Principal’s Report

This week started on an exciting note with the Prep students and their Grade six buddies and families enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt at school on Sunday afternoon, from all accounts it was a huge success with Easter Bunny leaving lots of eggs to be found.

Well, I can’t quite believe that a year has passed since our last Giant Easter Raffle took place but we are all looking forward once again in anticipation that our name is called out for one of the great Easter prizes in the raffle draw tomorrow morning at assembly. A huge thank you to all our families for supplying the eggs and of course selling a colossal amount of tickets. A final total of the money raised and a list of major prize winners will be included in the first newsletter in Term 2. Special thanks to Becky Blanchett for her wonderful wrapping skills.

Tomorrow we also have our annual ‘Patient Dress Up Day.’ For our new families this is when the children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as a patient or a medical staff member and we ask for a donation. The money raised will be forwarded to the Good Friday Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal.

An update on the School Council election process, I can now formally declare that the following nominations are duly elected to the school council: Jason Muldoon, Bonita O’Brien and Peta Alexander (parent members) and Damian Hayes and Adam Taylor (DEECD members). No election was necessary as the number of vacancies equalled the same number of nominations. Two of the three newly elected members have been returned to council for another term (Bonita and Jason), whilst we welcome Peta as a new councillor. All newly elected members (2014) will serve 2 years on council while existing members have one more year to serve in their term.

The 2014 School Council consists of the following members:

Parents: Peta Alexander, Hugh Koch, Simon McKinley, Bonita O’Brien, David Hintum, Brigid Kelly and Leigh Whyte

Staff: Damian Hayes, Kerrie McFadden and Adam Taylor

Executive Officer: Helen Freeman

The first 2014 School Council meeting will take place on Monday 28th April, where new office bearers (President, Vice President, Treasurer & Minute Secretary) and subcommittee convenors will be elected for 2014.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Christine Jeal for the valuable contribution that she has made over her two year term on School Council.

Parents and staff still have numerous opportunities to help shape and develop school policies; and to assist with the implementation of various initiatives for 2014, through the subcommittee and project team structure more information regarding this will follow after the first school council meeting.

Finally, I would like to wish all children a safe and happy holiday and to those who acknowledge Easter an enjoyable celebration spending some special time with friends and family, all the best.

Helen

GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

The raffle will be drawn at assembly Tomorrow Morning. We have over 50 prizes!!!

Last day of Term

Tomorrow is the last day of term 1. Children will finish school at 2.30pm.
Patient for the day!!

This year we are supporting the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal on the last day of term – Friday 4th April. Students are asked to wear casual clothes along with “Patient” attire - sling, bandage, bandaid, crutches etc. Good Friday Appeal envelopes for donations were sent home last week. If you have lost the envelope please send donation in a clearly marked envelope.

Soccer Tournament

Last Monday students from grades 1 to 4 participated in the Junior Soccer Tournament held at Pedrina Park. Overall there were 240 students from various schools in Hamilton. All the kids had a great time and lots of soccer was played!

A big thank you to everyone who helped, the starting referees, Alison and her two boys Tom and Matthew, Vincent, Michael, Ant Hildson, Stephen Nelson and Nathan Kaspers. Plus Samantha Kaspers on photo duty and designing the certificate, Kerry Cameron on general help-out and of course Julie who also looked after the between the games exercises.

I hope all the students enjoyed the event; it would be great if some students wanted to come along on Saturdays to join the junior training program next term.

Ken

ANZAC Walk – Grade 5 & 6

The Grade 5/6 children will be doing their annual Anzac memorials walk on the first day back next term (Tuesday), starting at 9.00 am and returning to school at 11.00 am. Any parents wishing to accompany us would be very welcome.

Buddies Easter Egg Hunt

A big thank you to all the families that attended the Buddies Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday. We had a great time playing, eating the delicious afternoon tea and finding Easter Eggs in the play ground.
The 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open!

This year our school will be participating in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

The 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge begins in February 2014 and officially ends on 12 September 2014. Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or ‘experience’ 30 books during this period. Students in Years 3 to 6 who accept the Challenge must read 15 books during this period.

If you would like your child to participate in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge, please read through the consent form handed out today with the newsletter and sign and return the form to school tomorrow – Friday 4th April.

Students must choose most of their books from the Challenge book list, and record their reading online as set out in the six rules for the Challenge. Teacher judgment in applying the rules and using the book list to meet individual students’ needs is an additional critical element that will ensure both the integrity of the program and that all students can participate, be challenged and succeed.

Charlotte Peverett

Australian Mathematics Competition (Commonwealth Bank) and ICAS Science, Maths and English Competitions

These National and International competitions are a great opportunity to extend and challenge your child. Country students don’t always have access to the same opportunities as the city kids or the wealthier private schools but in this competition they do. If you would like your child to have the opportunity to sit one or all of these exams, please return the forms by April 24. All competitors receive a certificate of achievement which is a great item to have in a ‘Show Off Folder’ or in an application for a scholarship.

Runners Club

Mr Hill and Mrs Peverett will be running a Runners Club starting in term 2 on a Thursday lunch time. Interested students are to meet at the front of the school at the half lunch bell.

All students are welcome to attend. Please make sure you are wearing your runners on this day.

This club will continue throughout the year and a chart will be kept showing the total distance covered.

Notices from the office

017 – University of NSW Competition Details (all students grades 3 – 6) – due back by Thursday 24th April
018 – Australian Mathematics Competition (all students grades 3 – 6) – due back by Thursday 24th April
019 – Grade 5 & 6 Melbourne Camp – due back by Thursday 24th April
020 – Grade 1 & 2 Swimming – due back by Wednesday 30th April
021 – Division Athletic Sports (selected students) – due back by Thursday 24th April
022 – Grade 5 Transition Day – due back by Thursday 24th April
023 – Choir – It’s only Rock & Roll (selected students) – due back by Friday 4th April

New Uniform

The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesdays from 8.30 to 4.00p.m.

Head Lice

There have been a few cases of headlice reported to school this week. Please take the time to check your child’s hair. Thank you
Music Lessons

Notices in regard to Term 2 lessons and payment have been handed to children this week. Payment is due the first week of Term 2. Thank you.

Dylan Edge will be doing catch up lessons for the following children during the first week of term 2.


Wednesday – Reggie Young & Cameron Downes

Thursday – Cameron Downes

Canteen Roster

There will be no canteen the first week of term 2.

U/12s Football 2014

Registration Days—Thursday 27th March or Thursday 3rd April 3.45pm – 5pm
Under Melville Oval Grandstand. Cost $25
For children in Grade 5 & 6 All players who played in last year’s U12 competition MUST re-register, if they wish to play again this year. Contact Robbie Cook 0407712498

AUSKICK

NAB Hamilton Auskick will commence at Pedrina Park on Saturday 26th April at 9:00am concluding Saturday 28th June 2014. There will be no Auskick sessions on the Queen’s Birthday weekend Saturday 9th June.

Go to www.aflauskick.com.au to register. All registrations must be online and no cash will be accepted. The cost is $65.00 plus credit card fees. All participants that register and pay online before Sunday 13th April 2014, are eligible for the AFL Gameday Club Connect offer of four free tickets to selected AFL games. Auskick packs will be delivered to your home addresses and no packs will be distributed at Pedrina Park.