The Magic Faraway Tree tickets on sale Thursday and Friday 8.30am—9.00am in the Library

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to our parent forums (whether in person or via email). The results of the forums and surveys clearly show that staff, students and parents want students from Hamilton Public School to be confident, honest, respectful citizens. We want our children to have a strong grasp of Literacy and Numeracy, be competent users of technology and have the opportunity to be involved in extra-curricula activities. From this analysis the planning team agreed that we continue to foster and develop the great community spirit and the well-rounded education that our school provides, as well as having a specific focus on the following 3 areas.

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Values Education
- Technology

Further analysis and strategic planning will take place over the following weeks and our final school plan (2015-2017) will be published on our website by the end of the year.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Jade Archer (Year 4) who has been selected to represent the Hunter Region at the State athletic titles in October. Jade has been selected in both the 100 and the 200metres, a huge accomplishment. We wish her all the best.

Another congratulations to Vinayak Nagarsekar who came 2nd in the Regional Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition. It was a very close finish and we are very proud of his efforts.

We have another 10 silver perch ready to go into our aquaponics unit. You can sponsor a fish for $10, which gives you naming rights and feeding responsibilities. See the office if you are interested.

Just one more reminder about our phone app “Skoolbag”, if you haven’t yet downloaded it, please do as it is now one of our main methods of communication. Lots and lots of messages and reminders are sent via this system. If you need help loading it, the ladies in the office are more than happy to help.

Lost property
We have so many lost jumpers with no names. Please get your son or daughter to check lost property for anything they are missing as we will be selling any unlabelled items at a cheap sale in the coming weeks. Can you please also check that your son/daughter’s name is on their hat, jumper, lunchbox etc.

It is only two weeks until our concert and both Tuesday night and Wednesday night are completely sold out.

There are still tickets available for the matinee shows, but they are also selling quick. If you haven’t yet purchased your tickets, please do so this week. Please check with your son/daughter if they have any costuming needs.

Students are asked to be at school by 5.15pm on concert nights. I can’t wait to see the show!

Teeny Blatchford
Principal

Father’s Day BBQ
Please join us for our breakfast Father’s Day BBQ. Friday 5th September at 7.30am. Fathers, grandfathers and male carers all welcome.

UNSW International Competition Results
Some great results were achieved in the above competitions. Congratulations to all who participated.

High Distinction
Writing – Timothy Hayes

Distinctions
Spelling – Timothy Hayes, Vinayak Nagarsekar
Science – Timothy Hayes, Vinayak Nagarsekar
Computers – Oscar Power
Writing – Isabella Mahommed

Credits
Spelling – Lucy Burt, Freya Ivanut, Ankita Routray, Isabella Mahommed, Angus MacBean, Ruby Melbourne
Science – Ankita Routray, Sam Jameson
Computer – Ria Gupta, Katerina Papsiropoulas, Timothy Hayes, Rory MacBean
Writing- Ankita Routray, Gina Blackall

Merits
Spelling – Aidan Lyte
Science – Angus MacBean
Computer – Alec Power, Gina Blackall
Writing – Ruby Melbourne

Canberra Trip
A reminder that the final payment for the Y5 & Y6 Canberra trip is due by Friday 12th September.
Thank You.
P&C Update
Our regular meeting and the AGM is on 2nd September at 6pm for one hour. What a great night to show your support. You may want to get more involved or have an opinion on who is on the Executive for the P&C for the next 12 months or just attend a regular meeting. The meetings are relaxed and welcoming. We have child minding in the library and the meetings go from 6-7pm in the library. Hope to see you there.

Fundraising
There will be a fundraising update at the meeting on 2nd September, but so far, the Father’s Day activity is proving a great hit and let’s hope the results will be just as wonderful! We are holding another exciting event in Term 4 too as well as a Bunnings BBQ - we’ll be in touch.

Thanks also for continuing to support Dollarmites banking, we also raise a portion of money from this activity, so thanks for regularly (or irregularly!) bringing in those bright yellow wallets! And of course to Ally and Myles for counting those well earned 10c pieces.

Canteen
Thanks to our pool of volunteers who have helped this past fortnight Alison, Rose, Nicole, Kim G, Trent, Nat, Laura, Chris, Anna, Tonya, Evadne and Kim F. And Darci, Jake and India, our student helpers. The canteen is also catering for a school event on Wednesday 3rd September using some yummy produce from our Blue Gate Garden - what a fantastic resource for us. We are going to look at incorporating more yummy ingredients from there in term 4.

Warming Wednesday on Wednesday 10th September is our charity day whereby all profits go to a charity of our volunteers’ choice - Darci and Jake have chosen Assistance Dogs Australia. It (www.assistancedogs.org.au) is a national charity which trains Labradors and Golden Retrievers to help people with disabilities, providing them with greater freedom and independence. What a great way to support a charity - by spending $1 on Warming Wednesday on 10th September. Thanks Darci and Jake for choosing such a worthy cause.

The last week for canteen service is next week... the first and last weeks of choosing such a worthy cause.

Kind Regards
Suzanne Barker (Billy and Daniel’s Mum)

Primary Ethics
Dear Hamilton Parents
Currently we have classes from Year 2 to 6, however the curriculum is now available to offer the opportunity to all years but we don’t have enough volunteer facilitators to deliver the program.

The Primaryethics program has been running at our school for four years and we were the first of two schools in the region to offer it. The program is a fantastic way to get involved with your children’s school and meet their friends.

The classes are run on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30 till 3pm, which is great as if you pick up your child at 3pm you can just come half an hour early and facilitate an Primaryethics class.

Training is supplied without cost over two days and must be undertaken to participate. Training is often run in Sydney which can be challenging for parents to attend however in October there will be training available in Newcastle Sunday the 19th & 26th October 2014.

To attend training you must first apply online and on acceptance you will also need to complete a volunteer working with children’s check and plus a national police check.


This can be a little time consuming but it would be fantastic if we could have a group of parents to attend the training in October.

Hope to see you Tuesday week to answer any questions you may have.

Kind Regards
Suzanne Barker (Billy and Daniel’s Mum)
Primary Ethics Coordinator
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Blood Donations
Are you, or would you like to be a blood donor? Please help by joining Club Red next time you donate. The Australian Red Cross Blood Service is always in need of blood. Whilst the children of Hamilton Public School are too young to donate, we as a community can set a wonderful example, helping to save lives by donating blood. Whilst not everybody is eligible to donate, it is easy enough to find out by simply calling 131495 or going to www.donateblood.com.au

If you are already a donor please join the Hamilton Public School rally. How wonderful it will be to be able to tell the children that our school community helped to save ?? lives this year!

Why not get a group and donate together. They will even supply the cuppa and muffins afterwards!

It’s that time of year when we start planning for next year’s Kindergarten. If you have a sibling to enrol or know of anyone in the Hamilton area wishing to enrol their child please come to the office and pick up an enrolment form.

Our orientation will be in October.

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