Principal's Message

2015 FINAL ASSEMBLY
Thursday, December 10th
At 9.15am in the BER building

We hope to see as many parents and friends as possible at our final assembly on Thursday, December 10th at 9.15am in the BER building. The assembly will include the announcement of 2016 School, House, Music and Art Captains, 2015 Award presentations and the drawing of the Christmas raffle.

This event is an opportunity for our school community to celebrate the 2015 year.

With only two weeks of the school year remaining, great organisation and pre-planning by staff has ensured that we have not been caught up in the 'madness' that often goes with end of the year and there remains a sense of calm around the school! I thank all staff for their support and professionalism in ensuring that end of year commitments and procedures are met within timelines.

Next Monday evening will see our grade 6 students attend their graduation ceremony - an important event that celebrates and recognises the end of their primary school journey. Dinner out, followed by a ceremony in the BER building will hopefully stand out as a highlight for them to remember their primary schooling.

Next Tuesday will be 'Step-Up' day with students working in their 2016 classes for the day. Their class list will be sent home with students on this day.

End of semester written reports will be sent home on Wednesday, 16th December.
We have some great new displays of students art work in corridors of the main building at the moment - I encourage you to come in and have a look at the examples of abstract art and low relief sculptures. Thanks to Alison Behrendt for her ongoing support in showcasing the student’s talents!

This week’s feature page comes from 1/2A, facts about water - enjoy!

Regards Heather

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**Grade 6 Graduation**

**When:** Monday 7th December.

**Time:** 5.35pm for a 6.00pm Meal *(Grade 6 children only)*

7.00pm Graduation and Presentations - Parents, families and friends can enter the BER from **6:45pm**. The slide show will begin at this time.

**Where:** Hamilton North Primary School **BER Building**

We ask that all money be in by Friday 4th December please. If parents have any queries regarding Graduation, please contact us at school.

*Renee Riley, Greg Fisher & Ella Martin*

**Statewide Orientation Day**

The Statewide Orientation Day for 2016 Year 7 students will be held on Tuesday 8th December. All Grade 6 students have been given information from their selected secondary school and will go straight to their secondary school on the day, including bus travelers. If you have not received any information, please contact your chosen secondary school.

**Grade 6 Graduation – Help Required**

Baimbridge College have kindly allowed us to borrow their chairs for the Graduation Ceremony to be held Monday evening at Hamilton North PS. We are seeking volunteers with trailers to help us out on Monday December 7th and before midday on Tuesday December 8th. There will be quite a few, so the more helpers we can get the better. If you can help out either day, please contact *Renee Riley, Greg Fisher or Ella Martin ASAP*. Thank you.
Combined Carols Festival
Last Thursday Hamilton North Choir attended the annual St. Mary's Christmas Carol Concert. A number of local schools attended and shared their terrific talents in singing Christmas themed songs (some old, some new!). This is one of the only events in which local schools have a chance to collaborate and celebrate their music skills without the pressure of competition. The students involved are to be commended for their wonderful performance of "Christmas at the Station" and their fantastic behaviour, so professional! Special congratulations to Allie Burns and Charlotte McAdam for their bravery in singing in the combined choir and leading the sing-along of "Away in a Manger", and to our Music Captain Hilary Slocombe for her speech about Christmas traditions at home that she enjoys (I'm impressed to hear that music is part of the festivities at home!). Thanks to Michelle Thompson for her conducting skills and support with organising everyone. If you are interested in hearing "Christmas at the Station" it will be performed as part of at our end of year assembly celebrations. *Kim Pitman*

Your Children and Screen Time
Today’s children are growing up in a world of screens – tv, ipads, ipods, lap tops, xbox, play station etc. Sometimes it seems hard to disconnect from a world that relies on technology to stay connected. Whilst there are many great games, apps and social media opportunities that our children benefit from we also need to be mindful there are some games that are not appropriate for children. Games such as GTA5 carry an R18+ rating as the content includes violence, explicit language, drugs, nudity and sexual references. As parents and teachers it is important that we guide our children in playing games that are appropriate for their age. Websites such as Common Sense Media provides independent reviews, age ratings and other information about all types of media.

