Friday Assembly
Assembly will commence at 2.00pm this Friday. Public speaking finals are on and K-2 choir will be performing.

Canberra Excursion—Yrs 5 and 6
Please remember that instalment payments can be made for the Canberra excursion up until 7th August 2015 (Friday Week 4, Term 3).

Sydney Excursion—Yrs 3 and 4
The $50 deposit is due this week.
Please ensure you pay your $50 deposit for the Stage 2 September excursion to Sydney.
The $50 deposit is due before Thursday this week please so that numbers can be finalised and bookings of the bus and accommodation secured.
Thank you, Mrs Novak

FRIDAY SPORT
Sport Choice forms have been handed to the students today. Please return them to the school office by Friday 26th June with your 3 preferences numbered.
Options in Term 3 are:
Gymnastics -$5 per week - at PCYC
Netball—No Cost— at school
Walking— No Cost— everywhere
Tennis -$4 per week— at District Park
Yoga—No Cost— at school
Bike riding—No Cost - school & environs (bike riding is only for students in years 5 and 6 and only if they have a roadworthy bike and helmet).

Beanie for Brain Cancer
Disco / Origami Workshops – Thursday 25th June, 2pm
Please wear a beanie to school this Thursday to help raise money for our chosen charity, The Brain Cancer Foundation. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

During lunch time, a group of amazing students will host origami workshops in the library. A coin donation (minimum 50c) will mean that students can make their own piece of origami and take it home. The origami is beautiful and the students organising this have been working very hard to deliver quality workshops. There will also be origami for sale for 50c per piece.

At recess, students are welcome to change into clothes for the disco - don’t forget to keep your beanie on though! There will be a prize for the wackiest beanie at the disco.

The disco will start after COLA assembly in the hall and will finish just before 3pm. Parents can wait at the Parent Retreat as usual. Teachers will bring students to the retreat at 3pm.
Library News
This week’s Premiers Reading Challenge book for KB and 1R will be “The Cheese Trap” by Joy Cowley. The PRC number is 7475.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Thankyou to all those who ordered books this term, and to those who tried out the new LOOP online ordering system. It was a great success.

Your use of scholastic for purchasing books has raised $92 for our school this term alone. Well done, and again THANKYOU.

P&C News
The second general meeting under the new P&C committee was held on Monday 8-June, and was very well represented. Firstly I'd like to welcome Joanne McBean to the P&C committee as our second Vice President, we look forward to your contribution to supporting our school community.

The P&C committee also passed a number of important motions that allows us to effectively and legally conduct business, notably the formal adoption of: the prescribed constitution (broad policy on how to operate our P&C, as directed by the Minister for Education and Communities through the P&C Federation); the HNPS P&C Association mission statement (a document advertising our P&C’s vision, principles and objectives); and a Grievances, Complaints and Disputes policy.

You will find each of these documents under the "Information" tab within the P&C section of Skoolbag. You can also find the minutes of the previous general meeting held on 4-May under the "P&C Minutes" tab, which was also endorsed at last Monday's meeting. Thankyou to everyone who attended and contributed, especially as it was the Monday of the long weekend.

We welcome everyone's support at coming events and meetings, and we're all crossing fingers for clear skies for the annual sports carnival this Wednesday. Big thanks to the fundraising subcommittee which has put considerable thought and effort into making this an especially fun day for everyone involved - I hope to see a lot of familiar faces at Smith Park, and don't forget your house colours!

Rich Ley
President
HNPS P&C Assoc.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser
The entertainment books from last year have now expired, so if you haven’t already purchased one this year and you would like one, please order it now. We only have a few books left. These, as well as the digital memberships, are $60 with $12 going directly to the school.

The book is loaded with offers and savings which can save you $$$s. It can be viewed online at http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/tell-me-more/newcastle or there is a book on display at the school office.

To order and pay please go to http://entbook.com.au/3426j1. Alternatively, you can pay by cash at the school office – just put the money in an envelope with your child’s name and class on the envelope. If you have any questions, please call Gillian on 0431 223381.
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Friday    | 26th June  | Last day of Term 2  
Public Speaking Stage Finals |
| Monday    | 13th July  | School Development Day                                               |
| Tuesday   | 14th July  | Students return to school for Term 3                                 |
| Wednesday | 15th July  | Netball Gala Day (Yrs 5 & 6)                                          |
| Friday    | 24th July  | Zone Athletics Track Events—Glendale Hunter Sports Centre            |
| Monday    | 27th July  | K-6 Excursion to Civic Theatre                                       |
| Tuesday   | 28th July  | ICAS English Exam                                                     |
| Tuesday   | 28th July  | Zone Athletics Field Events—Glendale Hunter Sports Centre            |
| Tuesday   | 11th August| ICAS Maths Exam                                                       |
| Thursday  | 13th August| Touch Football Gala Day (Yrs 3—6)                                     |
|           | 17th –19th August | Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion                                      |
|           | 15th Sept –16th Sept | Yr 3 & 4 Sydney Excursion                                          |
Be healthy – be active

Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Bull Rush.

