Dear Parents,

Last Friday morning we had our Walkathon which again was a very successful event and important enough to make the front page of the Spectator!! Well done to all our students who made a big effort to do as many laps round the block as they could. It was a terrific community event and hopefully we will raise enough money to get close to our new playground target. Please collect in any sponsor money you have and send it in to the office. It would be great to get all that sorted out as quickly as possible. (see attached information)

A big thank you to Greg Fisher and Grade 6 helpers for putting the event together and a big thank you also to the Parent Club for their fantastic effort in feeding the five thousand with the barbeque. Incredibly efficient to feed about 300 people in less than half an hour!!

Monday was a big day for our P/1 staff as we had 2017 Prep Information Tours all through Monday morning and then an information session on Monday night. We had a good number of families through the school and it was lovely to hear so many positive comments about our school and our students as we took people round.

A reminder that if you have a sibling four year old who will be coming to school next year and you haven’t let the school know please get in touch with the office soon so that we can work out our numbers for next year.

Thanks to Lucas Kyle and Kade McCallum for running games of dodge ball in the stadium for our students as a lunchtime activity. Once again it is very rewarding to see our older students showing initiative and leadership. We had our first lunchtime soccer session for the Grade 5/6 students last week. Hopefully the weather will allow us to continue these over the rest of this term.
Good luck to our talented cross country runners tomorrow. We have 16 students who have qualified to go down to Warrnambool with Mrs Willder. It will be lovely and wet and muddy down there and a real cross country test!

Next week on Thursday the whole school will be heading down to the PAC to see a production of The Little Prince. This should be a good experience for our students to see a professional performance.

Have a great weekend everybody.
Regards,
Don Beaton

Walkathon – Fundraiser
Congratulations to the students and parents who participated in our fundraising Walkathon last Friday.
As the sponsorship money is still flowing in, we will announce the total amount raised in the next few weeks.
Thank you to all the parents who assisted the Parents’ Club in cooking and serving the BBQ lunch.
We would also like to thank the following businesses and families who supported our fundraiser: King’s Bakery, McDonald’s Restaurant and the local businesses for their cooperation.
Your walkathon sponsor sheet form and all money collected are to be placed in a clearly labelled envelope and given to your classroom teacher by Friday 3rd June.

Pick-Up Zone Guidelines
- The school has two designated pick-up and drop-off zones located directly in front of the school in Andrews Street.
- These zones are a 2 MINUTE pick-up and drop-off zone between 8:00am to 9:15am in the morning and between 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the afternoon.
- At all other times during the day, the zone can be used for general parking.
- Do not park in school or neighbourhood driveways.
- The pick-up area will be supervised by Hamilton North PS staff members.

How to use the Pick-Up Zone
- You must use the area like a taxi rank.
- You need to stay in the queue with your engine running and move forward as the cars in front of you pick up their children and move on.
- Please talk to your children about which designated area you will pick them up from, so they are able to get to the correct area quickly. You should teach your children to look out for your vehicle.
- You can get out of your vehicle to quickly help your children get in safely (once in the signed area)—however you must not walk away from your vehicle.
- You are only allowed 2 minutes in the signed area and if your children are not ready to get straight into your vehicle at pick-up time, you will need to drive round the block and queue to enter the area again.

The Little Prince Performance – Whole School
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 recommended that all children attend the performance.
Permission forms have been sent home.
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.
Hamilton Eisteddfod – Hamilton PAC

Our Choir will be representing Hamilton North PS at our local Eisteddfod being held at Hamilton PAC on Thursday 9th June at 9.30am. We need as many parents and families as possible there to support our choir!

Students will depart school at 9.00am and return before lunch.

Permission Forms are to be returned to the office by Thursday 2nd June.

Uniform: All children MUST be wearing the correct school uniform.

- Girls: school navy blue skirt (preferred) or navy pants, rugby jumper, navy blue tights and black shoes (not sneakers please).
- Boys: long navy pants, navy blue socks, rugby jumper and black shoes (not sneakers please).
- Any students not in correct uniform will not be allowed to perform on the day.

