Today I had the absolute pleasure of announcing our school leaders for 2015.

School Captains: Xanthe Scullion and Coco Antonovich

School Leaders: Jesse Mills, Rory MacBean, Isabella Mohammed and Anwyn Scullion.

School elections are always difficult as there are many great and very capable students who unfortunately miss out. Congratulations to all students that gave a nomination speech, I think anyone of them would have made a great leader.

Thank you to all the parents who have completed our recent online survey regarding our 3 year plan. Not to be confused with the one that was sent out last term, this one was sent via email and skoolbag last week. We have had some very insightful and valuable responses. I have included some random samples to let you know what people are thinking.

Question 1. What would you like to see students doing in Literacy and Numeracy in 2017?

Teeny Blatchford, Principal

Develop new and engaging physical environment to learn in - outside in the school - outside in the park or at the beach. More learning in the bush could encourage focus and excitement.

Numeracy: I do think a very sound memory of times tables is very important. Also I think kids should be very proud of achievement and ability in numeracy (it’s cool to love maths!). Literacy: creative writing, love of stories and reading, humour as a means of learning to love literacy/language.

Working in groups and more hands on counting.

I would like our children’s learning opportunities to be similar to that of the Swedish education system.

Engaging learning from a range of styles from teacher directed, group work, peer learning, independent learning - also at home activities.

I think all children should have opportunities to work in ways that help them learn - boys and girls learn different, some people learn didactically, others visually, others practically. I think regardless of anything else - teaching methods need to be adaptable to suit the child.

Less repetitive/memory learning but deeply understanding strategies. Using real life examples for maths explanations. More chance to apply.

More self-directed, individual study with the aim of having better self-regulated and responsible. Essential for study in high school and university.

If you haven’t completed the survey yet, please click on the following link. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MZCJ6HR.

Full results will be discussed at our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 9th Dec.

November 25, 2014
Come and join us for morning tea!

School volunteers are invited to a morning tea hosted by the staff of Hamilton Public School. This is our way of thanking you for all the assistance you've given us throughout the year. Come along and let's celebrate a great year together!

**When:** Monday 8th December, 11am
**Where:** Staffroom
**Who:** All volunteers
**RSVP:** School Office by 4th December

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**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) will be from 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.

- Drinks $2
- Chips or Lollies $1
- Glow Bracelet or Ring $2
- Glow Necklace or Santa Hat $4

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**Kinder Excursion to the Art Gallery and Nobby’s Beach**

Just a reminder for all parents who have not done so, to return money and permission slips for the Kindy excursion which on Friday 9th December. We are also looking for parents to come along and help out on the day. Please see the Kindy teachers if you can come along.

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**Kindergarten Art Exhibition: Three Bean Espresso Bar**

Our annual Kindergarten Art Exhibition is now on at Three Bean Espresso Bar! Come down and admire the amazing artworks (and grab a coffee and a bite to eat). The exhibition will be open until Tuesday 9th December (cnr. Tudor St & Beaumont St). A big thank you to Ben Armstrong at Three Bean Espresso for allowing us to exhibit at his café, and a big thank you to the talented Jen Denzin for her artistic expertise and curator talents. Artworks will be on sale to parents until 1st December, then open to the general public to purchase.

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**Library**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Next week the Library stocktake will begin, which is a process by which we try to account for all items in the collection. In order to facilitate the smooth running of the stocktake, I ask that all items belonging to the library are returned in Week 9 (beginning Monday, 1st December).

Please note that this week (Week 8) is the last week for borrowing. This will include all books borrowed from the library by the students and also those borrowed from the classroom, in fact any item that has a Hamilton Public School barcode on the front.

Although most of these items will already be accounted for, having been borrowed through the computer system, there are quite a few “offline loans” which are difficult to trace and even more so to retrieve. You could assist by going through the books in your children’s rooms with them and returning any with our barcode to the school in week 9.

Thank you for your help with this.

Carol Crotty

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**PLEASE CLOSE THE SCHOOL GATES AT ALL TIMES.**

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**Mrs Davison and Mrs Crotty’s Special Assembly**

We will be holding a special assembly for two of our teachers who are retiring at the end of the year—Mrs Davison and Mrs Crotty. It will be held on Monday 15th December from 10:15-11 am in the Performance Centre. There will be a morning tea following the assembly at 11am. We warmly invite all parents and friends of the school who would like to come and share this special occasion.

