Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

I would like to start this week’s newsletter by congratulating our talented swimmers in the school and noting their achievements. We had a number of students qualify for the regional swimming competition at Warrnambool this week where the competition was very fierce. We had a number of outstanding performers including Todd Dymke with two firsts and a second, Issy McCrae with a second, Jim Kyle with a second and our boys relay team who won the 200m Medley Relay. All these swimmers qualify for the next stage in Ballarat on Friday. A great achievement to get to that stage.

Today is a big day for many of our older students. We are taking a team of about 60 competitors to take part in the District Athletic Sports competing against all the other local schools. Everybody is very excited and we should have a great day. Results will be passed on in the last newsletter of the term next week.

On Friday the Easter raffle will be drawn at the morning assembly. Many thanks to everyone who has sent in chocolate donations. We have lots of prizes and hopefully everyone has got their tickets in. This will be a good start to our fundraising activities for the year. Good luck with your tickets!! A reminder that following the assembly on Friday the Parent Club will be holding their AGM in the staff room. It would be great to have a good turnout and some new people to help the cause during the year. Please come along if you can!

One of our fundraisers for the year is to run the gate at the market held at the Pastoral Museum. Thanks to Cassie Donoghue and Karen McAdam for running the gate last Sunday with help from students Charlotte, William and Alexander McAdam and Scarlett Donoghue. They managed to raise nearly $300 selling raffle tickets. We will be looking for other helpers to man the gate at future markets if you are able to donate a little time.

Next week is of course the last week of a relatively short term. There is plenty happening still. On Tuesday the Grade 4/5/6 classes will be heading down to Portland on an excursion to be shown round the Endeavour replica ship. This is a great opportunity for our students and I am sure they will get lots out of it. Also on Tuesday we have the School Council AGM followed by the first meeting of the 2016 School Council.
On Wednesday we will be moving the P/1 classes down into the temporary classrooms while the renovation work is completed. Students will be in these classrooms from the Thursday. As stated in last week’s newsletter we expect the work to be completed at the end of the first week of term.

A reminder that Thursday is the last day of term and as per usual school will finish early at 2:30pm.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,
Don Beaton

School Invoices 2016
Family invoices for essential education requirements were distributed earlier this term. Thank you to those families who have already made payments or returned their financial arrangement forms. Thanks also to those families who have made voluntary contributions to our ICT and Grounds programs.
Outstanding invoices should be finalised by the last day of Term 1 (24th March) unless other payment arrangements have been made. As usual, please see Don, Lesley or Michelle if you have any concerns. We are pleased to advise that EFTPOS is now up and running and payment can now be made using this facility, cash, cheque or direct deposit (please include your surname and what the payment is for to enable accurate receipting).

Asthma Medication
The changeable autumn weather often triggers asthma symptoms and students diagnosed with asthma must have their ventolin and spacer in their school bag at all times. We are equipped to deal with an emergency situation requiring ventolin, however it is not our practice to administer ventolin on a regular basis.

School Community Noticeboard
Have you looked at our Community Noticeboard recently?
The noticeboard in the front entrance area is currently full of information about sports, activities and community events happening in the area. Parents and students are invited to visit the foyer regularly to keep up-to-date with these events. Find out about local sport programs starting up, the OSHC and Library Holiday programs.

Rugby Jumpers
Please check for the following missing named rugby tops – Nick Robertson-Townshend & Izack Mayfield
Please ensure that your child’s rugby jumper is named clearly and correctly. Too many jumpers are being found and lost property staff are pulling their hair out trying to match jumpers to children.

Parent Helpers Needed!
The school’s Literacy Department is looking for parents to help cover 200 new books. We are happy for parents to take a handful of books and a roll of contact home overnight if required. Please see Janette McCallum in 2/3M if you are able to help.
**Easter Raffle**
Our Easter Raffle is being drawn tomorrow at assembly!

**Fundraiser – Tupperware Drink Bottles**
Next Tuesday 22nd March is World Water Day, and to celebrate Ebony Ackroyd is running a fundraiser on behalf of the Parents Club. Families are able to order Tupperware Drink Bottles, and a percentage of all sales will go to the school. Ebony will have a display of the drink bottles available in the foyer on Tuesday from 8:30-9:30am and again from 3-4pm. Orders are due by the end of this term, Thursday 24th March at 2:30pm.

**Parents’ Club AGM**
The Parents’ Club AGM will be held at 9.30am tomorrow (immediately following assembly) in the staff room. At this meeting all positions will be declared vacant and will be open for reappointment. The Parents’ Club is a wonderful opportunity for new and old families to get involved in the school community and help raise funds to improve our school. The commitment is not big, a couple of meetings per term as well as helping to organise 2-3 fundraisers per term, such as Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, Easter and Christmas raffles and the odd sausage sizzle to name a few. We would love to have some new families on board. Everyone is welcome!!