Great reasons to be active for children and parents

◊ boosts confidence
◊ improves fitness
◊ makes bones and muscles stronger
◊ improves posture
◊ helps maintain a healthy weight
◊ lowers the risk of heart disease
◊ reduces stress
◊ improves sleep
◊ reduces the risk of cancer
◊ improves self confidence
◊ teaches you new skills
◊ develops better motor skills
◊ makes a person happier with their body
◊ lower risk of disease including heart disease and cancer later in life

COMcommunity notice

For information on July School Holidays activities run by Newcastle Council please go to: http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/about_newcastle/events/school_holidays

Unload Mystery Box Workshops – Register now for Term 3!

Calling all Super Sleuths - Unload needs your help to solve puzzles, follow clues and spot the red herrings. In Term 2 we're running workshops themed around mystery writing. We'll be investigating alibis, suspects, solving mysteries and much more. If you love Secret Agents, Nancy Drew, Pseudonymous Bosch and even Scooby-Doo, these workshops are for you.

WHERE: Hamilton North Public School

WHEN: Monday afternoons, 3.15 –4.15pm (starting week 2)

COST: $135 for the term

NUMBERS: Limited to 15

For further information contact suzie@unload.org.au or ph 0409 409 141.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Bush Skills Adventure  
For 8 to 12 years  9.30am - 12.30pm  
Wednesday 1 July 2015 & Thursday 9 July 2015  
Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.  
Cost: $20 per child  
Bookings Essential  Ph: 4951 6466

Wriggly Wetlanders  
For 5 to 8 years  10.00am - 12.30pm  
Wednesday 1 July 2015 & Tuesday 7 July 2015  
Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.  
Cost: $20 per child  
Bookings Essential  Ph: 4951 6466

Wetlands Explorer  
For 5 to 12 years  
Available any time  
Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize.  
Cost: Free

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre  
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!  
Open every day 9am to 4pm

Access  
- Car mini-bus parking available onsite.  
- Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station  
- Bus - 107 & 106 buses go past the Wetlands. 10 minute walk from stop at Marton St & Sandgate Rd

Cost  
$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). $5 general entry

Activities  
- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm  
- Try dipnetting from the jetty  
- Playtime at Discovery Playground  
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre  
- Tank Talk - 12 noon (30-45 minutes) - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can actually handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.

Facilities  
- Toilets available in Visitor Centre  
- Undercover picnic tables and shelter  
- Cafe – meals, chips, ice creams, drinks  
- Shop – gift shop  
- Children’s playground
Hamilton North OOSH

**JULY VACATION CARE PROGRAM**

**Mon 29th June**
- **Tues 30th June**
- **Wed 1st July**
- **Thurs 2nd July**
- **Fri 3rd July**

...Let's Go Mad and play golf too...
Let's start Vacation care off with a crazy and fun day. Getting to know new friends, playing "sing star", "Lets Dance", team building games. Let's go to putt putt as well.

**Cost:** $10.00 p/p

...WINTER WARMER...
Come along and join in with a fun filled day of art and craft. Craft activities include wool art such as pom poms, god’s-eyes, French knitting, wool bracelets and much more.

...YPT - 'The Princess & the Pee'...
Come along and walk to the Young People's Theatre in Hamilton and watch their latest production of "The Princess & the Pee". We only have 25 tickets, so it's first in dressed dress!

**Cost:** $16.00

...Let's Celebrate Christmas in July...

...VC Trivia and Slumber PARTY...
Come join your Game Hosts for a day of TRIVIA and games. Get comfy in your PJ's, prizes for trivia winners and for the most comfy and relaxed PJ wearers.

...Tree tops adventure park...
We had so much fun last time, let's go back. Heights, ropes and more heights. Come and test your skills and balance with different heights, ropes, swings, and more. Let's work in teams and have fun.

**Limited places please book in!**

**Cost:** $20.00 p/c

...VC Mini Sports Carnival...
We will walk over to Smith Park for a picnic lunch, activities, play and parachute, tug of war, races, egg and spoon race and much more. Let's work in teams and have fun.

...STATE OF ORIGIN...
STATE VS STATE, MATE VS MATE. Children will compete in a range of games and activities all involved around Origin. We will be doing State of Origin craft, posters, pom poms, face painting, and cheers!

GO THE BLUES!!!

...MOVIES EXCURSION...
Come along and enjoy a movie at Newcastle Greater Union. The Movie will be announced closer to the day but it will be 'Inside Out' or "The Minion movie". We will travel by bus.

**Cost:** $15.00 p/c

...Wheels Day...
Bring along your bike, scooter or skateboard. Please note that helmets must be worn when riding any of the above!
A course will be set up and children will make large road signs. Please ensure shoes and a scooter or bike are brought along.

**Vacation Care Hours:** 7am – 6pm
**Phone:** 0448 739 789

- **Monday 13th July** - Pupil Free Day
- **Mon 6th July**
- **Tues 7th July**
- **Wed 8th July**
- **Thurs 9th July**
- **Fri 10th July**
- **Mon 20th June**

**Please understand that all activities are subject to change due to the weather, children's wants and needs, staff and availability of resources. Please ensure you prepare your child appropriately.**

- **Excursions are an extra cost on the day, and we ask parents to pay at least the day before the excursion, and please indicate to staff that you are paying for an excursion, not fees.**

Come join us for a fun filled holidays of lots of laughter and enjoyment!