



HAMILTON HAPPENINGS



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Term 3 – Week 6– 30th August, 2018

Principal's Report

Last week, our Stage 3 students enjoyed an active day of sport when they participated in a Touch Football Gala Day. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all with great sportsmanship being centre stage. Back here at school our weekly assembly was efficiently organized and run by our Year 4 students. Thank you and congratulations to Diya, Hannah, Brooklyn, Stella, Leonard and Austin for stepping up and taking on the leadership roles for the assembly. It was a polished performance that certainly shows your interest and capacity to lead. I hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we enjoyed watching your coordinated efforts. Well done!



We also had other students leading the way this week with our **Junior Jornos** presenting a news report about Hamilton Public School on NBN nightly news. Crew from NBN visited our school to film a story that the Junior Jornos had pieced together on the topic of 'Sustainability'. Following that, all six members in the team visited NBN studios to film, record dialogue and assist in the technical aspects of journalism and production.

It is a focus at our school to give students as much exposure as possible to a wide variety of opportunities. By doing so, we hope to ignite or support an interest or a passion that children may carry on through to their adult years. We also want to fill them with the confidence to take on new challenges, become empowered and

make a difference in the world in which they live. We received some lovely emails from members of the community this week, including:

**"Congratulations to all involved with last night's presentation on NBN News.
A very fine achievement and so wonderful to see such an effort being made to be a more sustainable community."**

**"The students were fantastic, well done HPS.
Look out world the next generation are coming!!! "**

A segment of Hamilton Public School's Junior Journos was broadcast on NBN News last Tuesday night. If you missed it, the full news story can be viewed on their website by going to the following link:

<https://www.nbnnews.com.au/junior-journos/>

We hope you enjoy it!



I would like to draw your attention to two events we are running this term.

Firstly, we are holding a **Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 18th September** beginning at 6.00pm in the Performance Centre. This evening has been organised to share the philosophies around the place that nature holds in developing a child's resilience. Our guest speaker for the night is Niki Buchan who has written many books on this topic. As a school, we will be working with Niki to guide us on improving our own playground. I do hope that you can attend this evening and gather as much information as possible about how we are going to **provide a more engaging playground** for the students. There is a short survey at the end of this newsletter in connection with this. Could you please complete it and ask your child to return it to the school office. Thank you very much.

The second date to put in your diary is our inaugural **Art Exhibition** which we are holding on **Thursday 27th September from 5.00pm**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to view all the varied pieces of art work that our talented students have been working on all year. There will be music to create a nice atmosphere and nibbles provided for you to enjoy as you browse through our exciting art gallery that will be **Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Present and Creating the Future**. All art work will be for sale with the larger whole class pieces up for auction. Ava has suggested that we support the needy farmers in this time of drought, therefore we will be donating 50% of our profits to this worthy cause. I do hope that you can come along on that evening and enjoy all our hard work.



For the rest of this term, Carol Stollznaw in the front office is on Long Service Leave. Carol normally mans the office on a Friday. To cater for her absence, newsletters will be printed on a Thursday for the rest of this term ready for distribution to students on a Friday. Therefore, information and photos from this week's assembly will be posted in the next newsletter. I would like to wish Arlia all the best for her brave and kind gesture tomorrow in raising funds for cancer research and wish all the Dads and Grandads out there a fabulous weekend with their family. Enjoy!

Warmest regards
Meredith Lindsay

Tell Them From Me

This term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Participating in this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The survey is available in 23 languages.

The parent survey will be conducted from Friday 31st August to Friday 14th September inclusive.

Please go to the following link to complete the survey

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/6xd4r>

Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

Hunter District Primary Schools Chess Tournament



On Monday we went to the Broadmeadow PCYC for a chess competition. There were 7 rounds and 52 teams of 3 that played on 25 tables. The teams had letters depending on the amount of teams from each school. The teams were also graded by how competitive the team was. We had lots of fun and practised our chess skills.

Archer and Jade

Touch Football Gala Day

My dad called them a "meat pie" and wow, did we score some last Friday! For the uninitiated a "meat pie" is rhyming slang for a try. Last Friday, all of Year 5 and Year 6 walked over to the home of Newcastle Touch Footy and participated in a gala day hosted by the NSW Touch Football Association. Stage 3 have spent the first 5 weeks of Term 3 training during PE lessons for this gala day. The students have learnt the skills, tactics and the rules of touch football. Even with this training and preparation, for most students this was their first go at playing touch football and their efforts were outstanding.

Hamilton Public School entered 8 teams into the tournament, the most of any other school. The day was all about fun, participation and having a go at this wonderful game. Students participated in 5 games across the day and were thoroughly exhausted by the time the final hooter sounded. Congratulations to all those students involved who represented our school so well.

