



The Hamilton Herald

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Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month
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From the Principal

As we head towards the end of Semester One, the Teachers collect more information about your child/ren's progress, finalise results and complete report cards.

We continually strive towards the goal of achieving consistency across our school when we report student achievement. In each learning area, students will be given an Achievement result and an Effort result. When you read your child/ren's report card at the end of this term, parents should take note of the following:

* A 'C' achievement standard in any learning area means that your child is achieving at the acceptable and expected level for that year level.

* A 'C' for effort should also represent an acceptable effort. Anything above a 'C' is beyond what is to be expected for a child at that age, with an 'A' being outstanding! In other words, it is likely that within a whole class there may only be a handful of students receiving an 'A' for effort, and they may not necessarily be the 'A' achieving students.

More information will be in the next newsletter.

Kind Regards,
Robyn Nicholson

Hamilton State School.... *Safe*
Respectful Responsible

DATES TO DIARISE

June 2	SEAT Visit
June 4	Small Schools Sports Day
June 5	Gala Day – Years 5/6/7
June 6	Adopt-A-Cop Ceremony (during Assembly)
June 9	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
June 11	P & C Meeting
June 13	Disco
June 26	Report Cards handed out
June 27	Term 2 ends
Aug 4-5	City Districts Track and Field
Sept 3-5	Year 5/6/7 Camp
Nov 25-26	Life Education Visit



Special Visitors

Welcome to our Korean Teachers – Ms Jeong, Ms Cho, and Ms Kim, who are in Australia for a professional development experience. Also, welcome to Mr Iain Brownlie, a Preservice Teacher, who will be working with the Year 5/6/7 class for three weeks.

Adopt-A-Cop Ceremony

Senior Constable Alicia Werner (currently Acting Sargent) has been involved with Hamilton State School for a little while now, but for her to be recognised as OUR Adopt-A-Cop, a ceremony needs to be held. This will occur on Friday, 6 June during Assembly (and will be in the library). All are very welcome to attend.

Upcoming Community Events

Please see the attached flyer for the Sorry Day Breakfast being held on Saturday, 31 May and Luminous Lantern Parade (welcoming new Queenslanders) on Friday 6 June.

PCYC – EXCITING NEWS!

PCYC will be operating the following at Hamilton State School:

- * **Vacation Care (starting this June-July holidays)**
- * **Before School Care (starting in Term 3)**

Please contact the office if you would like more information or application.

P&C Day

Last Friday (23 May) was recognised as P&C Day. Staff and students would like to thank and acknowledge the great work of the P&C Association. The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday, 11 June at 3.15pm in the Library. All are welcome!

Sports Day

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Sports Day on Wednesday. What a great day! A special thanks to Mrs Glenys Brighton and Mr Kent Rainbow for their organisation of the day, and Mr Nuri Shahu for marking the running lanes. Thank you also to the parents that helped by donating biscuits/cakes and selling food items, and to the PCYC for donating and cooking the sausage sizzle.

For those students who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Long Jump on Wednesday (for 10, 11, 12 and 13 year age groups), one of our wonderful Mums () will hold a training session on Monday afternoon 3-3.30pm. Training will focus on the technique of Long Jump. Also, a sprint training session will be held at the same time by one of our terrific Dads (any age group can attend).

Just a reminder...the Small Schools' Sports Day is occurring next Wednesday (June 4) at Newmarket State School. A permission form was sent home last week and need to be returned so that students can attend. **The bus must leave at 8.30am so students need to be at school by 8.15am.** Students need to bring a hat, water bottle and morning tea/lunch.

Gala Day

The Year 5/6/7 students attended a Gala Day last Thursday and yesterday, playing either netball or tag league. All students played well! Thank you to Mrs Kia Kelly for assisting with the netball girls.

Happy Birthday

Best wishes to the following students who have celebrated a birthday over the past fortnight:

May 18	Felipe
May 22	Valerie
May 22	Billy
May 25	Christine

Chappy Week

(19th - 23rd May)

On the back of Chappy Week I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on what has been happening this term! I would firstly like to thank the whole school community for your support last week with our Chappy Week events and activities around the school. I had a great time at the Chappy Dance Party with games, dancing and the Wii; holding a colouring in competition and lolly jar guessing competition. At lunchtime we sold yummy food made by some wonderful parents at school which many of the students and staff enjoyed.

It was a successful week with one student saying that Tuesday was the best day of his life! I have even had students ask me to do the same activities again because it was so much fun, and hopefully later in the year we can do another day like it. The fantastic news is that we were able to raise \$217.40 which will be used to fund Chaplaincy activities at Hamilton! In the office we have set up a little display of pictures and information about Chappy Week so take a look when you get the chance. I especially wanted to thank the following parents for their support and help- Fiona and Brad Gilhooly, Erica Richardson and Ari Bardsley for their help in making the day a success!

Chappy Commissioning (16th May)

In the week before Chappy Week, a special assembly was held to commission me as your school chaplain. In case you did not hear about it, it was an event where I indicated my commitment to the Hamilton school community as a role model, supporter, helper and encourager of the students, staff and parents. If at any time you wish to talk with me, I am at school on Tuesdays, and Friday afternoons for a chat, and I am more than willing to help out wherever I can.

Other News

On Tuesday afternoons we have also been busy creating a new vegetable garden down near the sheds. We are slowly progressing with new seeds planted and the makings of scarecrows well under way. Hopefully we will see some shoots growing soon. Remember if your child has returned a Chaplaincy form they will have the opportunity to participate in the various gardening projects sometime throughout the year.

A Note for students

Don't forget, the Chappy Mailbox is always open and on Fridays at 2nd break table tennis is held near the parent's room! ☺ Once again, thank you Hamilton. You have such a wonderful school community and I am thankful that I can be a part of it. Chappy Megan

Prep/Year 1 Library Excursion

Last Thursday (22 May) morning, the Prep/Year 1 students walked to the local library. Sharing the love of books and reading was enjoyed by all.

Prep/Year 1 Fire Safety Visit

Last week, Prep/Year 1 students had a visit from some firefighters. Students learnt about what to do in the case of a fire and even saw a fireman in full firefighting clothing and equipment. A further visit from the fire service will be happening shortly.



Raw Art

This incursion was held on Monday of this week. Each class participated in a different art workshop.

Prep/Year 1 – Fantastic Folk Art

Year 1/2/3 – Clay Texture Masks

Year 3/4 - The Dragons Head

Year 5/6/7 - Framed Fauve Faces



Milo Mornings

Just a reminder.....Milo Mornings are on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.15am – 8.45am. A big thanks to the parent and Year 5/6/7 helpers so far.

Sports Day was a great success. Check out some of our Hamilton athletes!

