



# Hamilton Happenings

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Term 4

Week 9

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

December 6th

### Last day of school 2011

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### Presentation day – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1.00 – 3.00pm

Presentation Day this year will be held for the first time in the school Performance Centre. As this is the first time I need you to be very accommodating as we are unsure how things will run. We will be having parent seating in the hall and out under the cola but some parents may have to stand depending on numbers. Could you please be sensitive to older family members when it comes to taking seats.

### Oosh options in 2012

Due to Nicole Cowley not operating as a child care in 2012 we are currently looking into other options. I have included with the newsletter a YMCA survey which we are asking parents to complete asap so that we can ascertain the number of families who wish to access an Oosh. Hard copies of the survey can be obtained at the school office. Please complete and return to school office as soon as practicable.

YMCA currently operate an Oosh at St Theresa's at New Lambton and are also tendering for The Junction Public School. I have been informed by YMCA that they are prepared to bus our students to either each day. We are also looking at possibility of running an Oosh out of our school but we need accurate numbers before applying.

### Hunter Kids Sing Auditions – this Wednesday, 7 December at 6pm

Open to students in Yr 4 to Y6 in government primary schools St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Newcastle Ph: 0412 496 138 for an audition time. Application forms at [www.huntersingers.com](http://www.huntersingers.com)

### Canteen supervisor 2012

Thank you to Zoe for her work during Term 4, however, as Zoe indicated before taking on Term 4, she will not be available in 2012. If you would like to consider the position could you please call the school office and we can put you in touch with Zoe to discuss the role.

**Update:** At this stage we have not had any parent volunteer to take on canteen coordinator role in 2012. Hence canteen will not operate in Term 1, 2012. I can appreciate that it is difficult for parents to find the time to do this role – a sign of the times.

### School Year Book – prepared by Year 6

This will be going to printers this week and will be available in Week 10 from the school office. We have ordered enough for 1 x per family. If you would like more please leave your request at the school office. The cost will be \$6.00 per copy. **Every student is in the Year Book.** Thank you to all the students in Year 6 for all their work in putting the year book together. They had to gather photographs and student work from all classes.

### Welcome back BBQ in 2012

Will be held in the school grounds on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 6.00pm . BYO everything.

### Classes 2012

As many of you know classes will be organised for the start of the

new year, however, they will not be set until Week 3 as we need to accommodate any changes in numbers from 2011 to 2012. Could you please let your child know that the classes at the beginning of 2012 may not be the class they will be in for the whole year.

### Speers Point Park excursion on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

The whole school will be going to Speers Point Park. Parents are welcome to attend. We would also like your assistance with supervision as it is a big park. We will also be going into the new playground system at the park and this is where we WILL need your help. Please see Mrs Hitchcock on the day if you can help out.

### Special acknowledgments

If your child has achieved success in any activity outside of classroom/ school, please email me on [david.jack@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:david.jack@det.nsw.edu.au) so that I can acknowledge them in my column.

#### Achievement

Recently Zac C represented Hamilton Public School as a member of the Hunter Kids Sing ensemble. The choir of fifteen students from local primary schools performed to 200 people along with the Hunter Singers and Hunter Strings. They will also be on stage at the Carol by Candlelight at King Edward Park on 16 December.

### David Jack

#### Honour before Honour

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0447902352

### Kindergarten Art Exhibition: Purchase of Artworks

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who attended the opening of our art exhibition last Friday. It was wonderful to see the children looking so proud of their artwork. Feel free to visit Three Bean Espresso as often as you like to admire the children's work. Your child's artwork is available for you to purchase for \$30. Payment needs to be made to the **school office by this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December...NO LATER!** After this Friday, all unsold artwork will be made available for the public to purchase. Please see Mrs Isaacs or Mrs Wilks if you have any questions.

Purchased artwork will be available to **collect on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** from your **child's classroom** or on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec from the school staffroom**. If you are unable to collect the artwork on these two days then it will be stored at school until the beginning of next year.

