Celebrating Success

NAPLAN

Today students in Year 3 and 5 will be taking home their NAPLAN results. For both Year 3 and 5 our school results were above the National average in all areas, many significantly above. This is the first time our students have completed NAPLAN online, except for the Year 3 Writing, which was a paper assessment. Further information about NAPLAN will be presented at the P&C meeting on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

Ketia from Mali – Our Sponsor Child from Plan International

Hamilton South Public School currently sponsors a child with PLAN International and have done so for many years. We have had recent communication from PLAN about Keita from Mali and are sharing this with in today’s Noticeboard,

‘Keita was born on 26 December 2005. She lives with her father Douga, mother Mariam, step-mother Yakare and little brother Modibo. They live in the Kita district, located about 185kms west of Bamako the capital city of Mali. Communities are divided into small villages made up of several different ethnic groups, with French being the official language. The majority of the population work as subsistence farmers. The main crops being sorghum, millet rice and maize. Kita is also a place where cotton and peanuts are grown. Hamilton South Public School has been sponsoring Keita since June 2008 and have played a huge role in supporting Keita and the children in her community to access clean water, quality education, healthcare and champion children’s rights and equality for girls.

Each class has a Keita box that students can bring in money to support our sponsorship of Keita. Our Harmony Day and Nepal Day are our key school fundraisers for Keita.

Some of our students have been raising money for Keita outside of school. Here are their contributions:

- Hugh McS and Ruya McK set up a stall in front of Hugh’s house. Hugh had collected things from the house that they could sell. They thought they could give the money raised to Keita ($15).
• Georgia M & Will M have been putting their weekly pocket money into three jars. These are a Spend, Save and Give jar. Over a number months the students have saved and amazing $92.30 to give to Keita.

• Aurabel W, Lucy S and Ava McM had a sleep over to bake for their cake stall. They baked brownies, cookies and cupcakes. The Sunday morning stall opened at 10am finished at 12.30pm. $12, which was 10% of the profit, was brought in to school to contribute to our sponsorship of Keita.

**Band Students’ Performance**
Well done to the 28 band students who performed at the Hamilton Child Care Movie Night on Saturday. It was a balmy evening and from all accounts the students sounded fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Bell, Mr Paul Isaacs and all the parents who helped out with the organisation, setting up and bringing their children along to perform. Fabulous effort from everyone!

**Bike Maintenance**
It is wonderful to see so many students riding their bikes to school. We are sorting out the ‘holding’ areas for the bikes as the numbers continue to grow….. In a discussion with our primary students last week it seems that some bikes need some maintenance. The holidays would be a good time for bikes to be checked that they are road worthy. We ask parents if they can check:

• Tyres
• Brakes
• Bells
• Seats
• Wheels
• Handlebars
• Chains
• Pedals
• That a stand is attached and working
• General maintenance

Have a Great Holiday Break!
This Friday sees the end of Term 3. What a busy and varied ten weeks it has been. Thank you to our staff, parents, grandparents and members of the community who have work hard to ensure great things happen for our students.
Have a wonderful two week break with your families and we will see everyone back at school on Monday 14 October 2019.

Sue Estens
Principal
KINDERGARTEN 2020 ENROLMENT
Parents of children starting Kindergarten next year can now bring in their child’s original birth certificate, immunisation record and proof of address. We now require parents to bring in 100 points of proof of address. Enrolment packs have been sent home. Forms are to be returned to the office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL NEWS:

DATES TO REMEMBER
- Monday, 23.09.19 ~ Movie night orders due in
- Tuesday, 24.09.19 ~ School Assembly – 5BF hosting
- Wednesday, 25.09.19 ~ Money collection for
  * Stage Levy & School Contribution
  * Band fees
- Thursday, 26.09.19 ~ Money collection for
  * Stage Levy & School Contribution
  * Band fees
  ~ Movie night
- Friday, 27.09.19 ~ Last day of term 3

Have a safe and happy holiday
- Monday, 14.10.19 ~ Students and staff return
- Friday, 01.11.19 ~ School Ball-tickets on sale now

NOTES TO BE RETURNED
• Absence Note – if your child has been absent from school, please either fill out a yellow note, email the school or do an absence note on skoolbag. Departmental requirement states you have seven days to explain your child’s absence.
  School hours 8:55am-3:00pm
  Please note:- Students need to be in their classroom by 8:55am.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
5BF will be hosting the school assembly on Tuesday 24 September. The assembly starts at 2.10pm and is expected to run until around 2.50pm. Parents, carers and families are all invited to come along. Access via gate 3 in Kenrick Street only.