Year 6 Graduation – Baby Photos

Would all Year 6 students please bring along their baby photo for Glenda to include in the Year 6 DVD.

PLEASE NOTE: Photos will not be accepted after the end of Term 2. All photos will be scanned and returned to your child on the same day.

School Attendance Update 3

Is regular attendance at school important?

- Yes – from the first day. If you child misses the basic skills in primary school they can experience difficulties with their learning.
- Regular attendance is essential to make sure learning is not disrupted. Regular learning provides building blocks for the future.
- Schools help children to develop important social skills, such as friendship building, teamwork, communication skills and a healthy self-esteem.

Lost Rugby Jumper

We are currently searching for named rugby jumpers belonging to Mikayla Anton, Archie McKay (size 8), Olivia Elsom-deWitte and Logan Sternberg. If found please return to Mikayla P/1F, Archie 2/3P, Olivia 2/3P and Logan P/1F.

Warning 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!

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.

Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues for book club Issue No. 4 were sent home with children last week. Orders are due 9am, Thursday, 2nd June.
Grounds Duty Roster 2016
Thank you to the Hill Family for their efforts last weekend. Greg Fisher
This week’s family: Walter (K) Family
Next week: Hill (W&T) Family

Parents’ Club News

- Walkathon BBQ
  Thank you to the parents and friends who helped out at the BBQ last Friday. It was a huge task to cook and serve around 500 sausages to our hungry walkers, but with lots of people helping it made the job much easier.

- Hot Lunch Day
  Next Thursday children will bring home a form for our Hot Lunch Day that will be held on Friday, 17th June. We are aware that swimming for grades 2 and 3 is on during this time and we will accommodate the children who will be having a late lunch. There will be two meal options at $5 each. Orders and money are due back on Wednesday, 8th June. Please complete one form per child.

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. Flyers and information regarding holiday programs are now available.
Hamilton & Alexandra College Interschool Games Day

Last Friday Emily, Mikayla and I went to the Hamilton and Alexandra College Games Day at their equestrian centre. We did 6 events, Mikayla came seventh in fancy dress, Emily came 5th in ball and cone and I came 5th in mug and cup and 3rd in the sack race. Overall it was fun and we all enjoyed it. By Jade Millard.

Emily on Solo, Mikayla on Sooty and Jade on Kelly.

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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Recognise These Sports Tops?

Our Sports Department are missing a total of 19 sports tops, these include football, cross country, basketball and athletic tops. These tops are jade and black.
If any of these items are at home, please return them to Tracy in Grade 4/5R.

Numbers Missing:
16, 21, 22, 23

Numbers Missing:
32, 34, 40

Numbers Missing:
15, 16, 17, 18, 19

Numbers Missing
5, 6, 9, 10, 13
This term Junior S have been reading Fables. A fable is a short story that has special message.

We read *The Lion and The Mouse* and the special message was:

Jakira - even though we are little we can still help.
Oscar – a mouse can help a strong lion.
Willow – how to be friends
Sophie and Jesse - little can help big

We read *The Bear and the Bees* and the special message was:

Jane, Shaun and Lucas - you can make things worse and better
Emme – don’t chase the bees because they might sting you
Caitlin and Abbey – you can make things worse or better
Ryan and Dash – don’t annoy bees or they will sting you
Theo and Griffen – you shouldn’t annoy angry people
Olivia – Don’t wake up tired people because they will be angry
Eddie – don’t annoy a big bear
Jack – don’t annoy the bees because they will sting you

We read *The Ant and the Grasshopper* and the special message was:

Layla - hard work pays off

We read *The Tortoise and Hare* and the special message was:

Alexander – don’t show off because slow and steady wins the race.
Logan – slow and steady wins the race.
Absence Note

Name: __________________ Grade: ________
was absent on ____________________________
(date/s)

Reason:
Illness □
Doctor appointment □
Dentist appointment □
Family Holiday □
Other _________________________________

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