



## HAMILTON HAPPENINGS



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**Term 1 – Week 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

### Principal's Message

I would like to extend a huge **WELCOME** to the 2020 school year to all our existing parents and carers and to all the lovely families who have joined our wonderful community this year. It is very exciting to be back and the year ahead promises to be rich and rewarding. Staff have already undertaken extensive training in the teaching of spelling (last week) and we will all be undertaking a certified course through the University of New South Wales in supporting the learning of students with high potential (beginning next term). Amazing work and we have only just begun!! I would like to sincerely welcome our new and very talented members of staff who have joined us this year. Thank you for joining our school Mr Alec Hanson in Kindergarten, Mrs Karen Grant in Year 3 (Mrs Kelly had baby *Leo* 3 weeks ago) and Ms Gallie and Mrs Simpson in 2L (Mrs Leung is currently on leave). A shout out also to Mrs Marie Haines who delivered baby *Leonard*, just before New Year. Wonderful news for all. Ms Mary-Anne Madden has returned to us this year, and is working part-time supporting 1M with Mrs Samantha McDonald.

We are also very excited about all the structural changes around the school as they certainly give a more united feel to the school as it flows more easily between the two blocks. With the new access ramps in place, it is very exciting to see parents with prams now being able to access the office with ease. The new school entrance will also give us the opportunity to really showcase our garden. Suzy Bates and the Green Team members have already discussed some exciting plans for the garden so watch this space!

Our new official entry to the school will be in Dixon Street once the sign and electronic gates are installed. These gates operate with a two-way speaking/visual system to allow office staff to provide access in to the school. This will mean that between the hours of 9.15 and 2.50pm all gates are locked. It is very important that we support families and the children in our school for which there are genuine safety concerns. As a result, it is very important that all students are at school on time with supervision for students commencing from 8.30am. **If a child is going to be late for school, an adult must accompany them to the Office through the Dixon Street entry.** I know this is a change from last year so I, and the families concerned will greatly appreciate your support with this system.

There is also another couple of **changes in organisation** for this year. Firstly, weekly assemblies this year will be held on a Monday afternoon between 2.00 – 3.00pm commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Last year they were in the morning so we have moved it around to give parents who are available in the afternoon an opportunity to attend. Also, we will have a new canteen system this

year which will commence in Week 4. The P & C will be sending home a note very shortly, explaining the quick and easy way you will be able to order lunches for your child this year.

In addition, the P & C will be running a **pre-loved uniform shop**. Once all the alterations are complete, this shop will work out of a room in B Block. However, as it is the start of the year, it is important to give parents the opportunity now to acquire some larger sizes. I would like to greatly thank the wonderful Jade Grey for putting her hand up to coordinate and run this shop for us. Jade has offered to set up two tables of clothing under the Canteen COLA next Thursday (13 Feb) and Friday (14 Feb) between 8.30 and 9.30am. All items, hats included will sell for \$5.00 each. There will be no eftpos facilities so please bring cash with you. Please take advantage of this opportunity and support our school's Sustainability Philosophy of *Make, Break, Take, Cake* (see attached at the end of my report), with up-cycling unwanted clothing falling under the *Make* principle.



Every year we have Sports in Schools Australia (SISA) deliver expert programs to our students in *Athletics* and *Gymnastics*. These are outstanding programs and at Hamilton Public School we always endeavour to provide our students with the very best on offer. SISA employ *specialists* in these areas and provide amazing equipment for the

students to use, supported by expert coaching. Historically, all the students have really loved these programs and have achieved great skill development. This year, SISA will also be providing *Dance*, *Wellbeing* and *Social Skills* programs. They will develop student strategies in: *Resilience, Sharing, Communication, Co-operation, Respect, Perseverance, Trusting, Problem Solving, Adaptability and Responsibility*. This will be exciting learning and all the programs get students interacting in a fear-free setting. As has been done in previous years with *Gymnastics* and *Athletics*, the school will heavily subsidise the fees for parents with the cost reducing by over 50% to \$3.50/student/week. Please note there will be no whole school swimming lessons this year with swimming school being offered to only Kindergarten – Year 2 in Term 3. Information on School Fees will be sent home on Monday.

The United Nations has developed the **United Nations 17 Goals for Sustainability** to transform our world. The integrated units taught at our school, in every class K-6, are based on these United



Nations goals. Different goals are covered each term and your child's class newsletter, distributed at the beginning of each term, will indicate which goals are being covered explicitly. Through exploring the integrated units, students will develop problem solving skills, critical and creative thinking and have many opportunities to develop their

communication and collaboration skills. Each fortnight, at Monday's assembly, a different class will present information on their United Nations goal for that term. Your child's class performance will be advertised through our fortnightly newsletter. The following link will provide you with more information about these goals for your reference.