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MOVIE NIGHT

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

A final reminder to get your orders in for the movie pack for this Thursday 26 September 2019. You can purchase the $10 pack online (Quickcliq.com.au) or at the office (cash only).
The gates on Kenrick Street will be the only gates open on the night.
There will be additional drinks and snacks available to purchase on the night. Students in K-2 can arrive from 4:30pm with the movie starting at 5:00pm. Students are to be picked up at 6:30pm when the movie is finished. Students in 3-6 can arrive from 6:15pm with the movie starting at 6:45pm. Students are to be picked up at 8:30pm when the movie is finished.

Zach Symons, Cindy Edwards and Ryan McCann

HELP NEEDED
Do you sew?
Stage 1 are seeking assistance from a parent who would be able to shorten our Oz tag belts and then overlock the ends to prevent them from fraying. Contact Mrs Pettit if you are able to help.

Thankyou

STAR STRUCK VOCAL AUDITIONS
Nominations are now open for student singers interested in applying for a vocal role in Star Struck 2020. These roles include; featured artists and backing vocalists.
For all information please visit:-


Application are completely online and are due by 14 October, 2019

Please see Mrs Kelly if you have any questions.
If anyone would like to volunteer to help with workshops next term please contact rieteka@hotmail.com
Merewether High School
An academically selective school for gifted and talented students

Information session – The Application Process
Year 7 2021

Parents of Year 5 students 2019 are invited to attend an information session about the procedures for applying for entry in an academically selective school for Year 7 2021.

When: Tuesday 15th October 2019
Where: Bensley Hall – Merewether High school
Chatham Road Broadmeadow
Time: 4.00pm
OOSH RENEWALS AND ENROLMENTS

2020 Renewals and Sibling Enrolments

From **9am on Monday 11 November, 2019** we will begin accepting renewal enrolment forms and new enrolment forms for siblings starting kinder in 2020.

Enrolment forms have been emailed out on 4 September, 2019 and can also be found on our website, [www.hamiltonsoutoosh.com.au](http://www.hamiltonsoutoosh.com.au), or picked up from the centre or the school office.

All renewing and new enrolments will be required to fill out an enrolment form this year.

We will only be accepting forms returned electronically. No paper copies will be accepted. This is to help reduce the amount of paper we use within the centre.

Any form received prior to 9am will be returned, asking you to submit it after 9am.

If you have any questions please ask Michael. Thank you.

SPORT NEWS:

**STAGE 3 BLAST CRICKET**

Stage 3 students from HSPS will be taking part in a Blast Cricket Gala Day this Friday 27 September. At this event, students will be placed into a team a play a series of games against teams from Hamilton PS. The Blast Cricket Gala Day comes at no cost to students and will take place at Learmonth Park (weather permitting). Students will be walking to the event from school and will return by 2:45pm. Students are reminded to wear their normal sports uniform, bring a hat for protection and plenty of water and food to last the day. Permission notes/sausage sizzle order form for this event should have already been returned. It should be a fun day for the kids!

Mr. True (Sports Coordinator)
APP UPDATE - INSTAGRAM

Instagram continues to be one of the most popular apps amongst teens and young people. It is a popular platform for instantly enhancing photos and videos with cool effects and sharing them across a number of social media platforms. The terms specify that users need to be at least 13 years of age.

Like all social media Instagram has its good side and a negative side. There are now counter measures in place to block offensive comments on Instagram.

You can block offensive comments on Instagram from the app’s settings. Open the app and tap your profile tab. Go the app’s settings and scroll down and tap the Comments section.