School Banking
Next Wednesday 9th December will be the final school banking day for 2015. Thank you to all the students who have regularly made deposits. We hope to see you again next year.

*Julie - School Banking Co-ordinator*

Parents’ Club News
The Parents’ Club will be selling the following treats after the second lunch bell on Fridays from the PE shed:
- Chocolate Frogs 50 cents
- Zooper Doopers 50 cents

**Students are strictly limited to one item each**

Christmas Raffle
The Parents’ Club are holding a Christmas Raffle. Halls Gap Tourist Park has donated vouchers for accommodation to be included in the raffle. Thank you to all the families who have donated items to the raffle.

Extra raffle tickets are available from the office. They consist of 10 raffle tickets at 50 cents each. Please write on both sides ($5 per book). All tickets and money are to be returned to the office by 4pm on Wednesday 9th December. The raffle will be drawn at the final school assembly commencing at 9.15am on Thursday 10th December.

School Community Noticeboard
The noticeboard in the front entrance area is currently full of information about activities, sports, and community events happening in the area. Parents are invited to visit the foyer regularly to keep up-to-date with these events.
**Uniform orders**
Uniform orders placed this term are now ready for collection from the office. The final day for any payment to school will be Tuesday 15th December. Size 8 summer dresses are currently on backorder with our supplier – our apologies for the delay. Delivery is expected in mid-December.

**2016 Grade 6 Polo Shirts**
At this time every year the school organises for the current Grade 5 students to have polo shirts printed with a special design for their Grade 6 year.
- Parents will need to provide a clean, pre-washed polo shirt for printing.
- Printing will cost $10 per shirt.
- Shirts will need to be at school by Friday 4th December.

**Lost Property – Please check your child has the correct jumper or hat**
Our lost property basket is overflowing, especially following house sports day. Please check to see if your child’ clothing is in there. Any items left in Lost Property at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

Did you know it’s impossible to lick your elbow?

**Garden Duty**
Thank you to the Hill Family for their efforts last weekend and to all families who have helped maintain our grounds in such beautiful condition in 2015.

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**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 8.30am and 8.50am**. 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*

| 100 Lapper | Ryan A |
| 300 Lappers | Joshua A, Alexander McA |
| 350 Lappers | Ryan A, Daisy H |
| 400 Lappers | Amely P, Austin M |
| 1000 Lapper | Todd D |
| 1050 Lapper | Chester W |
| 1100 Lapper | Clancy W |

**Netball**
North Firebirds 22 played Baimbridge Braves 17. On Saturday we played in the semi-final against the top team and we won. Everybody played a fantastic game even though Ryan hurt his knee. We are looking forward to playing in the grand final this week against College Vixens. Good luck everyone, see you at 9am. *Ella M*

**Please Note:** At the time of the newsletter going to print we have not received the finalised draw for this weekend.
The symbol for water is H2O.

Water covers 70% of the Earth’s surface.

Water in a solid form is ice.

Water in a liquid form is called water.

3% of the world’s water can be used for drinking.

The Nile River is the longest river.

Animals need water to live.

A person can only live for about one week without water.

Water is used for fun.

Humans need water to live.

Water is used for cooking.

70% of the human brain is water.
Water as a gas form is steam.

Callum

Water freezes at 0°C Celsius.

George

Water from the sea is known as seawater.

Mia

Drinking water for humans is needed to avoid dehydration.

Caden

Pure water has no smell or taste.

Arthur

The largest ocean is the Pacific Ocean.

Daniel

Water is made up of hydrogen and oxygen.

Isabella

Water boils at 100°C Celsius.

Bailey

You can have fresh and salty water.

Oli

The water cycle involves evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

Zac