Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

The school has certainly been a much quieter place this week with the Grade 5/6 students on Camp. I think the Grade 4s have enjoyed having the BER to themselves and being the leaders of the school.

The 5/6 Camp at Kangaroobie is going very well. I headed down yesterday and spent the day joining in the activities which was great fun. All the students are having a ball despite the cold and the wet. They were kept very busy yesterday with survival games, a mudda type obstacle course, canoeing and learning how a farm works. Today they have a trip to the beach which includes a river crossing and a fairly tough walk through the dunes. They are due to arrive back on Friday at about 2.30pm.

It has been a week of trips as on Monday our Grade 2/3 classes headed up to Halls Gap to visit the Brambuk Cultural Heritage Centre. This trip fitted in with the students’ studies on Koori Culture and was another successful day out.

On Tuesday the Parent Opinion Surveys went out to a number of parents. If you were one of those families randomly chosen to complete the survey please return to the Office by Friday 29th July. It would be great if we could get these sent off early next week.

A reminder that the Sheepvention Monday is a pupil free day as it is for most of the Hamilton schools. Teachers will be at school making an early start on Monday morning. It will be a professional learning day with teachers working on the new Victorian Curriculum.

After Monday we should get back to a bit more normality and routine.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Regards,

Don Beaton
2016 PARENT PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES
Thank you to those families who have attended to their essential student supplies charges. The school purchases and pays for these items at the beginning of the year on each parent’s behalf - in expectation of parent payment. It would be appreciated if outstanding invoices could be paid immediately unless a payment plan has been negotiated.

Prep 2017 Information
Thank you to those families who have enrolled their child for next year. If you know anyone who plans to send their child to Hamilton North next year, please encourage them to submit their enrolment form to the office by 3rd August, 2016.

GENR8 Healthy Food Choices Parenting Workshop
Save the Date: Thursday August 18th 5:30pm – 7:00pm
Following the work Hamilton North has completed with the Genr8 Change working group and Pit Stop Café we will be holding a parent workshop next month. This evening will provide further information to parents on the purpose of the changes to the lunch order and how families can make small changes at home to further improve their children’s food options. RSVP to the school office by Monday 15th August.

4/5/6 WORDMANIA CHALLENGE
The Grade 4/5/6 team are taking part in the "Wordmania" Challenge. There are great prizes that can be won for the school. This is run by Literacy Planet and can be played on a tablet by downloading the free app or on a computer. The children have been playing this at school. There are three challenge weeks in August, where the children’s results are entered and data gathered to compete against other students in their Year level, at a regional and national level. Only students first name and surname initial are used to identify them. We will also be having our own in school competition using this data. An information sheet has been attached to the newsletter.

Renee Riley

Head Lice
Following reports of head lice, parents and carers are asked to keep a constant check on their children’s hair for signs of head lice. Children with cases of head lice should not return to school until treatment has begun. If you are unsure about identifying lice and eggs, please seek assistance from the staff at school. Please advise the school of any treated cases of head lice before your child returns to school. Copies of the pamphlet “Scratching for answers” are available in the school foyer.

Art Room News
Mrs Behrendt is looking for empty cereal boxes (not nut cereals) for use in the Art Room. If you are able to supply these boxes, please leave them at the Art Room.

Lost Rugby Jumpers
We are currently searching for named rugby jumpers belonging to Mikayla Anton P/1F, Logan Sternberg P/1F and Archie Dahl P/1K.
Have you purchased a second hand rugby recently? Please update the name so it can be returned to its correct owner.
Is your child involved in any sports at HILAC? A number of school rugby jumpers have been located in HILAC’s Lost Property box.
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 and community programs like NET SET GO, HAMILTON SWIMMING CLUB and KINDER OPEN DAYS. Sheepvention junior activities flyers and competitions information is now available.

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!

Choir – uniform loans
If you borrowed a skirt from the school to wear at the Hamilton Eisteddfod performance, please wash and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition 2017 – Please return form by 26th August

Grounds Duty Roster 2016

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## District Golf Tournament – Parklands North Boundary Road Hamilton

**Thursday 11th August 2016**

Selected students will receive a permission form Friday 22nd July (tomorrow). One adult (holder of Working with Children Check) is required per group of 4 students for supervision. If you are able to assist please return this form by Monday 8th August.