Instagram has an offensive comments filter that you can turn on from the Comments screen. It works for common offensive comments in the English language. If it isn’t doing the trick for you, there are two additional tools that let you block offensive comments on Instagram.

The first is the manual filter. If you expect offensive comments in a language other than English, you can use this filter to blacklist comments based on certain keywords. You have the freedom to enter as many keywords as you like, just separate them by a comma.

Another tool you can use is the default keywords tool. This tool identifies offensive comments based on the comments you report. For it to work, you have to first identify the offensive comments you’re getting for what they are. To mark a comment as offensive, swipe left on it and tap the exclamation sign button. From the menu that appears, select the ‘Abusive comment’ option. Be careful not to select the spam option as that will not add the comment to this particular comment filter.

For further information please visit the Instagram Website - https://wellbeing.instagram.com/safety
MUSIC MESSAGES:

CHOIR:
We had our last rehearsal of the Term this morning. Please remember that next term there is no teacher professional development day on the Monday and therefore we will be starting choir at 8:00am on the first day back at school. We have lined up a number of performances already and we need to get straight back into rehearsals.

BANDLINK:
Has been cancelled this year. All funds have now been processed into your student’s account as “fees in advance”. Please contact the office to use your funds for future fees or excursions.

NOTES:
Lots of notes came home last week for Bandfest and our next Conservatorium Music Day. If you didn't receive any or have misplaced them please let me know as I would like ALL notes returned by the end of term. All bands will be heading to the Conservatorium on Wednesday of Week 1, Term 4 for an all day rehearsal. The Training and Concert Bands will be rehearsing and working on their Bandfest pieces ready for their competitions in Week 2. RockCon will also be attending and will be spending some time with Dan in the rehearsal studio and may even get to record another piece. This will also be our second Pizza Day of the year. Thank you to our band committee for providing us with this very appreciated treat!

HUNTER REGION SOLOS AND ENSEMBLES COMPETITION 2019:
Nick M and Lucas Mc participated in the Hunter Region solos and ensembles competition which was held in Toronto this year. The boys participated in the under 13s category and were up against some pretty stiff competition from St George Brass, Sydney. Both boys did extremely well in their individual solo and duet performances. A special mention to Nick who was awarded 3rd place in the competition for his performance of “Jupiter”. Well done boys I am so proud of your achievements!
Nick and I were very nervous about the competition as we knew that there would be 13 year old’s. It was a very tough competition. Nick and I managed to pull it off and were lucky enough to come 3rd and 4th. Special mention to the canteen for selling 50c cookies (M&M’s) which also helped us.

Lucas M

On Saturday, 21 September Lucas M and I went to a brass competition at Toronto. We were both very nervous because we both knew we were versing 13 year olds. There was some tough competition but we managed to pull through. I got 3rd with the theme from “Jupiter” in the solo closely followed by Lucas with 4th with “Intrada” and “Fruits of Love Place”. In the slow melody I got 4th and as for duet we got 2nd place with “Ode to Joy”! I would also like to say thanks to my mum for driving me out there on the weekend, Janelle my teacher for keeping me updated on what was happening around the competition, Lucas for always having a smile and playing with that smile the whole way through and finally to the canteen at Toronto for keeping us well fed and ready to play.

Nick M

HAMILTON CHILD CARE CENTRE FUNDRAISER:
The Concert Band performed at the Hamilton Child Care Centre Movie Night fundraiser on Saturday evening in Gregson Park. It was a beautiful afternoon, the weather was great and there was a HUGE turnout to watch our performance. The band sounded fantastic and there were lots of smiles. Thank you to Reuben and Mr Wright for all your help in transporting the gear and all the parents and students who pitched in to help set up and pack up after our performance. I know lots of families stayed on to watch the movie under the stars. Well done Concert Band!
LESSONS:
If you have not received your invoice or wish to make a query regarding your lessons/fees please contact your tutor OR the Conservatorium directly on (02) 4921 8900. Please let your tutors know if your child is going to be absent so they can make appropriate changes to their teaching timetables as well as possibly start making up a few of these missed lessons.

