



Hamilton State School

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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 or Trish

FOR YOUR DIARY

March 10 Year 5/6 visit to Blue Care

March 10 Korean Visiting Teachers

March 11 Student Contact details
form due

March 15 P&C meeting and AGM

March 16 Parent Teacher Interview

March 17 Funky hair day/Free
Dress

March 22 Year 5/6 at Hendra for
1.00Pm Touch Football

March 24 Multicultural Day

March 24 Term 1 2016 finishes

April 11 Term 2 2016 resumes

“ASSEMBLY IS ON Thursday
AFTERNOONS @ 2.45PM”.

Issue 4: 10 March, 2016

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

Funky Hair Day

We have already raised \$458!! On **Thursday 17 of March**, we will hold a **Funky Hair Day**. This day is part of the LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION'S WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE CAMPAIGN. We are asking students to come in **FREE DRESS** and bring a gold coin **DONATION**.

As well as this, they can come with 'FUNKY HAIR' and I will be having my head shaved at the Assembly. A child's name from every class will be drawn out of the hat and they will get the chance to attack me with a set of clippers (under strict supervision!). If you are able to donate any cans of coloured hair spray please drop them off at the office. This should be a wonderful event and hopefully raise much needed funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

You can sponsor me by visiting www.worldsgreatestshave.com.au and searching for my name or Hamilton State School. I can also take sponsorship directly and can give you a receipt to claim back at tax time. I am aiming to raise **\$1120**, this money will fund a regional family to be given accommodation near the hospital for two weeks while receiving treatment. I thank you for your support.

School Annual Implementation Plan

Each year, the school develops an **Annual Implementation Plan**. This plan does not cover everything that happens in the school for the year, but is a list of key priorities for the school for the upcoming year. I will be putting this plan to the P&C at the next meeting to be endorsed and it will then be available on the school website. I encourage you to take a look at this document and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with me about them. The three key priorities for Hamilton SS in 2016 are:

- **Improved school performance – “The what”**
 - o Actions to improve reading, writing and numeracy
- **Strong and effective pedagogy – “The how”**
 - o Actions to improve how we teach
- **Improved productive partnerships**
 - o Actions to engage with the community

Investing for Success initiative

You may have heard about the 'GONSKI REVIEW INTO EDUCATION' over the past couple of years. “Gonski funding is designed to ensure all children are educated in schools that have the right resources to meet their needs.” http://www.igiveagonski.com.au/whats_gonski

As part of this funding, the Department has an initiative called **Investing for Success**. This uses the federal 'Gonski' money by giving it directly to the school. In 2016, the school will utilise this funding to continue our improvement agenda around literacy. We have a Literacy Facilitator at our school, Miss Renae McCauley who works with staff and

students, Monday to Wednesday to provide extra explicit teaching of reading, writing and spelling. This document will be available on the school website as soon as it is signed off by the Department.

P&C Meeting and AGM

The P&C meeting and AGM have been postponed to **Tuesday 15th March** as I have been away from school sick this week. My apologies for this, I hope that many of you can make it.

Parent Teacher Interviews

You should have all received a note about PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS being conducted next week. These '3 way conversations' with teacher, parent and student are a very valuable way of knowing how your child is progressing and areas that they may need support with.

Multicultural Day

Don't forget our annual MULTICULTURAL DAY is being held on **Thursday March 24**, LUNCH will be served @ **11AM**.

Attendance

It is vital that students attend school every day and are at school from **9:00 a.m.** until **3:00 p.m.** Our literacy block starts at **9:00 a.m.** and even if a student is only 15 or 20 minutes late, they have missed key teaching and learning time. If your child is going to be away, please phone the office, leave a message and/or email the school.

Parking

I would like to remind all families that for the safety of the children to obey the NO standing signs and marked yellow areas out the front of the school before and after school. There is plenty of parking available in Windsor Street behind the school.

Student Contact Details Update

Phone/Email & Home address is regularly used to communicate with parents/carers. We are once again checking that our records for your child are up to date. In order to ensure our records are correct you can collect a **STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE** form from the office. Please complete the details and return to the school office. **Thank you to the families who have already returned this form.**

Congratulations to the following students who have recently received **Student of The Week Awards**:

Prep	1/2	3/4	5/6
Emman, Diya, Jess, Meadow	Braedyn, Quentin, Jake, Alasdair	Ben M, Kayla, Joshua, Luisa	Zac, Andy, Jamie, Anastaciya

A big thank you to Kate Collingwood from Ray White Ascot for the generous donation towards last week's FUN FOOD FRIDAY pizza deal.

Kind Regards,

Liam Bray

Principal

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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!

Special Notice

The next 2 weeks will look a little different as I won't be at school next week, and in the final week of Term 1 will be at school on THURSDAY for Multicultural Day, instead of Tuesday. This will affect our Active Travel breakfasts (see below), and I will have some senior students run the lunchtime clubs in my absence.

Active Travel

Thank you to the families who have been involved in Active Travel this term so far. We have 2 more weeks of being Active Travellers before the school holidays begin. Please be aware that our breakfasts have finished for the term as I am away next week and we have Multicultural Day in our final week of term. A special breakfast will be held early in Term 2.

The 3/4 class have continued to be our percentage winners each week for Active Travel, although the 1/2 class won last week for the most scooter riders, and the 5/6 class won this week for the most walkers. Next week the class with the most bike riders will be the winners. Students may be eligible for prizes with the Active Travel program; however these will not be available until the last week of term, or possibly early in Term 2.

Lunchtime Clubs

Next week lunchtime clubs still continue! Our wonderful senior students have offered to run these clubs for me in my absence.

Tuesdays- Drawing: outside Chappy Megan's room at 2nd break.

Fridays- Soccer: on the oval at 2nd break.

Early next term we will have a vote for new lunchtime clubs and students have been giving me great ideas of activities! 😊

Chappy Mailbox

My office is well and truly filled with Chappy Mail! It's fantastic. 😊 I hope some parents have also received some lovely letters/ drawings too from our drawing club on Tuesdays.

Touch Football Competition

On the last Tuesday of term I am coordinating a touch football competition between Hendra and Hamilton for the senior students (grade 5/6). It will be a couple of friendly games for fun and build community amongst our 2 schools. A note will go home soon in regards to this event, and there is no cost to our students.

I hope you all have a fantastic week!

Chappy Megan

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