**Parent/Guardian:** __________________________________________________________

I am:  
- [ ] willing to assist  
- [ ] not able to assist

**Signed:** __________________________________________________________

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| Aussie Football       | Grade 5 & 6 (expression of  | Thursday 4         | Matches commence at 12.30pm and all games       | $3  
                        | interest) Forms will be | August                            | should be finished by 2.45pm. Team | Forms due back        | Mrs Wilder            |
| Park Pedrina          | distributed Friday 22nd     |                     | will play 3-4 matches consisting of 20 minutes | Wednesday 3rd August              |                      |
| Parklands             | July.                       |                     | each – no halves                              |                                   |                      |
|                       |                             |                     |                                                |                                   |                      |
| District Golf         | Grade 5 & 6 (selected       | Thursday 11th       | Students will take part in the District Schools | $10Forms due back Tuesday 9th    | Mrs Wilder            |
| Parklands             | students) Forms will be     | August              | golf tournament – bring along snacks & drink    | August                            |                      |
|                       | distributed Friday 22nd     |                     | bottle HELP REQUIRED – See attached form       |                                   |                      |
|                       | July.                       |                     |                                                |                                   |                      |
| Swimming Program      | Grade 4/5 A Grade 4/5 R     | Monday 5th          | TO BE DETERMINED                               | $90 without HILAC membership     | Mrs Wilder            |
| HILAC                 | Grade 4/5 S Grade 5/6 F     | September to        |                                                | $68 with HILAC membership        |                      |
|                       | Grade 5/6 M                 | Friday 16th         |                                                |                                   |                      |
|                       | (10 days)                   | September           |                                                |                                   |                      |

**POSTPONED**
LiteracyPlanet
Word Mania 2016!

Take Home Information

Dear Parent,

Your child’s school is participating in LiteracyPlanet Word Mania 2016, Australia’s biggest and most fun literacy competition.

Word Mania is a fun and effective way for students to improve their literacy skills.

To participate children simply log in to their LiteracyPlanet account and click on the Word Mania icon, or download the free LiteracyPlanet Word Mania 2016 app. (iOS and Android).

Login
Username:
See your child’s diary!

Password:

Word Mania 2016 Dates
Practise from Monday, June 13.
Competition Round 1 - Monday, August 1 to Friday, August 5.
Competition Round 2 - Monday, August 8 to Friday, August 12.
Final Round - Monday, August 22 to Wednesday, August 24.

How to Play
Word Mania is an interactive online word building game. Players are given a board made up of 15 randomly generated letter tiles, and have three minutes to form as many words as they can. Every valid word formed earns points. Longer and more complex words score higher, and scores can be boosted by building valid words consecutively, and using special Gold and Diamond letter tiles.

Word building uses various literacy skills: phonemes, morphemes including affixes and plurals, spelling, word recognition, vocabulary and word knowledge.

Students can play as many times as they like, and the sum of the highest 50 game scores by at least five students from the same grade will be their school’s score for that year level.

$100,000 in Prizes!
There is more than $100,000 in prizes including Teach Starter subscriptions, popular literacy-based board games, Australian Geographic book packs, and trophies and cash for winning schools.

For more information visit www.wordmania.com.au
Ethan: Brambuk was a really big building.

Skye: The building was shaped as a cockatoo.

Callum: I liked playing the didgeridoo.

Hunter: I liked seeing the kangaroo at lunchtime.

Brianna: Painting the boomerangs was fun.

Lukas: We learned some new Aboriginal language.

Hannah: I liked the movie of the Dreamtime Creation Story.

Ellie: We watched two films with the Bram Bram Bult brothers.

Tamati: We saw five kangaroos.

Lara: I liked pressing the hand buttons that made the birds sing.
Rohan: I learnt that the clap sticks were the first instruments ever made.
Jay: I learnt how termites ate the inside the logs that were then made into didgeridoos.
Emily: I made a cow noise using a didgeridoo.
Maddison: I liked listening and watching Paul play the didgeridoo.
Harlie: My favourite part was painting the boomerangs with Koori symbols.
Holly: I like how our whole group were able to try playing the didgeridoo.
Ella: At lunchtime we ate lunch around the camp fire.
Myles: My favourite out of the three activities was the movie.
Nehal: I learnt that there are about twenty different types of boomerangs and only four of them come back.
Ryan: We saw a canoe made out of bark that was cut out of a tree.
Peter: I liked the movie with the Bram Bram Bult brothers.
Layla: It was fun because we got to paint a boomerang and we saw some kangaroos.
Join us on Thursday the 18th of August in the BER Room as we work together to help make the healthy choice the easy choice for children in our school. The current reality is that healthy eating and physical activity are not the easy choices and the ramifications of this are broad sweeping and long lasting. To make meaningful change, it's going to take the support of the whole school community, all playing a role to ensure that as a school community we can turn the tide.

THURSDAY AUGUST 18TH, 5:30-7:00PM AT THE HAMILTON NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL “BER” BUILDING
TO RSVP, PLEASE CONTACT HAMILTON NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL ON 5571 2433

RSVP TO OFFICE BY MONDAY 15TH AUGUST