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**Infants Swimming Carnival**

Our carnival is to be held on Friday 12th December at Lambton Pool from 9:30—12:30pm. Pool activities and the equipment will be enjoyed on the day. The cost is $9.00 per student travel is by bus. Families are welcome to come along and join in the fun. Entry is $3.10 payable at the pool.

Jenny Manning
P&C Update

It’s only 15 more sleeps to the last P&C meeting of 2014 (Tuesday 9th December) and 29 more sleeps till that other event kids tend to countdown to! :) Meeting for P&C is 6-7pm in the staffroom, gold coin donation for babysitting services.

Fundraising

The election on 15/11 was a huge success, thanks to our helpers and every single biscuit purchaser or baker!!!

Amazing result as we raised over $1300. Thanks to our volunteers: Bronny, Lachlan, Craig, Wendy, Rob, Chris, Catherine, Liz, Heath, Mainhead, Cam, Simon, Justin and Kylie...

You will also read separately in this newsletter about a raffle the P&C are running. It would be great to super-size the raffle hamper prizes, so if you have anything to donate please bring to the canteen on Wednesday or Friday mornings from 8.45-10am. Your kids can bring it in if you like. We welcome toys, books, actually anything to make up some mini hampers! Ticket will be sent home soon too.

Canteen

Final Watery Wednesday will be Wednesday 10th December - this will be our charity day too, where Tui and Leah choose the charity they want to donate all profits to.

Final orders due on Wednesday 3rd December for the last lunch orders for the year - delivered Friday 5th December.

Thanks for the past fortnight - including the fabulous kindy orientation crew are: Jane, Alison, Jen, Nicole, Nat, Kim, Kim, Kate, Laura, Amanda Chris, Evadne, Nat, Jane, Rose Kim and Ingrid (we do have a lot of Kims at this school by the way!)

Christmas raffle

We’re having a Christmas raffle and already have some great prizes donated... local businesses are getting onboard and we have donations from MacLeans books, Guzman Y Gomez, Eurobar, Longbench, Cudgerie B&B and an awesome surfboard signed by Shane Dorian... and that is just for starters!!!

What can you do:

- donate some prizes - big or small, toys, books, games, vouchers, DVDs .... we will be making up hampers similar to our Easter raffle buy and sell tickets when they get sent home.

Please bring any donated prizes to the canteen on either Wednesday or Friday mornings between 8.45-10am. The raffle will be drawn at the end of term and we will send out a further list of prizes with the tickets in the next week. All $3 raised will go towards the school.

Thanks in advance and any questions, please get in touch with your P&C committee at hpspc01@gmail.com

RUN NEWCASTLE

Date: 30 Nov, 2014
Time: 07:00am-11:00am
Run Newcastle-Come along and join the Hamilton Public school team in run Newcastle this Sunday, the 30th November. All money raised goes to John Hunter Childrens ward.
Ensure you join our official team by-Click ‘register now’

1. Then select ‘Run Newcastle’ as your event
2. Click that you are registering as a ‘TEAM’
3. Select ‘Public/School’
4. Click ‘Join existing team’
5. Then search your hamilton Public school name

Wear blue, and students to wear their blue school shirt.

WE HAVE HAD REPORTED CASES OF HEADLICE.

Please check your child/children’s hair and treat accordingly.

Lids

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

Xmas Tree

Wesley Uniting Church in Beaumont Street have a wonderful Xmas tree display which raises money for different charities. This year our ‘Snowman’ tree is not only amazing but money for Motor Neurone Disease.

HEADLICE

We have had reported cases of Headlice. Could please check your child/children’s hair and treat accordingly.
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:
julieloganmusic.com.au
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The Voice Plus Holiday Music Camp
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 Offs, Play Offs, Open Mic sessions, even make your own instrument!

A whole lot of fun ‘n games, whilst improving your Voice, your Performance Skills and Confidence.
Specialist tutors and a concert on the last day.

13th & 14th January, 2015
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SAVE WITH THE EARLY BIRD FEE - REGISTER ONLINE NOW

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