**Newsletter No. 20 – Thursday 25 June 2015**

- Friday 26\(^{th}\) June  
  No School Assembly due to early dismissal
- Friday 26\(^{th}\) June  
  JSC PJ/Onesie Fundraiser
- Friday 26\(^{th}\) June  
  Swimming Program 3/4L, 3/4P, 1/2D & 1/2M (Earlier times)
- Friday 26\(^{th}\) June  
  2016 Prep Enrolments Due
- Friday 26\(^{th}\) June  
  End of Term – 2.30pm Dismissal
- Monday 13\(^{th}\) July  
  Start of Term 3 – 9.00am
- Monday 13\(^{th}\) July  
  Concert Ticket Sales at PAC
- Monday 3\(^{rd}\) August  
  Curriculum Day – No Students Required

**Last Day of Term 2 Dismissal – Friday 26\(^{th}\) June**

On the last day of Term 2 (Friday 26\(^{th}\)) school will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

The buses will pick up students from school at 2.30pm.

Country Buses will pick up students at approximately 2:45pm.

Term 3 commences Monday 13\(^{th}\) July 9.00am

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**Thank you to Debra Martinich**

On behalf of the current and past School Council members, staff and students of Hamilton North Primary School I would like to take this opportunity to officially farewell Mrs Debra Martinich as our retiring Principal.

Debra has officially confirmed her retirement following a well-earned Long Service Leave break and we wish to pass on our deepest thanks for the service she has provided Hamilton North students, staff and parents both past and present. Debra has served Hamilton North Primary School with the utmost professionalism, dedication and compassion and will be sadly missed. Debra’s ability to take Hamilton North forward as one of the most sought after Primary Schools in the district is testament to her leadership and support of the dedicated staff at North. Our school has become one of Hamilton’s leading educational settings and our future vision and plan has been supported by Debra’s commitment as Principal.

We may have a chance to officially thank Mrs Martinich at the School performance for her years of leadership at Hamilton and will keep you informed as the date gets closer.

Debra will be missed but as we know this brings about the need to move forward and commence the recruitment of a new Principal to continue the future plans for staff and students alike at Hamilton North. We will be working closely with regional directors to recruit suitable applicants for the position on a permanent basis for North and look to interview for this position in early Term 3.

At this point I would like to thank Mrs Heather Atchison for her support as Acting Principal whilst the recruitment process continues.

Stu Willder  
School Council President
**Principal's Message**

As term two comes to an end we would again like to thank everyone who has contributed to a successful term of learning – students, teachers and parents alike. A longer than usual term - eleven weeks – has included many extra curricula activities to complement our core curriculum. These have included: Interschool Athletics, Grade 5/6 camp to Roses Gap, Student Leaders Conference in Mt Gambier, Cross Country, ‘Jumpin Jack Flash’ Cultural incursion, Eisteddfod and Coles opening Choir performances, Prep excursion to the Pastoral Museum and the Gr 5/6 excursion to the PAC for ‘Roald Dahl’s Revolting Rhymes’ performance.

This Friday, unfortunately we will be farewelling Mrs Kelly Phelan, who has been the Prep K teacher on Thursday and Friday’s for first semester. We thank Kelly for her dedication to the students at Hamilton North and her contributions as part of the great Hamilton North staff team over the past twelve months. Next term, Mrs Donna Moyle will be taking over the shared teaching role alongside Mrs Kate Steele.

Written student reports will be distributed to parents/carers tomorrow. Should you wish to clarify or further discuss any aspect of your child’s report, please contact the teacher to arrange an appointment. Likewise, teachers wishing to discuss the report further with parents/carers will be in contact. We have allocated week 3 of term 3 for such meetings.

Earn and Learn is back! The community program which enables schools to earn educational resources when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths, begins again on Wednesday, July 15th until Tuesday, September 8th. Shoppers receive a sticker for every $10 they spend. Once you complete a sticker card, they are placed in a collection box either at school or the local Woolies.

Please be advised that Monday, August 3rd, will be a Curriculum Day for staff professional development and therefore a Pupil Free Day.

We wish all a safe and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, July 13th, refreshed and energised for another exciting term of learning.