**5 cent Challenge**
To kick start Term 2 the Parents’ Club will be holding a 5 cent challenge. The 5 cent challenge encourages everyone to bring in as many 5 cent pieces as they can find lying around the house, in the car, between the seats in the lounge etc. (with parents/caregivers permission of course!). The class with the most 5 sent pieces at the end of April will be rewarded! Start searching for those 5 cent pieces now! Each class will have their own jar ready to be filled from the start of Term 2!

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**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**

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Grounds Duty Roster 2016

We are very proud of our school grounds at Hamilton North. Each year we try to continue to expand and improve our grounds to make them a fun, safe and clean place for your children to play and learn in.

To help with the maintenance we have a weekly Grounds Roster. One or two families are rostered on each weekend. Jobs usually include sweeping around our bag areas, under the shade cloth, spreading mulch and small painting or repair jobs. It only takes an hour or so. All materials and garden equipment are supplied which are stored in our garden shed. Keys will be sent home with a school map/plan showing what needs to be done.

If all families help we can have 2 families rostered on each weekend which will make the jobs easier.

Remember, each family’s efforts help keep our grounds clean and safe for your children.

Please fill out the form below and return to the office.  

Thank-you, Greg Fisher

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Dear Parents,

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. The money is paid directly to school and tied to the individual student. This year funding will be allocated to the costs below, in order of the events occurring for the relevant grade level.

**Incursions – equivalent of excursions but held at school**

*Whole School Science Presentation – February 15th & 16th ($7)*

**Grade Excursions – anticipated annual cost $40 per student**

Each grade will participate in one or more excursions/incursions throughout the year. Information (including costs) will be sent home prior to the activity and payment must be made before attending.

*Dates yet to be determined.*

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**Camps**

*Grade 5/6* 26th to 29th July, Kangarooie TBA

*Grade 4* 17th to 18th October, Anglesea ($250)

*Grade 3* 5th to 6th September, Port Fairy TBA

*Grade 1/2* Sleepover at school (Cost in 2015 - $10) Gr 2 - Term 4, Gr 1 - Term 4

*Grade Prep* After School Activities at school (Cost in 2015 - $6) Term 4

Any unallocated portion of the CSEF not expended in 2015 will be allocated where possible. Any outstanding expenses that were incurred by the eligible student during 2015 will be allocated from the 2016 payment.

Any unallocated portion of the CSEF not expended in 2016 by the end of the school year will be carried forward towards camps, sports and excursions expenses for the eligible child in 2017. Alternate arrangements will be made for students transferring to another school.

If you hold a valid Concession Card at the beginning of Term 1 or Term 2 and have not yet applied for this $125 payment, please collect a form from the office.
Grade 5/6F are beginning a unit of work about persuasive writing. Using our VCOP strategies we are attempting to use interesting openers incorporating persuasive devices. With the topic “All Children Should Play Sport,” the students are required to express their opinion of this topic very clearly and persuasively in their opening sentence. Here are some examples of what we came up with.

**Jordan:** It wouldn’t be very difficult to see that some people need to do more sport...

**Joey:** Sport is active and fun and way better than video games...

**Arabella:** Stop and think, should all children have to play sport?

**Sharni:** Should adults be allowed to dictate children’s lives? Then why should children play sport if they don’t want to?

**Shaya:** It’s actually really obvious that all kids should play sport.

**Abbey:** The real truth is that children not playing sport is heartbreaking, depressing and just really sad.

**Taylor:** The completely obvious answer is that all kids should have to play sport ....

**Chester:** How can’t you see that Australian kids are overweight, sluggish and need to get off the couch and get active?

**Madeleine:** I would like to explain to you this point, because I agree with this very true, believable and accurate statement...

**Grace:** If you want us to play sport, our parents have to pay for that which is less money for our education - and I know what I would choose...

**Travis:** It wouldn’t be very difficult to get your kids outside to play sport...

**Declan:** Do you remember the time you became bored with P.E? Remember the hard work you did in P.E and then doing it all again at home? Well...

