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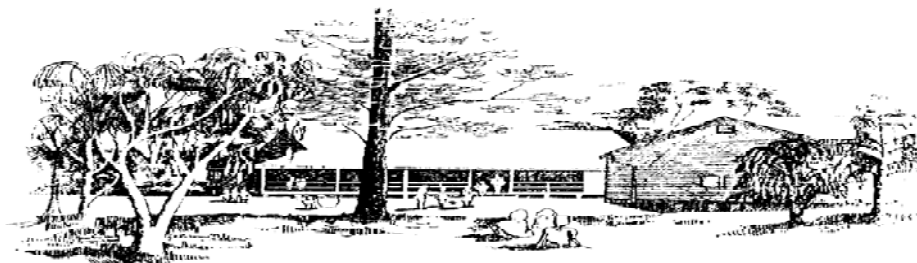
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Chalkboard - Term 1 Week 3 Wednesday 8th February 2012



Guitar lessons

Thank you for the wonderful response to our guitar lessons. Guitar lessons start next week, Monday 13th February. Kindergarten and Year 1 will be 1pm on a Monday, Years 4,5 and 6 will be 1pm on Thursday, Year 3 will be 9.30am Friday, Year 2 will be 10am Friday.

All students are asked to bring their guitars to school on the day of their lesson and store them in the Library before 9am. The cost will be \$40 for the term which will consist of 8 lessons. Please pay by Monday 25th February.

Happy picking.

Mathematics Championships

This term our school focus is the Hamilton North Mathematics Championships. All students will be given a facts sheet to practice nightly. The semi finals will be in week 8 and the championships in week 9 at our Friday whole school assembly. The more practice the better the results.

Congratulations

Well done to Milli, Tom and Jack who competed in the regional touch football tournament at Nelson Bay on the weekend. Your sportsmanship and skill makes us all very proud.

Friday Assembly

Our whole school assembly is on at 2.20pm this Friday. All parents welcome to attend. Year 5/6 will be presenting an item.

Market Garden

The school markets have been changed to Friday afternoon this year. These markets will restart in **week 5**. Miss McDonnell

School Absences

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

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

Parent information sessions

All classroom teachers will be holding parent information sessions. These sessions will go through important information relating exactly to your child's class. It is a very worthwhile session that runs for approximately half an hour. We would love to see you all there.

Wednesday 8th February

1D at 5pm,
4/5 at 5.30pm 5/6 at 5.30pm

Thursday 9th February

2D at 4.30pm 3B at 5pm
KB at 5pm 1/2 at 5.30pm

Grandparents' Day

Thursday 15th March, 2012 (week 8) will be a special day at HNPS to celebrate our wonderful grandparents. All grandparents and great grandparents are welcome, so keep this date free!

More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Mrs Ramsay & Miss McDonnell

Student Book Packs

The Student's Book Packs are available from the office at a cost of \$45.00 each.

These packs contain the work books, stationery items, pencils, glue etc along with the Home Reader Book, Athletics subscription and photocopy levy that the students require for their everyday class.

Star Struck!



Star Struck is a variety concert that showcases excellence in performing arts and public education throughout the Hunter Central Coast Region. Each year, students have the opportunity to work with industry professionals to further develop their skills in a chosen art-form and then showcase these skills by performing on the arena platform.

If you are interested in being involved this year, please see Mrs Brock by **Monday 13th February**. We will be entering a group dance audition DVD by Friday 24th February.

I am looking for parents / grandparents who are able to assist with sewing of costumes. If you are able could you please leave your details with the office or see me at school.

Mrs Brock

Friday Sport – Swimming

PLEASE write names on EVERYTHING. – towels, goggles, swimmers, shirts, shorts and even undies. They all look the same and it is hard for children (and us) to work out whose is whose.

Arnolds Learn to Swim is \$9 per week and the Ocean Baths is \$4.00 per week. Unfortunately the school has to pay the bus company as well as instructors each week and therefore if your child is unable to attend any lesson there is no refund of payment for that week.

Money must be paid to the office every week before the child attends either pool.

School Recycling Program

Our recycling Inspectors this year are Kass, Bianca, Brandon and Luke. These children meet on a Tuesday to plan ways to improve our school recycling. They also do spot checks in classrooms on a weekly basis and are responsible for taking the bins in and out of the school.

Collecting and emptying classroom and whole school recycling this year are Richard, Brock, Emma and Lisa.

Swimming Carnival

Our Swimming Carnival is on Friday 17th February at Lambton Swimming Pool.

Please see the information sheet at the end of the Chalkboard and return permission note and money by next Tuesday 14th February.

No money or permission notes will be accepted after Tuesday.

Money and permission notes must be returned by that date so bus and pool cheques may be drawn and organisation finalised.

Library News

Don't forget to bring your library bag on your library day so that you may borrow some of our beautiful books.

KB, 2D,3B and 4/5 have library on Tuesday.

1D, 1/2 and 5/6 have library on Wednesday.

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 1 Bookclub brochures were given to the students yesterday. All money and orders are due back at the school office by next Friday, 17th February.

For new parents, Bookclub has two issues per term. For every book bought by families, the school receives bonus points. With these points we buy books for Presentation Day at the end of the year and also new books for our library for all children to read.

Once the books have been ordered they usually only take 1 week to arrive back at school.

School Banking

Banking will commence on Friday, 10th February.

Emma and Terrie will be on the library verandah from 8.30 to 9.00 to take deposits.

If you would like to start banking, signing up is as easy as following instructions in your banking envelope which is attached to the Chalkboard.

