You may not be aware, but over the past 5 years a very dedicated grandma, Fay Shepard (grandma to Jed, Darcy and Pearl Campbell and also a former teacher at Hamilton) has been working with Year 6 students to research all the names on our school’s Honour Roll. There are over 360 veterans’ names on the board and Fay has managed to get information about 310 of them. This information has all been collated into a book (only spiral bound at the moment) and today at the Lambton/New Lambton RSL’s Remembrance Day service, I was very proud to see Fay present the RSL with the very first copy. We also have a copy which is on display underneath the Honour Roll in the admin building. Thank you Fay for your years of hard work.

Thank you to all the parents that have helped out with our past two BBQ’s and thanks in advance to those who have put their hand up yet again for this Saturday’s BBQ. If you haven’t yet volunteered, please contact Craig Evans or Nicole Sciaaca via the P&C’s email, hpspc01@gmail.com. We would love to see some new faces.

Congratulations Xanthe Scullion (Yr 5) who, due to her amazing results in the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition, has been invited to a maths camp in 2015 for the brightest young mathematicians across the region. This is an extremely difficult test and Xanthe scored 99%, getting only one question wrong. Well done Xanthe!

I know this is a bit early to mention it, but when you are purchasing back to school supplies in the Christmas holidays, just a reminder that school shoes worn Mon-Thurs are to be black and Friday sports shoes are to be white. If your child doesn’t have the correct colour at the moment there is no need to go out and buy new ones, but please keep it in your memory bank for when you do.

I know we can never repay the amazing parents that do so much for our school, however, on Monday the 8th December we would like to say thank you and invite all volunteers along for a morning tea at 11am. So if you have helped with reading, canteen, garden, Starstruck, BBQ’s, Magic Faraway Tree, Glee Club, sporting events or anything else, please try to get some time off work to join us for this special occasion. If you are able to come you please let the school know on 49693577, for catering purposes.

Teeny Blatchford
Principal

PLEASE CLOSE THE SCHOOL GATES AT ALL TIMES. THANK YOU.

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

Book Club News

Book club for the last order this year have been sent home. RETURN by 20th November, please. If you would like the order to be a surprise for your child, please write “Hold in office” near their name on each order form your submit.

It will also be Bev Stuart’s final book club as coordinator and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done over the last few years in this role. She will be hard to replace, but replace her we must, so if there is a member of our school community who could give what amounts to about 3 hours per term to manage the book club, please approach either Bev or me. The plan is to have the new person work with Bev on this final order for the year to learn the ropes, as the order is placed online. Thank you.

Carol Crotty

Disco

The term 4 Disco will be held on Wednesday 26th November. Infants (Kindergarten- year 2) will be from 5:30-6:30. Primary (year 3-year 6) 6:45- 8:00pm. Entry is $5.00. This is a students only disco and no parents or siblings will be allowed into the hall. Please collect your child from the hall, and students parent/guardian must be sighted by a teacher before being dismissed. Students will not be dismissed unless they are leaving with a parent or legal guardian. There is no canteen operating on this night, however chips and drinks will be available to purchase.
**P&C Update**

**Meeting update**
Our second last meeting of the year was a good one with a wonderful update about the Blue Gate garden and some great ideas for making it more integral in our students’ education and our kids interaction with the environment and growing things! It is looking so fabulous with the help of Patsy, Linda, Mark and Nick. We also discussed goal setting for the P&C which we will get onto at the next meeting - which by the way is Tuesday 9th December at 6pm. We have a teachers wish-list of things the P&C can focus on - it would be great to get some more parental opinions.

**Fundraising Update**
It seems this short period has been all about BBQs and fundraising - if our pollies were a little different, we may have had some more free time on Saturdays!
25 Oct thanks to - Grant, Teagan, Teeny, Nic, Alison, Rose, Mike, James, Justin, Dave and Heath. We raised just over $700 - great effort!
8th Nov thanks to - Trent, Fairlie, Lachlan, Rose, Justin, Sophie, Paul, Danny, Jane, Brenten, Ange, Alex, Teeny, Kellie, Nicole and Mike. We raised just over $1300 - great effort too, especially as all the funds raised will go straight towards putting air con in one of our classrooms.
Next up 15th Nov - who will we thank for this one!? Please volunteer and give some regulars a break for 2 hours! And please bring some biscuits that we can sell on the day too. Bring them into the canteen on Wednesday or Friday morning.
Thanks also for the feedback regarding the movie night, it was constructive and honest.

**Canteen update**
The canteen is chugging along just fine .... volunteer thanks for the past fortnight: Nat, Alison, Nicole, Kim, Nicole, Tonya, Neroli, Ingrid, Kylie, Kim, Amanda, Laura and Vanessa, Kate, Kim and Evadne. Also to Leah and Tui. The kids were lucky to be treated with a limited edition sorbet on Watery Wednesday last week - yummo! We'll try to do those things a little more regularly - we know how popular they were. The last day for Friday meals will be Friday 5th December! We'll remind you again, but that means only 4 more weeks of easy Friday mornings for those of us who order!
Remember any comments or feedback, please get in touch via email at hpspc01@gmail.com.

Thanks as always for your support.
Hamilton P&C

**Lids**
2M are collecting 2L milk or juice bottle lids. Please start collecting and bring to 2M please.

**Shoes**
Has your child come home with odd shoes? If so could you please bring them to the office as we have a matching pair.

**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!!!!
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Does your child love to sing?

Meet like-minded kids in the holidays to create harmony, dance moves + play instruments together.

Have a blast in Sing Off's, Play Offs, Open Mic sessions, even make your own instrument!

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You’re Invited!

Join us to get into the spirit of the season at these free community events and support your local young performers.

Do-Re-Mi Christmas Performances

Sat 15th Nov, 10.00-11.00am  MYER GIFTORIUM
Fri 28th Nov, 12.30, Speers Point Park  International Day of Disability, interactive music with Julie
Sun 30th Nov, 9.30-2.00 Hopscotch Markets, join the fun with drums, parachute, loud games & prizes!
Fri 5th Dec, 6.00-6.30pm Honeysuckle Boardwalk with Newcastle Youth Orchestra, audience participation.
Fri 6th Dec, 6.15- 7.00pm Carols @ Anglican Church, Lambton

For more details & holiday sessions for all ages:

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