From the Principal

Dear members of our school community

What a fantastic place Hamilton State School is in which to work, learn, play and celebrate where all students are ‘switched on’ to learning, challenged and inspired.

A reminder that tomorrow evening is our End Of Term Celebration Family Evening. FootSteps Dance will coordinate our musical entertainment and students will share the dances they have learned over the past few weeks.

5 to 7pm

Please bring along friends and family, and consider the picnic rug and outdoor chairs.

Dinner Available

Thanks to our hard working PandC

Ari’s Curry Puffs - $1.50
Spring Rolls - $2
Meatballs and Homemade Tomato Sauce - $3.50
Baked Goods (cake, slices) – from $1
Cheerio Cups – $2
Drinks, Hot Chocolate, Coffee & Tea - $2

What a fantastic effort with our Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Thank you to Nicki Anderson who initially organised and counted over 4000 stickers. We are continuing to have families return stickers to our office and ask that these be returned by this Thursday. We are well on the way to 5000.

Individual incredible efforts include Joseph D 900, Flynn 502, Bella G 240, Joshua S 240, Isaac and Reuben 123

I am very proud of the outstanding results achieved by our students in reading this year. Last week teachers conducted reading assessments with all students. There have been some tremendous gains made in not only ‘levels’ but in the reading behaviours learned by students that will enable them to continue to improve their vocabulary, accuracy, fluency and comprehension in reading – congratulations to students on their efforts and progress and all staff both teaching and non-teaching on their explicit teaching and collaboration.

A reminder that from Week Two next term we are participating in a Swimming and Water Safety Program. The program will run on a Friday for five weeks. We will travel in two groups (Junior and Senior Classes) to Stafford Heights State School where the school’s experienced swim teacher will coordinate our program. Parents wishing to assist are most welcome. Please contact me for further information. The cost to the school is substantial for pool hire and employment of our swimming teacher and I am asking that families contribute with a $5 per week payment to help cover the cost of the bus.

Monday 19 October (Week Three) is a pupil free day (PFD) in our region and school will be closed for students on this day.
Teachers from Hamilton are attending a conference at Windsor State School. The conference is titled *Teachers as Leaders of Learning*. Apart from various workshops Dr Neil Carrington, CEO of Act for Kids will be speaking to us around the question “Are You Leading the Learning in Your Classroom?”

School resourcing is based upon the number of students enrolled. It is imperative that we know in plenty of time if you are not going to be attending Hamilton School in 2016 and similarly if you know of any families who may have Prep aged students for 2016 or who are already at school and thinking of joining our uniquely fantastic Hamilton School Community.

**Congratulations** to the following students who have recently received Student of The Week Awards – Zain, Joshua, Ahmed, Ben M, Connor, Isaac, Mayliss, Caitlin, Bethanie, Jessica, Teaghan, Reuben, Kaarthika, Joshua, Alisdair, Kaleabe, Ethan, Ryan, Ashley, Zane D.

**Congratulations** to the following students who have recently received Class Awards – Lucas, Hamish, Emily, Juan, Jamie, Felipe, Mayliss, Kaarthica, Lilly G, Kaleabe, Lewis, Joseph, Lilly.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**…Zane

*Please let us know should you wish your newsletter to be emailed. Paper copies will always be available at our office.*

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I wish all families a safe, restful and recharging holiday break and I look forward to a productive term four in terms of high level student learning and innovative and precise teaching.

**Thanking you for your support**
Scott Padgett