ROCKCON:
Rehearsals will continue as normal this week.

As always if you have any questions, queries or comments please send me an email at nadine.bell6@det.nsw.edu.au

Thanks
Nadine Bell
HSPS Music Coordinator
### Canteen Roster: 14.10.19 – 18.10.19

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If you are unable to work, please arrange a swap. In an emergency, phone Mary on 0412 451 226

- Term 4 Menu and Term 4 Canteen Roster have been sent home today. Copies are also available from the office.

The Canteen Team.

### P&C NEWS:

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**
Shop is open every Tuesday 8.30 to 9.15am
All donations are gladly received in the basket outside the uniform shop any day.

Lauren

**FATHER'S DAY STALL IOU'S**
There are a few IOU's outstanding if you can pay these at the office as soon as possible that would be great.

Rachel and Donna
Friends of Hamilton South

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**
Order online go to:
https://www.entbook.com.au/3426u0
HSPS P&C SCHOOL BALL - TICKET SALES
Less than 6 weeks until the HSPS P&C "Diamonds are Forever" Ball on Friday 1 November, 6:30 – 11:30pm at Merewether Surfhouse.

13 tables were sold over the weekend, with only 2 remaining.

All remaining tickets are available individually for $140 per person online at http://eventbrite.com.au/e/72829351551

P&C has an option to extend the space if interest is strong. If you are interested in purchasing a full table, or paying by cash or direct deposit, please contact the Ball Committee (Katey on hspsbball@gmail.com)
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Ph: 4929 2954  Email: yncle@bigpond.com
Cost: $50 per day (plus additional excursion/incursion costs)
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What's on these Holidays

GYMNASTICS SKILLS CLINIC
8 yrs.+ 4pm – 7.30pm Mon 30th Sept & Wed 2nd Oct
Skills Clinic: 8yrs+ the "Skills Clinic" is a workshop style program for individuals wanting to learn key floor base skills for gymnastics, participants will learn progression for seated forward rolls and backward walkovers, leaps and jumps and more.

PARKOUR 4 DAY WORKSHOP
Learn PARKOUR moves such as:
SHOULDER ROLL CAT PASS DASH VAULT
SPEED VAULT PRECISION JUMP
Suitable for all skills levels 6yrs – 9+ yrs.
COST: $100.00
Mon 30th Sept - Thurs 3rd Oct 2019
4pm – 5.30pm – 6-8yrs or 5.30pm – 7pm – 9yrs+

VACATION CARE
MONDAY 30th September — FRIDAY 4th October
(Closed Mon 7th Oct due to Public Holiday)
7.30am - 6.00pm Meals Included
BOOKINGS FOR ALL PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL
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OCTOBER 2019 HOLIDAY PROGRAM
AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Program for Vacation Care Centres
Vacation Care Centre Directors are invited to bring groups of 12 or more to the Hunter Wetlands Centre for one of our special school holiday programs. Staff from the Hunter Wetlands Centre will guide your students on a fun day of outdoor adventure and learning. For the School Holidays we can again offer a choice of:

1. Bush Adventure Day  Cost: $14 per child
This program may include:
- Preparing and eating a damper (cooked in a BBQ)
- Talk on bush survival skills
- Shelter building
- Guided walk
- Reptile Encounter

2. Self Guided Program Cost: $7 per child
Your staff can bring children to the wetlands and use the self-guided Wetlands Explorer Activity notes to explore the site. Entry includes the use of dip-nets and a Reptile Encounter.

Bookings Essential
If you would like to discuss developing a program tailored to meet the needs of your students please phone Val on 4951 6466
or email: marketing@wetlands.com.au

Facilities
- Undercover picnic tables and shelters
- Discovery Playground and grassy area suitable for games and picnics
- BBQ Hire
- Cafe – meals, chips, ice creams, drinks
- Shop – gift shop

Access
- Free car and bus parking available
- Train - easy 15 minute walk from Sandgate Station
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