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PandC

Meets 2nd **Tuesday** of each month at
3.15pm.

All are invited to attend.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opened every day – See Eva,
Melissa or Trish

FOR YOUR DIARY

August 15 Book Fair starts

August 17 Footsteps Dance

August 23 Scooter Skills

August 24 Footsteps Dance

August 29 Book Week starts

August 31 Footsteps Dance

August 31 BookWeek dress up day

“Free playgroups at Hamilton SS

For all children 0-5, their Mums, Dads

and other carers. Come and join in

Mondays 9-11AM”

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

Mini Festivals

Last week a number of our 3 and 4 students participated in the celebration of the City Cluster School initiative – Mini Festivals. The celebration was held at Windsor State School with around 200 students across 16 schools. Our students participated in three different sections, Mini Thinkers, Mini Scientists & Mini Writers. Below is brief outline of what the students were involved in.

Mini Thinkers was a 1 day program for students to develop their thinking skills in a small group environment. The program builds on students critical, creative, analytical and problem solving skills. The culminating activity was for each school to prepare a presentation based on a problem, ‘Mowgli (the Jungle Boy) in the future’. Students prepared a 3 minute script created props to support the script and rehearsed for their presentation.

Mini Scientists The CSI (City Science Investigators) students participated in a one and a half day science investigation. During the first ½ day activity the students were introduced to a range of scientific investigation processes and chose one of the following strands:

1. A chemistry activity to investigate the recipe for a polymer bouncing ball and adjust, through experiments, the recipe to find the best result.

2. The geologists were exploring the characteristics of different rocks and minerals and determining which materials would be best suited to refurbishing a major public building foyer.

3. The engineers investigated mechanical advantage of gears, levers and pulleys to design a lifting device capable of lifting 500gms a distance of 20 cm. The final device must provide a mechanical advantage, that is, it needs less force than the mass to actually lift it.

4. The Palaeontologists discovered some replica dinosaur bones in a "dig" and had to identify the type of dinosaur they had found. Based on life-sized specimens and scale models, they also had to "construct" a representation of a life-sized T Rex or Apatosaurus.

Mini Writers workshop took place over 3 ½ days, over 3 weeks. For the first 2 sessions, students were able to participate in creative writing workshops, led by award winning children's author, Aleesah Darlison.

Students learnt how to create a detailed character to include in their story, using descriptive vocabulary. They further developed their understanding of the narrative genre, refining their skills to plan a story that included presenting a series of problems for their character to solve. During the editing phase of their writing, students were encouraged to

work with a buddy and give feedback to help improve their narrative.

Each student's story was collated into a book of short stories which has been published for students to keep and a school copy will be kept in the library.

Olympic Torches

This Friday, Mrs Jardine and Mrs Nothling have organised for our students to hear about the history of Olympic torches and will get to see and hold a number of different Olympic torches from previous Olympics Games. Parents are welcome to join us for this, we will be gathering as a whole school around 2:10pm and we will then have our normal assembly to finish the day.

P&C

Thank you to all the parents who turned up for our P&C meeting on Tuesday, it was great to see a number of new parents there. Thank you to Jo Cunningham who has taken on the P&C President role and also to Robbie Elsom who has taken on the Vice President role. All parents are welcome to join us for our monthly meetings, held on the second Tuesday of every month at 3:15pm.

School Facebook

We now have an official Facebook page, please get on and like the page, we will endeavour to keep you updated with photos and reminders about different events and activities taking place at the school.

Updated consent form

Please return updated consent forms to office as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

Liam Bray

Principal

Reminders

Footsteps

Footsteps dance payment and permission slips are due in by Monday 15th August. Extra copies of permission slips are available at the office or on our website if required. Footsteps begins on Wednesday 17th August, Students will participate in 5 lessons, held every Wednesday until 14th September. All students are participating as part of studies in the curriculum area the Arts. **Students will be assessed as part of Semester Two reporting.** Footsteps are also running a Disco on 14th September from 5pm – 7pm on the tennis court.

Book Fair

It's time for Book Fair again! Book Fair will be opening for **VIEWING** on Thursday 11/08/16 in our *Library/Administration*. Students can **PURCHASE** books from Monday 15/08/16 until Friday 19/08/16. Purchases can be made before school from 8.30am – 9am and after school 3pm – 3.30pm.

Book Week

Book Week will be held in Week 8, starting 29th August, the theme is Australiana. There will be Reading activities throughout the week and a dress up day on Wednesday 31st August. Please come dressed up as your Favourite Australian book character.

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Chappy News!

Chappy Megan is at school Tuesday (7.30am-4pm) and Friday (12pm-3.30pm).

Hello Parents and Friends at Hamilton!

Active Travel

Breakfast was back on this week after I was away on Chappy conference last Tuesday. Thanks to my band of helpers who come every week and offer their assistance! It certainly makes breakfast a fun start to my morning. 😊

All through August we are aiming to have the most number of scooter riders each week! By riding scooters to school on Tuesdays we help to boost our school's chance for an Active Travel prize. We are also looking forward to scooter skills later this month (23rd Aug) for students who have signed up. Only 2 weeks to go!

I apologise too for the delay in the Active Travel booklets being available to students, there was an error with the printing. Hopefully these will be handed out to students soon.



Lunchtime Clubs

Just remember that we have the handball competition at the end of the month and touch football games each Friday! All students are welcome to participate if they wish. 😊

Chappy Mailbox

Thank you to the students who have sent me letters recently, and the Prep class who created a poem for me. Don't forget the mailbox is available for students to use at any time. 😊

Enjoy a wonderful week.

Chappy Megan

The Mega Magnificent Movie Night.

As a part of the city cluster project the School Captains and Vice Captains Zane, Sofia, Patrick and Ashley will be having a movie night on the Friday 14 of October 2016. The movies there will be the Lego movie, for Prep- year 2 and Star Wars: A New Hope for Year 3-6. At the movie night there will be food and drinks to purchase. The Lego movie will be down in library, and Star Wars: A New Hope will be in the year 5/6 classroom.

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We would like students to submit poster designs of the Lego Movie, or Star Wars movie to help promote the movie night. We will need students to hand these posters to us by week 8 (2nd September). Whoever creates the winning poster for each movie will get a free popcorn and drink. Come and see us for more information to be a part of the competition.



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