**Millie:** Naturally, I feel that we should have a choice, it’s about us and our own health and fitness.

**Kane:** All kids should play sport to develop muscles and to get rid of fat.

**Mya:** I thought that everybody knew that kids should play sport.

**Leila:** I’m really upset that some people haven’t chosen to get fit and be healthy and are doing nothing about it.

**Gemma:** How did Australia come to this?

**Charlotte:** Australia, pick up your game!

**Zane:** Doesn’t everyone know that children need exercise to stay healthy.

**Allie:** Clearly from the educational evidence, over 50% of Australia is obese, overweight and portly...

**Montana:** The obvious fact is not everyone shows a liking for sport...

**Riley:** Sport is a subject so should be as compulsory as any other subject.

**Ryan:** Are your children getting fat?

**Nic G:** I concur with the idea that all kids should play sport, and so should you.

**Nick R:** I sincerely agree that exercise is crucial to a long, happy and healthy life...
In grade 5/6M we have been learning to make deep connections in reading to deepen our comprehension skills.

We read the book “Chester and Gil” and made surface and deep connections so that we understood the difference when making connections with our own text. Then we went away and made connections to our own books that we are reading.

When I read the part about when they had presentations for the legends competition it reminded me of when swim club have presentation night and hand out trophies. – Todd

When I read chapter 17 of One Perfect Pirouette it made me feel happy, excited and joyous because it reminded me of when I won third place for my classical solo in the Hamilton Eisteddfod. – Adriene.

In the book I read that it had been a really windy day out in hard bake plains. This reminded me of when I had been in Fiji and it had been really windy because of the weather. - Finlay

When I read about Zoe and Burr in the warehouse it had my adrenaline pumping because it reminded me of the abandoned warehouses in Melbourne. – Cooper

The part in the book where Chappy talked about the 2007 Grand Final it reminded me of Mathew Scarlett’s book when he spoke about the same thing because they were both on the same team and both talked about it in their books. – Clancy

When I read about the dog it made me feel sad because the father of the son didn’t care about her. It reminded me of when my cat had to get put down. – Kade

When I read the part about the girl playing in goal attack it reminded me of netball training at Coleraine. – Paige

When I read the part about Sally having little black balls in her pockets it made me laugh and question myself about why type of little black balls she had in her pockets. It reminds me of playing with my brothers on the farm and all the sheep, horse and alpaca poo in the paddocks because they’re little and black. – Mia

In the part where Ben had to make a split second decision it reminded me of the movie Fast and Furious because they’re always making split second decisions. – Harrison

When I read the part about where Cathy Freeman won her first gold medal at the 2000 Olympics it reminded me of when I won my first ever gold medal in hurdles in 2014. – Hannah

When I read the part in Maze runner where Thomas is training to become a runner and he is really exhausted after running all day it reminded me of when I was doing cross country and I tried my hardest and was exhausted after it so I definitely know how Thomas feels. – Aliesha

When I read about a man when he was in the trenches and he lost his head because of the shrapnel it reminded me of when Miss Pyke told us about her great uncle putting his hand up and getting his middle finger shot clean off. – Rylan

When I read the part in Awful Auntie where Stella stepped outside into the snow it reminded me of when I went to the snow on Mount William. – Amber

The part in the book where Harry Potter discovered that Sirius Black was his godfather it reminded me of Pokememon where Lucario discovers she can mega evolve. - Sam
When I read the part when Chester was imagining that he was saving the Titanic it reminded me of the movie “Titanic” when they struck the iceberg. – Will

When I read Ahn Do and the bit about when they were on the boat to Australia and the Pirates came and chucked them a bottle of water that saved their lives reminds me of a movie I saw where there was a shark that was vegetarian. They are similar because they don’t want to be mean. – Jessica

When I read about the boy it was sad because someone had saved his life many times and he couldn’t return the favour because they hadn’t seen each other for 2 decades. This reminded me of when my big sister Viky ran to me before I fell off the trampoline and also when she caught me when I fell out of a tree. – Bella

When I read the part about when Alfie hid is appointment litters to the dentist it reminded me of when my sisters hid something so they didn’t get in trouble. – Jesse

In the book I read about Harriet going to England to be a model at infinity models. It reminded me of how other people go to England and other places because of career opportunities such as being a model. – Jade

Stella’s parents died and I kind of know how she feels because my Great Granny dies and I knew I would never see her again. - Amber

I know how it feels when nobody believes you because when I say that I have got something nobody believes me like Chester said I will change the world and Gill didn’t believe him. - Bradley

Nanny Piggins was like my Nanny who always gave us chocolate and lollies whenever we saw her. She didn’t care even when Mum and Dad said no just like Nanny Piggins. - Caelyn

I have a friend who doesn’t like doing stuff like Gill and I like doing stuff so that kind of makes me like Chester. - Aiden

I have a crazy imagination like Chester in the story - Lucas

In two of the three books the main characters told other of what they had seen and weren’t believed and I know this feeling. - Morgandy

I use to read a book with my name in it and I imagined I was in the book like Chester imagines himself in another world. - Bethany
Celebrate World Water Day on Tuesday 22nd March 2016, promoting sustainable management of fresh water resources.

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