This week we have Grade 1/2M with their thoughts on swimming lessons.

Regards,
Heather

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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF).

If you claimed EMA last year, you may be eligible for this payment.

Forms are available at the office and should be lodged by Friday 26th June 2015.

**2016 Prep Enrolments**

Prep Enrolment forms were distributed earlier this term. It would be appreciated if these forms could be returned by Friday 26th June. Thank you to those families who have returned their child’s enrolment form.

**Over the Holidays - Lost Property**

William McAdam (3/4L) is looking for his Size 8 rugby jumper labelled with his name.

Over the holidays please check that your child has the correct jumper.

PARENTS – PLEASE CHECK LOST PROPERTY AT HILAC.
School Performance – important information about tickets

**Date:** Thursday 6th August  
**Times:** 1pm & 7pm – students are expected to participate in both performances  
**Cost:** $6 each (Same cost for both the afternoon and evening performances).

Tickets: available from the **PAC Box Office** (not online) **from Monday 13th July**. The Box Office has credit card and EFTpos facilities. **No tickets will be sold from school.**

Our school community currently comprises of around 200 families. The seating capacity at the PAC is 500 seats per session, and we ask that if you have a large number of family members wishing to attend that you consider spreading your ticket purchases over the two performances to allow equal access for all families to attend both concerts.

**HNPS students will not require a seat** as they will be backstage for the duration of both shows when not performing on stage.

Please continue to gather your costumes during the school holidays: Notes have been sent home from each classroom outlining costume requirements for your child’s grade. Grand finale coloured tops: Prep – Purple, Grade 1 – dark blue, Grade 2 – light blue, Grade 3 – green, Grade 4 – yellow, Grade 5 – orange, Grade 6 – red.

**Junior School Council PJ/Onesie Day – Gold Coin Donation**

The Junior School Council will be holding a “Winter Warmer” Day on the last day of Term 2, Friday 26th June. There is nothing better to do on a winter’s day than to spend the time in your pj’s! Therefore we are asking students to wear your pyjamas or onesie to school!!  
**Students will need proper footwear (shoes and socks, not slippers) and a jumper or coat to keep warm outside.** Remember that Grades 3/4LK, 3/4 P, 1/2 D and 1/2 M will still have swimming on this day.  
In return we ask that students bring a **gold coin donation**. Our aim this term is to fundraise for those people in the Hamilton and surrounding area, who may need a bit of help keeping warm this winter. The idea is that the money be spent on blankets or clothing for families who are struggling this winter.  
We look forward to such a fun day to celebrate the end of Term 2.

**Parents’ Club News**

Friday Treats – There will be no treats this week due to early dismissal for end of Term.
HNPS Swimming Program 2015
Friday 26th June time changes:
Grades 1/2M and 1/2D – 11:30pm – 12:30pm
Grades 3/4L and 3/4P – 12:30pm – 1:30pm
Students all have one 30 minute lesson per day. The two grades will be combined and then split into small swim level groups.

Runners Club has been developed as a general fitness program to help keep our school community fit. It is held on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 8.40am and 8.55am. Children can join in at any time. Parents who would like to help mark the runners passports would be most welcome. Just turn up on the day. Leanne Willder

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Hooptime Basketball
Teams have been finalised for Hooptime and notes have been sent home. The competition will take place on Thursday 23rd July for Grades 3/4 and Monday 27th July for Grades 5/6. Thank you Leanne Willder
Grade One/Two M

Thoughts About Swimming Lessons.

At swimming I like being in my group because learning is in it. At swimming I get to run and respond in the little pool.

Ellen

I like swimming because we get to float and swim and enjoy the sun.

Isa

I like swimming because I have friends, and I think it is great.

Joe

I swim very well and I can do breaststroke and front stroke in the pool.

Fiona

Swimming is fun and it is good doing freestyle and backstroke.

Amelia
At swimming I like doing breaststroke because it is easy and freestyle is good.

I am good at breaststroke and I am good at swimming up in deep water and dog kicks.

At swimming I often dive down to the bottom of the pool and sit at the edge before I move back down.

In swimming my favourite stroke is backstroke. I can even treat it now.

An amazing thing was seeing the bottom of the pool. I had broken the glass.

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