CRIKEY! BOOK WEEK is nearly here! This year's theme is Australia- Story Country. Our school will be celebrating Book Week during the week of August 22nd-26th. Each year grouping (P/1, 2/3, 4/5/6) will be taking part in a day of book activities. This will involve rotation activities which look at the short listed books for 2016. There are no extra requirements for this day. Our celebrations will culminate in our annual BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY to be held on FRIDAY AUGUST 26th. Students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or along the theme Australia - Story Country. Costumes don't need to be expensive store bought costumes, but you can use items from home. We will have our Bookweek parade also. Please note this is also Grandparents Day, so there will be activities for grandparents too. More details to follow.

Rumour has it we will have an iconic Australian guest host!

**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents,

I will start this week’s newsletter with some “happy/sad” news for the school. Kim Pitman will be going on extended family leave starting from Monday. The very good news is that Kim is having a baby (due in September). We all wish Kim all the very best with the motherhood adventure. She will certainly be missed by students and staff at the school. Many thanks to Kim for all her great work in the music department and all that extra hard work that has gone into the school choir over the last few years. We look forward to you returning to the school in the future.
At the same time as saying farewell to Kim we welcome Mrs Tanya McLachlan onto the staff team. Tanya will be taking over the music role from Kim from next week and we wish her all the best with the new job.

Congratulations to all our Grade 5/6 students who represented our school so well last week while away on Camp. They should be complimented on their excellent behaviour and attitude. By all accounts they had a great time and were full of stories when they returned. Great to hear about so many students giving new things a go and putting themselves out of their comfort zone. Kangarooibie is a camp that students remember for a long time afterwards. I would like to thank all our teaching staff and aides, Jen and Glenda, for all their great work and time put into the Camp, not just during the week but also in all the preparation that goes into taking 80+ students away for four days. This is a huge responsibility and something we shouldn’t take for granted. Many thanks also to Dean McLaren who gave up his time to come on Camp. Dean did a fantastic job in helping out our staff and supporting the students.

The Hooptime events have now come and gone but it important to mention a couple of things about the two days. Once again out students involved were a credit to our school in their sportsmanship and display of True North Values. Secondly a great big thank you to all the many parent helpers we had on these days helping with coaching, scoring and giving general support. Your great support is much appreciated.

Next week we have a couple of exciting events coming up for our older students. On Thursday the Primary Schools Golf Tournament will be taking place at Parklands. We are hoping to take 24 students to compete in the event which is a great number. We are still looking for some parents to walk round with groups. Each “four” needs an adult to walk round with them.

Also on Thursday we have some students involved in the Crazy Ideas College. This is a relatively new idea where different organisations come together and work with the Shire to come up with ideas to improve the Hamilton community. We are taking our eight school leaders down to the PAC for the first day of this exciting initiative. The second day will be in September.

Finally, a reminder of an upcoming event. On Wednesday 18th August parents are invited to come along to a talk being given at school by Ebony Jenkins from Gener8 Change on the importance of diet choices for children both in regard to health and in regard to the effect on behaviour. A letter will be going out next week with an RSVP. The talk starts at 5.30pm and will be finished by 7pm.

Enjoy the weekend everybody.
Regards,
Don Beaton

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**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.
**Parent Opinion Survey**
The Parent Opinion Survey were distributed last week. The list of 43 families receiving the survey is a randomly selected list which is computer generated. The survey forms part of the accountability framework for our school. If you receive a Parent Opinion Survey, please take the time to complete it as we value your input. The survey is confidential and the sealed envelopes are not opened at our school, but are sent to the Department of Education to process. The survey is to be returned to the office by **Friday 5th August 2016 - tomorrow**.

**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.

**Lost Property**
We aim to teach the children to take responsibility for their own belongings. However to minimise our time spent trying to identify the owners of lost property, we ask all families to:

- PLEASE NAME ALL REMOVABLE ARTICLES OF CLOTHING and other school items such as lunch boxes, books etc.
- We have a large number of rugby jumpers labelled with former students names. It is impossible to return a jumper to a child unless IT IS CORRECTLY LABELLED.
- Any clothing or property found during the day is taken to "lost property". The school holds all lost property for a period of a term. After that time it is cleaned and reserved for use or resale
- You may inspect the lost property to retrieve lost items at any time. The lost property basket is located outside the first aid room.