### KIN & KIW Nobbys/Newcastle Library Excursion

Our excursion to Nobbys and Newcastle Library is this Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. We will leave school at 9:30am and return by 2:30pm. Remember to bring a packed lunch, drink, hat and jumper...no lunch orders. Payment must be made prior to the excursion.  
Naomi Isaacs

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## Weekly Awards

### Volunteer Thank-You Morning Tea

As a token of thanks, all volunteers are invited to morning tea on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2011. The staff and students appreciate all of the time and effort you have spent helping the school during 2011, so please come along and celebrate another successful year of teaching and learning. All volunteers and helpers are welcome.  
Time: 11.00-11.50am  
Place: Staff Room

### Thank You

It is with a lot of sadness and a tinge of excitement, that after almost 17 years, that this will be my last year of running Afterschool Care at HPS. Juggling with raising 3 daughters on my own, and fulltime study, and running a business has finally paid off and I will be opening up my own Counselling practice next year.

Thankyou to all the wonderful parents that have entrusted me with their precious children. I will miss you all dearly, and expect many visits. May the staff of HPS continue to be the wonderful bright shining lights in your children's lives.

Nicole Neave  
Peace.of.mind. COUNSELLING

### Canteen News: Reminder...

- Sushi Wednesdays** Teriyaki Chicken & Vegie Roll \$3.00/roll.

CANTEEN ROSTER		
<b>Week 9</b>	Wed 7th Dec	Zoe, Ally W
	Fri 9th Dec	Kelly B, Chris B, Tracy V

EVENT CALENDAR	
<b>Wednesday 7th December</b>	KIN & K1W Excursion cost \$9
<b>Thursday 8th December</b>	Presentation Day
<b>Friday 9th December</b>	6-7pm Year 6 Farewell
<b>Monday 12th December</b>	Volunteer Morning tea 6KF Super Strike
<b>Wednesday 14th December</b>	Whole school picnic at Speers Point Park cost \$5.00
<b>Thursday 15th December</b>	Lucy's play 2pm & 4pm
<b>Friday 16th December</b>	2.30pm Year 6 Clap out Last Day of Term
<b>Friday 27th January</b>	Staff return
<b>Saturday 28th January 2012</b>	Welcome back BBQ 6pm BYO everything
<b>Monday 30th January</b>	Students return for 2012

Class	Students	Area
K/IIN	Brodie Aidan Jet	Lovely listening manners An amazing city drawing for the art exhibition Excellent listening and participation
K/IW	Tamana Charlie Griffin	Colourful Christmas craft Great problem solving when printing his Christmas Tree Engaging in stories during story time
1/2B	Alice Billy Joseph Jimmy Kyra Max	Expressive reading Good work in reading groups Reading well at Christmas Church Service Reading well at Christmas Church Service Reading well at Christmas Church Service Reading well at Christmas Church Service
2/3H	Jimmy Shianne Leilah Memphis	Good oral reading Excellent drawing of flags Excellent work in choir Being a good classroom helper
3/6L	Jordon Liam Tabitha	Showing integrity in class Integrating well into year 5 Showing integrity in class
4/5SA	Sam Joseph Elyse Harmony	Trying his best in all areas Trying hard to stay on task A great effort in reading groups Trying her best in all areas
5/6C	Jacey Alex Reef	Settled attitude in class Great effort in completing class tasks Participating in middle school writing project
<b>RFF Mr Ison</b>	Jessica Oscar Claudia	Excellent work in class An excellent 'networks' poster Thoughtful works about 'networks'
<b>P R I N C I P A L ' S A W A R D</b>	Corey	For being an attentive, well behaved and hard working student.
	Aidan	For being a kind and happy friend
	Charlie	For being an attentive, well behaved and hard working student.
	Lilly	Consistent effort during Term 4
	Sybilla	For being an attentive, well behaved and hard working student.
	Rohan	For consistent effort and achievement this year
	Lucy	For consistent effort and achievement this year
	Sophie	For consistent effort and achievement this year
	Issy	For consistent effort and achievement this year
	Jayden	For consistent effort and achievement this year
	Josie	Sensational attitude in all areas
	Jock	For his great attitude and superb work ethic
	Max	For impressive academic achievement this year
	James	Consistent effort in Health, PS & PD
Jasmine	Consistent effort in Health, PE & PD	
James	Consistent effort in Health, PE & PD	
Alida	Consistent effort in Health, PE & PD	
Oscar	Consistent effort in Health, PE & PD	
Kedasha	Consistent effort in Health, PE & PD	
Vinayak	Consistent effort in Health, PE & PD	
Lexi	Consistent effort in Health, PE & PD	
Ella	For impressive academic achievement this year	
Oliver	For consistent effort and achievement this year	