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/envision2030.html>



**Student wellbeing** is a priority at Hamilton Public School. To support students we offer a large range of clubs to ensure they have options, including sport, during their play periods. These clubs give students the opportunity to enjoy interests or discover new ones, be with and connect with other children of all ages in a fun and relaxed setting, and form relationships with other staff members at the school. The activities offered this term are listed in the table on the reverse of this page.



ASK YOURSELF...



COULD THIS HURT ME?



COULD THIS HURT SOMEONE ELSE?



COULD THIS HURT NATURE?

We also promote **Nature Play** at the school, which allows students to use their imagination, be creative, cooperate with others and apply critical thinking as they build and construct using sticks, stones, rocks, leaf litter, pieces of wood, water, dirt and a variety of loose parts. It is amazing to see what they are able to construct when working cooperatively with each other. If you are concerned about your child getting dirty then you can send to school a play shirt with them to put over their clothes when playing. We have three playground rules, as demonstrated in the picture to the left, that are designed to empower students to think for themselves and make sensible choices about play activities. Please reinforce these reflective questions at home with your child.

*It has been shown in multiple studies that exposure to natural elements for young people leads to an increase in attention span and focus, as well as reduced stress levels and increased physical and emotional wellbeing (Driessnack, 2009), as well as countless other benefits!*

*Children have an inborn inclination and interest in the natural environment and its elements. It makes them feel comfortable and appeals to the senses - we have an organic connection to nature that we often underestimate (Pelo, 2008).*

## Weekly Clubs

Activity	Who	Where	When
Green Team	Years K-6	Blue Gate Garden	Mon, Wed, Fri Lunch time
Coding Club	Years 3-6	Library	Monday lunch
3D Design	Years 3-6	Library	Monday lunch
Aboriginal Dance Group	Years 3-6	Performance Centre	Tuesday lunch
Chess	Years K-6	Library	Tuesday lunch
Band	Years 3-6	Performance Centre	Wednesday before school
Senior Boys Tap Group	Years 5-6	Performance Centre	Monday lunch
Junior Boys Tap Group	Years 3-4	Performance Centre	Wednesday recess
Games/Lego	Years K-6	Library	Wednesday lunch
Craft Club	Years K-6	Library	Thursday lunch
Jujitsu	Years K-6	Performance Centre	Friday before school
Choir	Years 3-6	Performance Centre	Thursday before school
Science Club	Years K-6	Upstairs in B Block	Friday lunch
Girls Dance Group	Years 3-6	Performance Centre	Thursday and Friday lunch

## Personalised Learning for Students

At Hamilton Public School, all students work towards achieving individual goals through personalised learning. Interviews will be held to develop one of these plans for your child; Individual Education Program (IEP), Universal Learning Plan (ULP) or Personalised Learning Plan (PLP). Your child's teacher, or Mrs Kellie Smith, will invite you to attend **one** of these interviews this term. During your interview, we will all work together to develop future goals, which your child will work towards achieving throughout the year.

Next week, we will be hosting a **Meet and Greet** evening to give all parents the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and hear about the class structure. These meetings will take place next week, on Tuesday 11 February between 5.30 and 6.30pm. The first session will commence at 5.30pm with the classroom teacher repeating the same information from 6.00pm. Please go straight to your child's classroom for these meetings. If you do not know where your child's class is, please go straight to the Office so that we may direct you. If you have more than two children and don't get to visit all classes please make an appointment with the teacher to meet at a separate time.

Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Hamilton Public School is a great school and the staff and I are so looking forward to working in partnership with you in your child's learning and development.

Here's to a great 2020!

**Warmest regards**  
**Meredith Lindsay**





## Sustainable future at Hamilton Public School



**For tens of thousands of years, Aboriginal people have upheld this philosophy.  
Hamilton Public School is proud to utilise this concept.**

### Zone Trials

This term is an active one in sport, with many zone trials being held. Zone trials are held to identify a Newcastle City Zone Team, which then go on to compete and trial for a Hunter team. At this level Hunter teams are then selected and will then compete at a state level (all of NSW). Zone trials are held locally, and students wishing to trial need to be highly skilled and experienced and usually of representative and/or A grade standard. Teams are open, therefore upper primary students are encouraged. The following sports will be holding Zone trials this term. Tennis, Diving, Basketball, AFL, Netball, Hockey, Rugby Union, Touch Football and Rugby League. Please see Mrs Kellie Smith or Mr Zane Osborn if you would like to attend a trial.

### Zone Swimming

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Students who have qualified for this carnival will receive permission notes soon.

### Carnivals this term

Zone Swimming Carnival Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Athletics Carnival will now be held in Term 2, with the date to be advised.

