Dear Parents,

**Attendance**

One of the priority areas for improvement as a school is our attendance rates. As we know there is a close link between attendance at school and performance at school. Those with a good attendance record have a much greater chance of success at school. Poor attendance can not only affect academic performance but also impact on social issues and self-esteem. We are very keen to improve school attendance at our school. It is very important that as a parent you minimise your child’s absence from school. Students should only be absent when they are unwell or have unavoidable appointments.

A reminder to please phone the school or send a note to school when your child returns.

One of the measures we are putting in place is follow up phone calls to parents where we haven’t received notification of absence within 48 hours of the child’s return to school. This is common practice in many schools.

Today we are sending a large team of cross country runners to take part in the District Cross Country event held at Hamilton Lake. Our runners have been training hard through the running club during the year and we wish them all the best today.

Many thanks to Hamilton Steel who have very kindly fixed and made new frames for the finishing area. Their help is much appreciated by the school.

Our Year Three and Year Five students have been ploughing through the national testing (NAPLAN) this week. The four tests in English and Mathematics have now been completed. Well done to all our students for getting through the tests and hopefully doing their best. Over the next
couple of weeks we will be completing our own assessments for all P-6 students. Again, it is really important children are at school unless they are unwell. Next week is Education Week. As in previous years we will be opening the school to parents, guardians and visitors and students will be taking responsibility for talking about and showing visitors the work they have been doing. Doors open at 5pm and close at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming lots of visitors to our great school.

We are busy getting organised for our new preps for 2017. It was a pleasure to welcome the Mitchell Park Kinder to school today and we look forward to our Open Morning and Information Night for new Prep parents on Monday 23rd May.

Enjoy the weekend everybody.

Regards,

Don Beaton

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.

- Official sponsorship forms have been sent home with each child. 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 have been sent home today. Orders are due back at school by Friday 13th May. 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.

Prep Enrolments 2017
To assist with planning for 2017 we encourage parents of children turning 5 by 30th April 2017, and who wish to enrol their child in Prep at our school next year, to please contact the office staff prior Friday 13th May. Our Prep Open Day and Information Evening will be held on Monday 23rd May.
**Statements**

Family Statements were sent home last week. Payment of Essential Education Items is now due unless a payment plan is in place. If you have any questions regarding your statement please speak with Lesley or Michelle in the office.

**Warning**

Mrs Crawford tells me that the Property Basket is about to explode! Following the recent warm, cold, wet dry, windy weather we have had, the Property Basket has been stuffed full of clothing. If you child is missing any item, please head into the office and have a look. It’s amazing what you’ll find!

**School Attendance Update**

Why are there new rules about attendance?

In March 2014, new legislation related to enrolment and attendance came into effect. For more information on the relevant legislation, see: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/attendance.aspx

Evidence shows that daily school attendance is important for young people to succeed in education and to ensure they do not fall behind both socially and developmentally. Young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives.

The new laws set out a process where students with poor attendance can be identified and interventions implemented. The rules are not in place to punish time away from school which is unavoidable or reasonable. Instead, the new laws are an effort to promote and improve school attendance across Victoria.

**Student Banking**

Student banking is processed each Wednesday – please bring your completed deposit book and money to the office before school and it will be returned to you by the end of the day. For every deposit that is made at school, our school will receive a commission. New accounts can be opened at the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank.

**Be a Consistent Saver!** - Make 4 deposits in Term 2 and go into the draw to win a gift pack from the Commonwealth Bank.

**School Uniform – Order forms due back by Friday 20th May**

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. An order form is attached to this newsletter. Payment can be made either when ordering or upon collection. **Please label all items of clothing** to enable lost items to be returned to the rightful owner.

**Lost Rugby Jumper**

We are currently searching for Mikayla Anton’s named rugby jumper. If found please return to Mikayla

**Grounds Duty Roster 2016**

Thank you to the families who have put their names down to work in our Grounds Roster for this year. **Greg Fisher**

This week’s family: **Steele Family**

Next week: **Hill (M & T)**
**The Little Prince – Whole School Performance**
As part of the Arts Program at Hamilton North Primary School the school sources two live performances per year to enhance the children’s knowledge in this area. These performances are linked to the curriculum and it is expected that all children will attend the performance. Forms will be sent home on Monday.

