Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure to accompany our athletics team down to Warrnambool on Wednesday. We had 25 students who had managed to qualify for the regional event and they all performed and behaved in a way that made us very proud. Everyone gave everything and several students managed to walk away with ribbons. Some students have managed to qualify for the next level which will be held in Ballarat later in the year. This is a great achievement when you consider they are competing against students from Warrnambool, Portland, Camperdown and Hamilton. Well done everyone and many thanks to Mrs Willder for all her hard work in organising and preparing everyone. It is clear that our high quality PE program is having a big impact on our students. Full results will be in next week’s newsletter when we get them from the organisers.

The building work at the school is almost complete and the areas that have been renovated look fresh and new and very inviting. Feel free to pop in and have a look. The three P/1 classes are now back in their usual place and enjoying their new look surroundings. Many thanks to everyone who has been affected by the disruption, especially the P/1 staff. It has been a big job moving everything in and out of the rooms but all worth it in the end. There are still a few things to be done including the fitting of an external door into Mrs Kent’s room and the railing at the front entrance. We are still unable to use that entrance until the new railing is installed. Hopefully it will be back to normal next week.

We will have an assembly tomorrow as we need to come together as a school again after the disruptions. We will try and have it in the shed if we can clear the floor enough but if not we will squeeze into the BER.
On Tuesday morning this week we had a visit from the Hamilton North Kinder. This is a part of our transition program and it was great to see so many happy faces enjoying lots of different activities. Those that are coming to Hamilton North will feel very much at home by the time next near comes around.

Today our Resource Smart Team will be busy with Julie doing a waste audit. They will have the lovely job of going through bins to look at how much paper etc. We are using the results with a long term goal of reducing the amount of waste that is produced by the school.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to our fantastic music teacher Kim Harris who has announced that she is pregnant and expecting in September – fantastic news.

On Monday we are hoping to have a few students representing the school at the ANZAC march. The School Captains will be laying a wreath. The march leaves Gray Street PS at 10.00am. Mrs Alexander will be accompanying students on the march. Unfortunately I won’t be there as my children are in the Melbourne march and I will be down there with them.

Have a great long weekend everybody.

Regards,
Don Beaton

**ANZAC Day March**

Monday April 25th - Students from Grades 3 to 6 are invited to march in the ANZAC Day parade. The parade will begin at the corner of Kennedy Street and Gray Street at 10.00am. Students are to meet the Mrs Fay Alexander, the school representative in front of the Gray Street School gates at least 10 minutes before the parade begins. Student must wear full winter school uniform - no shorts as it is a formal event.

At the conclusion of the march, parents are asked to meet their children at the Melville Oval gates to supervise them during the service. This is to allow the supervising teacher to meet with the School Captains for the wreath laying ceremony. The service is quite long and young children find it difficult to concentrate for the entire service.

**Chicken Pox**

Since the commencement of this term we have been notified of a number of students with Chicken Pox. Parents are asked to keep their child at home until they are fully recovered or at least one week after the eruption appears, ie once the sores have scabbed. For further information please go to - [https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/disease-information-advice/chickenpox-and-shingles](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/disease-information-advice/chickenpox-and-shingles).

**State Schools’ Relief Uniform Support**

The SSR has received government funding to help families in need. As part of this funding for school uniforms, every Prep government school student who is a CSEF recipient is eligible for a uniform pack. Please see Michelle if you would like to order a winter uniform pack. Parents who are experiencing financial hardship and who have children in other year levels or are ineligible for CSEF may be able to receive assistance from SSR. An information sheet is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions please talk to Don, Lesley or Michelle in the office.
Walkathon - Friday 20th May
The staff, children and Parents’ Club will be holding a Walkathon and Sausage Sizzle on Friday May 20th as a major fundraiser for our school. The money raised will contribute to the third and final stage of the new playground, which is due to be installed in July/August this year.
Students will walk/run the block beginning along Andrews Street, turning left into West Boundary Road, down Lewis Street and finally back up Young Street. Each lap is approximately 2km and it is anticipated that children will complete somewhere between 2 and 6 laps in the allotted time. Staff will be stationed at each corner and with walkers to ensure safety.

Parents and families are most welcome to come along and walk with the children – NO DOGS PLEASE. The walk will take place from 11:45am to 12:45pm.

Official sponsorship forms have been sent home with each child today. Before the Walkathon, children should attempt to gain sponsors and try to raise as much money as they can. Sponsors may make a donation towards the event or sponsor students an amount per lap. Students need to bring this Sponsorship Form to school on the day of the Walkathon. Classroom teachers will then fill in how many laps each child completes, so that money can be collected from sponsors after the Walkathon. Once all money is collected please return your form and money in a clearly labelled envelope to your classroom teacher. Please do not send any money until after the Walkathon.

Order forms for the sausage sizzle will be sent home closer to the event. There will be no lunch orders from Pitstop Café on this day. Children can bring their own lunch.

Parents’ Club will require assistance organising and preparing the ‘sausage sizzle’. Helpers can meet the Parents’ Club under the shade cloth from 12pm. From 1:00pm grades will be taken one at a time to the BBQ area. Parents and friends will then have the opportunity to buy a sausage for lunch.

Personal Property/Electronic Devices
We do not encourage children to bring valuable items to school as they may be lost or broken. The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not insure such goods and will not be held liable for any loss or damage. Mobile phones are not permitted at school. Should a student need to have a phone or electronic device for before or after school use, they are required to store it at the office and collect it at the end of day.