### Sports Leaders for 2020

Congratulations to all our new sport leaders!! These leaders will be presented with their badges at next week's assembly on Monday afternoon. Well done students and thank you for volunteering your service to the school.



**Samdon Captains-** Saffron, Tilly    **Vice Captains-** Serena, Miles

**Steele Captains-** Ryan, Hannah    **Vice Captains-** Arlia, Matilda

**Tudor Captains-** Tai, Roxy    **Vice Captains-** Charlie, Lucy

**Dixon Captains-** Addi, Jade    **Vice Captains-** Noah, Sashi

### Star Struck 2020

This year we will be auditioning groups for Star Struck Choir and Star Struck Dance. Mrs Mullard will be coordinating choir and Mrs Simpson will be coordinating dance. Students who would like to participate should see Mrs Mullard or Mrs Simpson for more information.

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## Our Class Teachers 2020



KM Mrs Mullard



KH Mr Hanson



1J Mrs Manning



1M Mrs MacDonald



1M Ms Madden



2I Mrs Isaacs



➤ 2L Ms Gallie



2L Ms Simpson



3G Mrs Grant



3M Mrs Mander



4F Mr Farrar



4R Miss Rose



5/F Mrs Foot



5/6M Mrs Marr



5/6O Mr Osborn

## Library Report

Welcome to another fabulous year in the library! The library monitors for 2020 are; Sashi, Eva, Adam, Hannah, Ava-Grace, Matilda, Mahoney and Saffron. Congratulations and thank you.



Classes will visit the library on the following days;

Weeks 2 (this week), 4,6,8,10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5/6O 3G	4F 2L 1M	2I KM KH	5/6F	

Weeks 3,5,7,9,11

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5/6M 3M	4R 2L 1M	1J KH KM	5/6F	

Please send a school library bag or waterproof bag in for borrowing. Borrowing will start next week, Week 3.

In library this week 5/6O discovered books where they were immediately hooked by the first line.

Can you recognise these books from the first line?

- 'In the light of the moon a little egg lay on a leaf'
- Mr and Mrs Dursley of number four Privet Drive were proud to say they were perfectly normal, thank you very much.
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During their lesson 3G discussed ways to choose a book;

- Read the blurb
- Look at the illustrations
- Read the title
- Ask a friend for a recommendation.

I look forward to a wonderful year of reading, borrowing and discovery.

**Mrs Nelmes**

## School Safety Survey

The Tim Crakanthorp initiative for 'School Safety Survey' is now available if you wish to participate please click on the link below.

School Safety Survey

<https://www.nswschoolsafety.com/newcastle>



## **JULIE LOGAN MUSIC**

**HAMILTON PS FAMILIES Special: Complementary Intro session,** in any morning or afternoon group lessons until 14th Feb.

**NEW VENUE for Group lessons:** pop in and visit our new air conditioned venue opposite Gregson Park:

**Seventh Day Adventist Hall, Steel St.**

We transfer students to and from OOSCH

and accept Creative Kids vouchers.

*Our children have been attending classes at Julie Logan music for three years now and it is the highlight of the week for both of them (and I really enjoy it with my youngest too!). They have built so much confidence in class and have developed a true love of music. Their teacher exudes energy and so much learning goes on but the kids just see it as fun.* Emma Polkinghorn

### **Groups for Babies, Tiny Tots, Toddlers and Preschoolers**

Research shows this is the best time to stimulate your child's brain connections, improve language and movement skills and is the most effective and fun preparation for school!

Your entire family will be inspired with magical moments singing, jumping, dancing and playing together.

**School Ages: 5-10 years Beginners to Advanced Musicianship & Instrument Experience:** see your child gain confidence in a small group setting, motivated by our lively sequence of movement games, vocal training and exploring instruments including wind, string, keyboard and drumming. Builds on school music programs with expert Kodaly classroom teachers and instrument specialists.

**Voice Training: Song Crew Singers ensemble 8-12 years:** expert care of young voices, learn harmony, reading the dots and amazing performance opportunities.

**Remember! Group lessons NEW VENUE:** come and check out our lovely air conditioned venue opposite Gregson Park:

Seventh Day Adventist Hall, Steel St.

**Private Lessons @Hamilton Public School:** Piano, Voice, Violin

Find your tribe, join our welcoming creative community!

For more information

<https://julieloganmusic.com.au/>



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## Upcoming Events



Day	Date		Event
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Drum Corp demonstration
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> February		HPS Band demonstration
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00pm	Sports Assembly
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> February		Meet & Greet your child'd teacher
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> February		IEPS K-2
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> February		School Assembly
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> February		IEPS Stage 2
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> February		IEPS K-2
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> February		School Assembly
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> February		IEPS Stage 3
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March		Personal Learning Pathways Afternoon