**When: Thursday 2nd June**

**Where: Hamilton PAC – Students travel to and from the performance by bus.**

**Cost: $8.50 per student and money due by Monday 30th May.**

With its timeless message about the importance of forming friendships, Spare Parts Puppet Theatre brings you an adventure story that celebrates the strength of a child’s imagination.

### 2016 FARES HAMILTON SCHOOL TOWN BUS SERVICES

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**Parents’ Club News**

- **Mother’s Day Stall**  
  Thank you to everyone for supporting our annual Mother’s Day Stall, and to Lucas and Portia, our School Captains, for their wonderful help on the day. We hope all our mums had a lovely day and enjoyed their gift! We raised a total of $454!

- **King’s Pie Drive**  
  Order forms for our King’s Pie Drive were sent home with last week’s newsletter. A reminder that these need to be returned to the school with payment by **9am, Thursday 19th May**. Extra order forms are available from the office.

- **Meeting**  
  Our next meeting will be held in the staff room at the end of assembly on **Friday, 13th May**. At this meeting we will discuss the upcoming walk-a-thon BBQ. Everyone is welcome!

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**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. Circus flyers are available this week.
INVITATION

Hamilton North Primary School invites you to celebrate *Education Week 2016* with an Open Evening for Parents and Friends

**When:** Wednesday 18\(^{th}\) May 5pm – 7pm  
**Where:** Hamilton North Primary School
HNPS Swimming Program 2016 – Preliminary Notice

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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 Wilder

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HNPS Cross Country – Corrections to results


WPH Cross Country Championships
The Combined Warrnambool Portland Hamilton Division is conducting its Cross Country Championships for students who qualify today on:
WHEN: Friday 27th MAY 2016
WHERE: Victoria PARK WARRNAMBOOL (South Warrnambool Friendlies Society Park)
TIME: 10:00AM – 1:30PM
My Favourite Fairy tale is ........

Jack and The Beanstalk because it’s got a beanstalk in it. Mitchell

Cinderella because there are Princes and Princesses and they get married. Molly

The Lion King because it has got lots of lions in it and my favourite animal is a lion. Leo

The Gingerbread Man because it is very funny and some people make a gingerbread man and he walks out and runs away. Levi

Jack and The Beanstalk because it gets a big beanstalk and I like the giant. Sam

The Lion King because it has lots of animals and the lion is the king of the animals. Sarah

The Lamington Man because they dip him in the lamington stuff and he runs off and the crocodile eats him. Ryan

The Faraway Tree because I like the gigantic tree. Kareem

The Gingerbread Man because he runs away. Oscar

The Three Little Pigs because the third little pig was smart because he made his house out of bricks. Ben

The Three Billy Goats gruff because my favourite animal is a goat. Makayla

The Three Billy Goats Gruff because my favourite bit is when the big goat goes over the bridge and the troll goes on the bridge too to try and eat him. Ruby

Elsa because she has ice powers and she sings lots of song and she makes a palace out of ice. Isabelle

The Gingerbread Man because he runs away. Claudia

Finding Nemo because his Dad finds Nemo. Liam

The Gingerbread Man because he runs away. Isaac

Jack and the Beanstalk because I like the characters that they put in there and I like the harp that talks. Harlie

Finding Nemo because at the start of the movie the Mum gets eaten by a shark. Archie
Payment can be made by cash or check (payable to HNSP). Additional forms are available from the school office.

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TOTAL

Family Name

Phone Number

Name

Grade: ____________________  Student Name: ____________________

The school does not have fridge space to store the pies so they must be collected at the specified time.

Pies are to be collected from the office from 1:30pm on Thursday, 26th May 2016.

Forms and money due back to school by 9am Thursday, 19th May 2016. Late orders will not be accepted.

King's Pie Drive

Hamilton North Primary School
### Uniform Order Form

This form must be returned to the school office by **Friday 20th May, 2016**

**(Term 2, Order #2)**

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**TOTAL COST** $ [ ]

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

- [ ] Please invoice Alternative Family ________

- [ ] Paid via direct deposit on ________ (date)

**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.*
Absence Note

Name: ________________  Grade: ______

was absent on ________________

(date/s)

Reason:
- Illness  □
- Doctor appointment  □
- Dentist appointment  □
- Family Holiday  □

Other __________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________

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