Lost basketball
Hamish Myers from 23A is looking for his named blue basketball that was last seen in his classroom.

New School Lunch Menu
Each student has received a copy of the new lunch order list which took effect from the start of Term 2. This menu has been developed with the help of GenR8 Change, Pitstop Café and dietician Jessica Nobes and provides more healthy options for our students. This fits with the school’s curriculum and culture that promotes healthy living especially through diet and exercise.

This menu has been approved by School Council.

If students inadvertently order from the old menu, they will be asked to select an item from the new menu (ie: a sandwich and a piece of fruit) up to the amount included with their order.

ANZAC Day Badges
The Junior School Council will continue to sell ANZAC Day badges (pins $1, white $2, bronze $5), wrist bands ($3), bag tags ($4), and pens ($5) until sold out.

JSC members will sell the items outside the staffroom during the first ten minutes of lunch break. Items will only be sold during these times and won’t be available from the office. Proceeds go to the Hamilton RSL sub-branch.
**School Uniform – Order forms due back by Friday 22nd April**

All children are required to wear school uniform every day. Uniform is purchased on an ‘order only’ basis, and order forms for new school uniform will be sent out with the newsletter twice a term. The first order form for Term 2 is attached to this newsletter. Payment can be made either when ordering or upon collection. **A reminder that EFTPOS is now available for payment of any school invoices.** Please label all items of clothing to enable lost items to be returned to the rightful owner.

**Rugby Jumpers**

A reminder that rugby jumpers ordered at the end of last year are available for collection from the office.

**Lost Rugby Jumpers**

Please check for the following missing named rugby tops –
- Nick Robertson-Townshend
- Izack Mayfield
- Logan Sternberg

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.

**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 programs.

**Grounds Duty Roster 2016**

Thank you to the families who have put their names down to work in our Grounds Roster for this year.
This week’s family: **ANZAC Weekend** – no families rostered this weekend.
Next week: **CUSH Family**

*Thank you Greg Fisher*
5 cent Challenge

The 5c Challenge has commenced and will run until Friday 22nd April. The 5c Challenge encourages everyone to bring in as many 5c 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!). Each class has their own jar so start searching for those 5c pieces now! The class with the most 5c pieces at the end of the end of the challenge will be rewarded with a BBQ lunch on Friday 29th April!

WHICH CLASS HAS ALMOST FILLED THEIR JAR?

Book Club
Book Club Orders are due by 9am on Friday 29th April.

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 Wilder

| 100 Laps    | Austin D, Josh S, Austin M, Mitchell D, Aidan B, Jack K |
Program background
As part of the Victorian Government's Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Each year, State Schools' Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What uniform support is provided?
SSR will provide:
- A basic windcheater and tracksuit pants
- OR one of the following
- A bomber jacket, rugby top, hoodie or zip jacket

How can parents apply for the uniform?
Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef before they approach the school to apply. Primary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools.

Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniforms?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniforms for the year can select items of a larger size from the retailer.

Can parents who are ineligible for CSEF or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 45 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $57 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.
- The value of the voucher is a maximum value rather than an entitled amount. Should the value of the item be less than $57 the difference will not be credit towards other items.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr
## Uniform Order Form

**Hamilton North Primary School**

This form must be returned to the school office by **Friday 22nd April, 2016**

(Term 2, Order #1)

### Family Name: ____________________________  Student/s: ____________________________  Grade: ________

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### Total Cost

$__________

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**For payments via direct deposit:**

BSB: 063513  Account no: 1005 8747  Reference: uniform/surname

☐ Please invoice Alternative Family ____________

☐ Paid via direct deposit on ________ (date)

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**PAYMENTS OPTIONS:** Uniform can be paid for upon ordering or upon collection. Paid orders will be sent home with children when they arrive. Payment by cash, cheque or direct deposit. EFTPOS FACILITY IS NOW AVAILABLE.

This order form will become a Tax Invoice on delivery of goods. All uniform prices are GST inclusive. ABN 78386325528

Receipts issued upon request at time of payment.
**Pinafore/Skirt Order Form**

This form must be returned to the school office by Friday 22nd April, 2016

| FAMILY NAME: ____________________ | Student/s: __________ | Grade __________ |

Students will be measured for correct size/fit.

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**TOTAL COST $ __________**

Uniform will be invoiced to the Primary Family, unless indicated below.

☐ Please invoice Alternative Family ________________________

☐ Paid via direct deposit on ________ (date)

For payments via direct deposit:
BSB: 063513  Account no: 1005 8747
Reference: uniform/surname

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Elephants make the best pets!
By 4/5R

ARGUMENTS FOR – USING PERSUASIVE OPENERS
Imagine how much money you could save on petrol riding elephants than driving cars! Imagine being the only child in your neighbourhood with out an elephant! How unfair! Elephants could be great for garden with all the fertaliser they could provide. Only a fool would not be interested in the money you could make offering rides to the other children in the town.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST – USING PERSUASIVE OPENERS
Some people may believe that an elephant would make an excellent pet, however I strongly disagree.

Animals are wild animals and deserve the right to roam free.

How would you feel if you were stolen away from your family and put into someone’s back yard?

Everyone knows an elephant eats and drinks far too much. Imagine how expensive your water bill would be feeding an elephant the 210L of water it needs per day!

No need for fancy renovation shows, you could have your own portable outdoor shower!

WOW WORDS
Perfect INSANE
Strongly SELFISH
Disagree aggressive