the test 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 15 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 19th of March, 2015. Entries will not be accepted after this date.

Please find enclosed ________________________ total entry fee.

Amount ________________________

Name of Parent/Guardian ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________