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Meets 2nd Wednesday of each
month at 6pm.
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From the Principal

Welcome to Term 2! It was wonderful to return to Hamilton State School after the Easter break to see all of the smiling faces, ready for another 10 weeks of learning. I am looking forward to working with the staff, parents and students again this term, to continue to progress this school's excellent teaching and learning.

It's going to be a busy term with many exciting events (please check out 'Dates to Diarise').

Make Term 2 when your child attends every day (unless too unwell). Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new [Every Day Counts](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland) video live on <http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland> under the Every Day Counts heading.

The safety of our students is important all day every day. Unfortunately, this week two children have been injured on or near playground equipment. One was during school time and the other after school. We have spoken to students about keeping safe around playground equipment. There is no playground supervision of students after school. The playground equipment near the sandpit is for Prep – Year 2 students. The other one near the tennis court is designed for Year 3 – 7 students only.

Kind Regards,
Robyn Nicholson

DATES TO DIARISE

May 6	City Districts Cross Country
May 9	Mothers' Day Cupcake Stall and Raffle
May 13-15	NAPLAN – Years 3, 5, 7
May 14	P and C Meeting – 3.15pm
May 22	Gala Day – Years 5/6/7
May 26	Raw Art
May 27	Prep Open Morning
May 28	Intra-School Sports Day
May 29	Gala Day – Years 5/6/7
June 2	SEAT Visit
June 4	Small Schools Sports Day
June 5	Gala Day – Years 5/6/7
June 13	Disco
June 19-23	Chaplaincy Week
June 26	Report Cards handed out
June 27	Term 2 ends



Anzac Day Service

Last Thursday morning, we held our Anzac Day service. Students and staff from Hendra State School joined us, together with Lieutenant Troop Leader Tim Green (from the Queensland Mounted Infantry) and Elliott Johnson, a representative from The Hon Tim Nicholls MP. A special part of the service was the song sung by our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6/7 students. The song 'The Other Side' was written by the husband of our Music Teacher Mrs Kathryn Bryant, and taught to students during Music lessons. Thank you Mrs Bryant. Thank you to Mrs Glenys Brighton for organising the service and Mrs Val Nothing for making the wreaths.

The previous day (Wednesday), the School Captains – Henry and Tracy – travelled into the City for the Anzac Day Commemoration Service. They had the opportunity to lay a wreath, along with the thousands of student leaders from other schools.



Gallipoli Barracks Open Day

The Gallipoli Barracks at Enoggera, where Lieutenant Troop Leader Tim Green (from the Queensland Mounted Infantry) is based, is holding an Open Day on Sunday, May 4th. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Prep Open Morning

On Tuesday, May 27th, we will be holding a Prep Open Morning. If you know of any families in the area with 2015 Prep-age students, please inform them about the Prep Open Day. A flyer will be put into letterboxes in the area over the next couple of weeks.

Mothers' Day Cupcake Stall

The P&C are selling Cupcakes and having a Raffle for Mothers' Day. Please see the attached form for ordering cupcake/s. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase from Monday, May 5th. Tickets cost 50c per ticket or 3 for \$1 for the chance to win a Winter Warmers Pack for Mum.

P and C Meeting

The next P and C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th May at an earlier time of **3.15pm**. Everyone is welcome (your children are welcome too!).

Sushi Tuesdays and Iceblocks

Sushi Tuesdays have returned for Term 2. Students from Year 5/6/7 will collect orders from classrooms. Iceblocks are also available for purchase over the counter from the parent room at 2nd break.

Milo Mornings

Milo Mornings will be starting in a couple of weeks. It will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays (from 8.15-8.45am). For our new families, on these mornings, students will be able to buy a warm Milo drink for \$1 and toast or bakery item (e.g. muffin) for 50c.

Extracurricular Activity

If you are interested in your child participating in Baseball sessions for 10-13 year olds, please see the Office for further information.

NAPLAN Tests - 13-15 May

Year 3, 5 and 7 students will sit literacy (reading, writing, language conventions) and numeracy tests on Tuesday to Thursday, 13-15 May, as part of the National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). These tests provide important information regarding students' literacy and numeracy. There is no need for students to feel anxious about the tests because they will be done in a safe and supportive way, and are simply an opportunity for students to show what they know. There will be some questions that your child may not be able to complete because the tests are designed to test the full range of Australian students' capabilities.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. More information is available at: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html>

Here at Hamilton State School, we have great learners in Prep/Year!