**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.

**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.

**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*
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.

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.

Student Banking

Congratulations Ned you are our Term 2 activity winner.
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!

Parents’ Club News

Parents Club will be holding a ‘sausage sizzle’ lunch on Grandparents Day, Friday 26th August. Sausages must be pre-ordered by filling in the blue form sent home with each student today (one form per student please). Orders must be returned to school with payment by Wednesday 17th August. We are unable to accept late orders.

Grounds Duty Roster 2016
A map and keys will be sent home.
This week’s family: Hill (W & T) Family
Next week: McCallum Family
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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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: ____________________________________________
HOOPTIME BASKETBALL

Hooptime was really fun. My team members were Archie, Stormy, Mark, Kai and Josh. Our great coach was Renee Porter. We just missed out on the finals. We played four games and won one of them. Hayden R

First I would like to thank our coach Stu Willder. Hooptime was an awesome time this year. My team was beaten by the other Hamilton North team in the semi-final. My team had Chester, Clancy, Izack, Ryan, Zane, Joey and Ben. Travis R

First of all I would like to thank my coach Troy Elliott. Hooptime was awesome. My team made the Grand Final but sadly lost. In my team I had Will H, Riley E, Jordan W, Kade McC, Cody B, Aiden B, Ryan A and me. Harrison K

Thank you Georgie and Guy Sevior for coaching our Hooptime team. Our team was amazing. In our team we had Ella D, Olivia W, Ella S, Erika S, Anoushka D and Isabella D. We won all of our games and got into the finals. We won the grand final against Gray Street by a point, we were excited. We are going to Regionals on Tuesday 18th October – in Hamilton at HILAC – we hope you can come and watch us!! Ella S & Olivia W

Thanks to our coach Tara Stephens. Our team were Jarryd, Will, Cody, Hugh, William, Sebastian and Mitchell. I remember how we got into the semi-finals and won our first game. I remember that we played five games and got a lot of goals. Will & Cody

What a great day! Playing basketball non-stop was tiring, but extremely fun. Dion Killen was such an awesome coach and made us get to the Grand Final. Thank you very much to the North girls team made up of Mia M, Paige K, Caelyn F, Leila E. You guys did such a great job playing basketball. Sadly we lost the Grand Final by one point which was quite devasting. Thanks to the parents who volunteered for scoring and coaching and the fabulous umpires who made the game fair. Finlay C

Firstly, thank you to Tania Hill for being an outstanding coach, making everything fair and very fun. We made it all the way to the semi-final but lost by just a few points against Gray Street. We played four games and played awesomely and played great as a team in every one in every one and that’s what Hooptime is all about. Thanks to our awesome team Jade M, Shaya W, Kaneisha P, Hannah M, Jessica M and Abbey H. Thanks to the scorers for giving up their time for us! Abbey H
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:  
Password:  
See your child's diary!

### 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](http://www.wordmania.com.au)
Kangaroobie
GRADE 5 AND 6 CAMP 2016

The Farm:
On the farm we went in a cage where we got bounced around on our way to feed the cows.

The Obstacle Course:
In the obstacle course, there were activities such as the tunnel of love where you had to say who you hire. Climbing tyres, mazes, running on muddy path, and other activities.

Canoeing:
In my group, Todd D got splashed by the canoe teacher. It was hard to keep up and it hurt my arms when people were walking across the canoes.

Survival Game:
In the Survival game, we had to survive in the bush against the common enemy. The hunters, AKA the teacher. Most of the teachers really enjoyed shooting heaps of kids with water pistols. SUPER AWESOME!!!
Night Time Activities:
We went on a night walk around the farm with Matt. He told many creepy stories. The bush dance was fun and it included lots of games such as the "Chicken Dance".
The concert was very entertaining with a variety of acts such as jokes, singing, dancing and comedy skits.

A Day At The Beach:
When we were at the Beach we played a game called "My Guy". At the end of "My Guy" Matt said that the girls were so we all tackled him.

Camp Food: We had sticky date pudding and spaghetti.

The funniest thing that happened on camp: The funniest thing was when in the concert Mrs. Fisler got tricked to be a table and he got wet and he squirted Mrs. Riley.
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School Community Workshop

Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice

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