For each deposit you receive a token and for 10 tokens you receive a prize. This is given out at assembly.

So join up and see how easy it is to save.

See you on the verandah. Emma and Terrie

CLASS REMINDERS

Kindergarten

Parent Information session is on tomorrow at 5.00pm in our classroom. Please come along and find out lots of information about both the class and the school. If you are unable to come, please come and see me and I will give you the information sheet. Hope to see you all!

PLEASE remember to send blue bags and green folders to school EVERYDAY. Remember they are NOT school bags and food, hats, jumpers etc do not belong in them.

From next MONDAY, 13th February, all Kindergarten children will stay until 3.00pm with the older children.

Thanks everyone.

Absences

Please see the note on the previous page regarding school absences. Attached to your Chalkboard are a set of notes for your convenience.

From the Library

All Kindergarten student's were given a library bag to keep their library books safe. The bags are made of recycled material (paper, cotton, bamboo) so please when washing adhere to instructions to wash by hand.

Class 1/2

Just a reminder that our parent teacher meeting is on tomorrow night at 5:30pm. Please be prompt in arriving as the school gates are closed at 6pm. We only have 30 minutes.

Mrs Ramsay and Miss McDonnell

Class 3B

Parent Information Evening

Held in your child's classroom at 5pm on Thursday 9th February, 3B parents are invited to attend an information session.

I look forward to meeting you in person.

Regards,
Mrs Brock



FROM THE CANTEEN

Thanks to all of the new parents who have shown interest in helping out at the canteen, your time is a wonderful gift you can give to the school. Thanks also to Naomi for the wonderful home made cookies she is making for us. We are slowly filling up days although there is still a few places left. Please write your name on the roster on the notice board or come into the canteen and put your name in the Diary.

13 Feb Gillian D Katrina M

14 Feb VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

15 Feb Gina and Alicia

20 Feb VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

21 Feb Gill and Jenny

22 Feb Gina

Please also note the small increase in the menu prices, we have tried to make these as small as possible thanks for your understanding

Canteen Committee

impact leadership

Australia's Premier Student Leadership Training Organisation

Impact Student Leadership Conference

Impact Leadership is an independent not for profit organisation that exists to train and develop school students in the area of leadership. Year 5 and 6 students are invited to register in this wonderful program.

It will be held at Newcastle Panthers on Wednesday 9th May, 2012. For more information refer to www.impactleadership.org.au

If you are interested in registering your child, could you please return the bottom slip to the office. I will register your child online and you will be forwarded a tax invoice of \$30.00 for you to arrange payment.

Regards,
Mrs Fia Brock

Return bottom slip to office by, Friday 24th February. Do not send in money.

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to register for the Impact Leadership Conference for Wednesday 9th May, 2012 to be held at Newcastle Panthers.

I understand that a \$30.00 tax invoice will be supplied to me to make arrangements for payment once my child is registered online.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

Friday	17th February	HNPS Swimming Carnival
Friday	17th February	Bookclub money and orders due
Tuesday	21st February	P & C AGM Hamilton Nth Bowling Club 6pm
Wednesday	22nd February	Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday	1st March	Blackbutt Excursion 1D, 1/2, 2D
Thursday	15th March	Grandparents Day
Thursday	15th March	Selective High School Placement Test
Friday	16th March	Newcastle Show Holiday
Wednesday	4th April	Easter Hat Parade

HAMILTON NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Dear Parents

The Hamilton North Public School swimming carnival details are as follows:

When: Friday 17th February 2012

Venue: Lambton Swimming Pool

Cost: \$7.00 per child (pool entry and bus)

No payments will be accepted after Tuesday afternoon (14th February). Payment will not be accepted on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning

If your child has a season pool pass the cost of the bus is \$4.00. **Your child must bring their pass on the day or they will be charged for pool entry.**

Time: The bus will leave school at 9.15am and return to school by 2.30pm

Clothing: All children are required to wear hats and surf shirts. Surf shirts may be removed for events in the 50m pool only. Suitable clothing and shoes are to be worn.

Sunscreen: Needs to be brought so it can be reapplied during the day.

Food: The children need to bring lunch, recess and drinks. Money for the canteen is optional

Events: Children who turn 5,6 or 7 years this year will be able to participate in the novelty events in the 25m shallow pool. The 25m races will also be held in the shallow pool. Children who turn 8, 9, 10, 11,12 or 13 years this year are eligible to participate in the events in both the 25m and 50m pools.

PLEASE NOTE:

Children competing in the 50m pool need to be able to swim the length of the 50m pool without stopping.

Hamilton North Public School Swimming Carnival Permission Note

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the swimming carnival at Lambton Pool on Friday 17th February 2012. I understand that my child will be travelling by bus and I enclose \$7 to cover the cost of bus and pool entry. I would like to advise that:

- My child is able to swim 50m without stopping and is able to participate in the 50m events.
- My child will only be participating in the 25m events
- Yes I will be taking my child home from the pool.
- No, I will not be taking my child from the pool at 2.15. They will catch the bus back to school.

Parent/Carers Name: _____ Signature: _____

Medication/Allergies

My child requires medication during the course of the day (please circle one) **Yes / No**

If your child requires medication, please explain the condition and medication required.

Adult Helpers - As a small school we depend on adult helpers to make the swimming carnival a success. If you are able to assist, please complete this form and return it to the school by Wednesday, 8th February.

I will be available to help out at the swimming carnival.

_____ (Helpers Name) _____ (Child's Name)