Zane Osborn

Newcastle High Taster Lessons

"Only 15 weeks of primary school left"... this is a phrase we are hearing among Year 6 students more and more. For our Year 6 cohort, high school is just around the corner. As part of their transition, Newcastle High School, our local secondary school hosted "taster lessons" this week. These lessons provide Year 6 students with an introduction to high school. Our students were shown around Newcastle High by some Hamilton alumni and got to sample 2 periods of high school. We attended a cooking lesson and a music class. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and returned to primary school feeling very excited about the next stage of their education.



There will be no student banking 5th September Week 7

Children's University

CU online challenge for September is now live. This one involves food! Yum! 'Prepare your favourite recipe'.



Information can be found here: <http://childrensuniversity.com.au/adults/learning-destinations/onlineactivities/>

What a great challenge to gain yourself some more hours!

Tracey Cresnar

Library Report

Wow, our time in library is filled with incredible books this term! We have been reading the books that were nominated for an award by the Children's Book Council of Australia in the categories Early Childhood and Picture Book. The winners for these categories voted by us were 'The Second Sky' and 'Mopoke'. The Children's Book Council gave the awards to 'Rodney loses it' and 'A walk in the Bush'. So we had a different idea to the judges this time around.



The Premier's Reading Challenge closes on Friday 31st August. Please make sure you have logged the books you have read. Congratulations to all students who participated in the challenge this year.

Happy reading!

Coles Sport In Schools Vouchers

An enormous thankyou to everyone who supported our school by bringing in vouchers. Overall we collected nearly 40 000 vouchers!! From that we were able to order over \$1 700 worth of sports equipment. This included 50 cones, 4 playballs, 4 softballs, 80 bean bags, 5 ezy fling sets, 15 hoops, 2 t-ball stands, 2 junior bats, 2 senior bats, 15 foam roo balls, 72 tennis balls and 6 shoulder duffle bags.

That equipment will now be made available to support our sports programs.

Thankyou

Jen Manning



P&C Update



"CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS" TO FLY AT THIRD ANNUAL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN GREGSON PARK - SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

Please join the Hamilton Community in Gregson Park on Saturday 15 September 2018 to raise money for Hamilton Child Care Centre. The family friendly movie Captain Underpants will be shown on the big screen from sunset (around 6pm), with gates opening at 3pm. A sausage sizzle will be held to raise funds for the Centre, as well as a popcorn and lemonade stand to raise funds for Hamilton Public School. Families can also bring a picnic rug and their own food. There will also be a face painter for the kids (or big kids!)

Piggott's Pharmacy, Fennel & Co. and the Greater Bank are already Gold Sponsors of the event. Being a Gold sponsor will see your name on promotional material and on the big screen on the night. There are different levels of sponsorship and if your business is interested, please call Kylie on 4962 1334.

Hamilton Public School Choir and Dance Ensemble will be performing before the movie starts. There are great raffle prizes to be won, including vouchers for online local food market Your Food Collective, plus prizes for the "Best Dressed" family and child. Please call the Centre if you want to donate a raffle prize.

Please come along to support this fun community event! Tickets are \$5 each, and will be available on the night, or online at www.eventbrite.com.au (from mid-August).

Joining the P&C

I think we can all agree that the P&C have done some fantastic work for our school over the years, however it may surprise you to know that the P&C membership numbers are low, extremely low! We really need to see some new faces at our meetings, so if you've been wanting to get involved more with the school but aren't sure what you can do, or you are new to the school and would like to meet other parents, then now's the time!

Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable. This is a great opportunity to share in the school's decision-making process and help shape its future.

Our annual AGM is happening on Wednesday 19th September at 6pm in the school staff room. Child minding is available in the library and we hope to see you there.



Notes Due

Stage 2	Awabakal Excursion permission note - 14 th September
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Monies Due

Whole school	Balance of swimming payments
Whole school	Unpaid school fees
Band students	Term 3 Fees
Stage 3	Canberra Excursion deposit \$50 - OVERDUE
Year 4	Great Aussie Bush Camp Fees



Upcoming Events

4 th September	Kindergarten 2019 Interviews
6 th September	Kindergarten 2019 Interviews
17 th September	Great Aussie Bush Camp Year 4
18 th September	Great Aussie Bush Camp Year 4 - Parent Playground Information night
19 th September	P & C AGM
27 th September	Art Exhibition

QUICK PARENT / CARER SURVEY

Our school plan for 2018 - 2020 places on emphasis on learning both inside and outside of the classroom. In light of this, we are exploring possibilities for enhancing student learning in the playground and student interactions with nature.



It would be helpful if you could please complete this small survey to increase the school's pool of research. Please write on the back if you need more room. You can also complete this online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FJX8VG2>

Thank you very much.
Meredith Lindsay

1. What type of opportunities does your child have to interact with the natural environment?

2. How often do these occur?

3. Do you feel this is enough for your child?

4. What do you consider the benefits of being in nature, for your child/children?