Welcome back to Term 4.
First off I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the production of the Magic Faraway Tree, it was awesome. It takes a lot of time and effort to put something like that together and the people who made it happen, did so with a smile on their face. Thank you. Don’t forget the DVD is now on sale from the office for $5.
On the day after our concert, Tim Hayes (Year 4) was invited into the ABC radio studio along with 3 students from other schools to read a poem he had written in our Unload Creative Writing classes. Tim did an excellent job and we are very proud of his achievements. Here is the link to the interview.
If you are interested in your son or daughter joining the Unload classes, please contact the office.

Jade Archer is also to be congratulated on her great results in the 100 and 200 metre at zone last term. Jade will represent our school at the State carnival in Sydney tomorrow. This is the second time Jade has made it to state level. All the best Jade - run like the wind!

Speaking of running, the amazing Hamilton Running Dads have been hard at work again, this time making 4 Australian hardwood timber tables for our outdoor learning area. If you are around, pop in to the Blue Gate Garden and have a look – they are really beautiful.
Thanks guys!
I would also like to acknowledge Round 2 Timber who sold us the timber at a greatly reduced price. We don’t normally advertise in our newsletter, but this week I had agreed to put their business details in as thanks.
At the end of this year our IM support class will be closing. Unfortunately, the numbers for this class have dropped, but at the same time there is a huge demand for additional IM classes in high school. So our class is being closed and will re-open at Cardiff High School in 2015 as a support unit for teenagers. Mrs Pierrta Leung will transfer across into Mrs Hitchcock’s vacant position, unfortunately however, it means the wonderful Mrs C will be transferred out. Mrs Jill Condon has worked at Hamilton Public School for the past 10 years as a Teachers’ Aide and will be sorely missed by all the students. Jill is well known for her sense of humour and great friendships with the kids.
Thank you to all the people who turned up for our meeting regarding the purchasing of Aboriginal Education resources. The 2014 funding for Aboriginal students will be spent on employing an Aboriginal Dance teacher every Tuesday afternoon, an overnight camp for Indigenous students and a very comprehensive Literacy resource that will be implemented in all classes Year 3-6. The Aboriginal culture is the oldest surviving culture in the world and I believe that all students need awareness, knowledge, understanding and respect of Aboriginal culture and traditions.

Just a reminder that if you are not yet on Skoolbag, you may be missing out. All important information goes home through notes and newsletter, however, reminders are often sent out via Skoolbag. Sometimes we also send out information that comes to hand such as AJ Mills’ TV performance next Tuesday night. For those who don’t get Skoolbag, AJ will feature in the premiere of season 2’s From Recipes to Riches on Channel 10 at 7.30. AJ will put her homemade cookie dough to the test to see if she can win a spot on the shelves of Woolworths to sell her cookie dough. Hopefully AJ will win and we can all get to taste her recipe.

Our first Kindy Orientation will be at 9.30am on Wednesday 22nd 2014.
Don’t forget P&C tonight and movie night on 29th October (see P&C report for more info).

Teeny Blatchford
Principal

Swimming School
Notes were sent home last Friday to children in years 2 and 3 for Swim School. Lessons will take place at Lambton Pool from Monday 10th to Friday 21st of November. The cost for this excellent program is $66 which includes pool entry, bus travel and lessons. The children will be grouped according to their ability from non swimmers to little dolphins. On Monday 20th October notes will then be sent home to children in higher years to be able to participate. We would love for all year 2 and 3 children to be involved in this program as swimming is such an important skill.
Thanks Jen Manning and Paul Lupton

Lids
2M are collecting 2L milk or juice bottle lids. Please start collecting and bring to 2M please.
P&C Update
Welcome back from the school holidays, already week 1 over! We hope you and your children have settled back in nicely.
Our first meeting for term 4 is on tonight - Tuesday 14th October - starting at 6pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome as always. They are always interesting evenings and we finish at 7pm, in time for you to still enjoy the rest of your evening. And if you haven't been to one lately, or ever, why not head along to one and crush those potential perceptions! They are informative, relaxed and you will definitely come away from the meeting learning something new about your school. There is also child-minding - it's win-win all round!

Fundraising
We have three upcoming events -
Saturday 25th October - Election day BBQ - at school
Wednesday 29th October - Parent movie night at the Regal.
Saturday 8th November - Bunnings BBQ - at Kotara Bunnings
We'll be sending out information about the movie night as soon as we can.
The BBQs will be requiring volunteers and donations of goodies - so we'll be in touch separately.
The fundraising efforts of the P&C will only succeed when supported by the school community. We have proved how generous we are with the concert catering and we are hoping this will shine through again with the next few events.. All profits raised go straight into the school.

Canteen
A new menu is in operation - please throw the old ones out!!! We have added some items that the kids will hopefully enjoy during the warmer months. And meal orders are back with orders due in each Wednesday by 9.15am. First meals delivered this Friday 17th October.
Watering Wednesdays - the name was chosen by our Year 6 students - will be back for recess service this Wednesday 15th October. Our Year 6 helpers for Term 4 will be Tui and Leah.
We also had another catering opportunity which helped raised $250 for the school. Thanks to the team of Rose, Nicole and Peter with Mairead and Darcie also helping out. Again, really happy and proud to use fresh, organic produce from the Blue Gate Garden to impress our customers.
If you would like to volunteer, please feel free to get in touch via hamiltoncanteen@gmail.com

Thanks in advance for your support.

Are you ready to Run Newcastle ????
This year Hamilton Public team have entered as an official team!  
AND WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US!!!!
Enter on line and turn up on Sunday 30th November in BLUE (students to wear their school blue polo shirts) and run/walk to raise much needed funds for the redevelopment of the Adolescent Ward at John Hunter Children’s Hospital.
Additionally, based on the number of entrants in our Hamilton Public school team, we will receive Hart sports vouchers to spend on sporting equipment for our school.

This is how it works:
1. Visit the website www.runaustralia.com.au
2. Click ‘register now’
3. Then select ‘Run Newcastle’ as your event
4. Click that you are registering as a ‘TEAM’
5. Select ‘Public/School’
6. Click ‘Join existing team’
7. Then search – Hamilton Public School

**YOU MUST JOIN THE ‘OFFICIAL’ TEAM**- If people don’t join the ‘official’ team; it will not be added to our school count!

Hope to see you there!!!!
Crazy in Red!!!!

Haemophilia Awareness Week! Wednesday 15th October 2014!
Please dress up RED -
- costumes, clothes, wigs, crazy red hair etc!
I am asking for a Gold coin donation - all proceeds go to the Haemophilia Foundation.
Thankyou so much for your support.
Regards Mrs. P Leung

Attention year 5 parents and caregivers
Applications for Year 7 Selective High School 2016 are now available online. If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to Year 7 in 2016 you need to do so online www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Application close on 17th November 2014. No late applications will be accepted.
Paul Lupton

Not too late to register for Unload Creative Writing workshops in Term 4!
Unload is a fun creative writing programme offered here at Hamilton Public School. Each week students experiment with language through word games, writing activities and story-telling. This term Unload will be mixing it up with epic stories, crazy characters, comics, poetry slams and generally delving deep into the kids' bottomless wells of imagination and creativity.
Who: Students from Year 3-6 (open to younger enthusiasts on request)
Where: OOSH room
When: Tuesdays bright and early! 7.55-8.55am
Cost: 8 weeks @ $110 per child
For further information www.unload.org.au or contact Suzie - suzie@unload.org.au 0409 409 141

Thank You
Round 2 Timbers reclaim and redress Australian hardwoods and offer building services, custom furniture, stairs, shop fitting and kitchen benches.
A million thanks goes to the Justin and Jason of Round 2 for their generosity in providing the stunning Australian hardwood used for our new outdoor tables.
Check them out when you next have a project.