Dates to Remember

Tuesday 9th June to Friday 12th June
Grade 5 & 6 Kangarooie Camp

Friday 12th June
Prep Students – Back in Time Day

Saturday 13th June
Working Bee 9am -12noon

Wednesday 17th June
Visiting Performer – Australian Opera

Thursday 25th June
Reports Handed Out

Friday 26th June
Last Day Term 2
2.30pm Dismissal
Casual Dress Day

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Principal’s Report

Well, this week has been a short week for us all.
The Eisteddfod last week was again a real highlight. All the build-up, excitement and the continuous practising by all the students involved resulted in a very personally rewarding experience for all of our performers.

Congratulations to all who participated and performed at their personal best. Special thanks to Megan Garland and Damian Hayes who spent time rehearsing with the students. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hamilton Eisteddfod Committee who do an excellent job organising and running the program over the two weeks.

Congratulations to all our place getters:
Section 006: Open Piano Solo - HM Eliza Millard
Section 013 Open Piano Solo - 2nd Eliza Millard
Section 027 14 years &under Piano Duet - 2nd Eliza and Rachael Millard
Section 093: 14 years and under Instrumental Ensemble - HM Hamilton (Gray St) String Ensemble
Section 069: 12 years and under Woodwind Solo - 2nd Tegan Menzel
Section 074: 12 years and under Woodwind Duet - 1st Lily O’Brien and Sharney Millard
Section 058: 12 years and under String Solo - HM Sam Jewell
Section 031: 10 years & Under Electone Solo – 2nd Indyana Sparrow
Section 033: 14 years & Under Electone Solo – 2nd Indyana Sparrow
Section 062: 10 years & Under String Duet – 1st Isobel Mecham & Siana Jacobson
Section 062: 10 years & Under String Duet – 2nd Alicia Lim & Molly Mecham
Section 116: Year 6 & Under Primary School Sacred Song & Carol Contest – 2nd Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School
Section 117: Year 6 & Under Primary School Folk Song Contest – HM Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School
Section 040:1: Primary School Student Voval Solo – HM Georgie Pither
Section 052:1: 14 years & Under Vocal – Modern Solo – HM Georgie Pither

This week it is the Dance section of the Eisteddfod and many of our students have competed with some great results or are still to compete, the highlight for many is the experience of performing on stage and having fun.

Last Friday, all teachers had a very productive day working on their student mid-year reports which will be distributed on Thursday 25th June followed up with parent/teacher interviews on Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July.

The news from the 5/6 Campers at Kangarooie has been very positive and we look forward to hearing about all their experiences and seeing lots of photos on their return.

We are privileged to have the Australian Opera Company performing Hansel and Gretel next Wednesday at our school. For over 20 years, Opera Australia has maintained a strong commitment to bringing high calibre opera into schools; and our Schools Tours have developed a reputation for being one of the finest arts education programs in Australia. Music and drama play an inspiring role in the education of children. The Company introduce a love of the performing arts to children all over Victoria and NSW, developing and engaging them through a combination of music, singing, drama and design. Opera engages its audience visually, aurally and emotionally. This year’s season of Hansel and Gretel in Victoria will bring the excitement of opera to thousands of school children. I am sure that this production will foster a love of opera and the performing arts in our students, and that hopefully their engagement with the arts will continue throughout their lives. Please check to ensure that your child’s notice has been returned with money by tomorrow.

We have had some outstanding writing produced at the Writing Workshops so far. The children have enjoyed exploring our beautiful Botanical Gardens and then using this as their inspiration to create their writing pieces. We thank Sandra Jacobson who is volunteering her time to run the workshops and share her writing expertise with the children.

Finally, a reminder about the ‘Working Bee’ on Saturday morning starting at 9.00 a.m. finishing up at midday. If you could donate a couple of hours of your time on Saturday morning it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring a yard broom if you have one the focus will be on removing the leaves and a general clean up.

Enjoy the week ahead, Helen
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Helen Freeman on 5571 9295 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

Writers Workshop

The Haunted House by Jasper

Way back, about a 100 years ago there was a man. This man was no ordinary man. He went to war. When he came back he bought a big property and built a lovely park. His name was Bailey Mason. About 10 years after he built a cottage and lived there. After about five years he died. Bailey’s park became the Botanical Gardens

Many years later, two boys were playing in the gardens when the lions on the water fountain came to life and chased the boys. Soon enough, the boys were tired and found the old cottage, so they went in and locked the doors. The boys went and explored the house. Suddenly, they heard a squeaking sound in the cupboard.

Lachlan said “I’m scared.”
“It’s okay Lachlan,” said Michael.

They opened the doors. Bats came flapping out of the door with skulls in their claws. The boys ran out the back door gasping for air. The lions came round the back. The boys were trapped!

Michael said to Lachlan “jump over the lions.” So they did. They landed on the lion’s backs and sat on the lion’s backs and tried to ride the lions but the lions swung them off.

The boys quickly got off the ground and ran for their life.

About ten years later the boys meet back up and went there again….

By Jasper

Gardens Story

Long, long ago there were eight people who lived in a cottage and I don’t know how they all fitted in there, with only two bedrooms. Outside that cottage there was a tree cubby.

Next to the cottage there was a cage with a peacock and ducks. just a little way away from the cottage was a fairy garden which they all walked to every day. And just a little bit further away was a water fountain which they also went to see every day.

And back at the cottage out in their backyard they had very beautiful plants and flowers. They always looked after every time. Sometimes they walked over to the old cannon. On the other side of the cottage there were some cages with some birds that they looked at nearly every day.

Behind the cottage there was a bush cave that their children always hid in. and out the back they had very beautiful bushes. They lived happily forever in their cottage.

By Jordan Looker
Great start to the camp. The weather has been kind and all children have had a great time getting dirty and tired. So far they have completed a ropes course, obstacle course, farm activities, environmental games and canoeing. There has also been a night walk and a bush dance. The food has been first rate and we look forward to our beach walk and visit to the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. See you all on Friday!! We should return home at approximately 4.15 pm.

Hoop Time Basketball 2015

The 2015 Hamilton Hoop Time Basketball dates for early term 3 are as follows:

Juniors Grade 4’s - Thursday 23rd July 2015 (approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).

Seniors - Monday 27th July 2015 (approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).

We are seeking as many parent helpers on both days with coaching, scoring and team management. For a coaching role, you do not need to have a high level of knowledge about basketball, just be able to make substitutions during the game. Scoring is modified and you do not need to be experienced. Any helpers over the age of 18 years will require a current Working With Children Check.

If you think you are able to assist with either day could you please indicate on the form below. Parental help is essential for the Hoop Time days to run successfully.

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Hoop Time Basketball 2015

Name:...........................................................................................................................

Contact phone no:..............................................................................................................

Day available: Thursday 23rd July (Grade 4s)  Monday 27th July (Grade 6s)

Role:  Coach  Scoring  Team Management

Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray
Prep – Back in Time Day

Tomorrow the preps will be having an old fashion dress up day. The students will get to play with toys from yesteryear and complete lessons using chalk boards and an abacus. We would love it if you could help your child dress up for our special day.

Mrs Harms & Mrs Riddle

Student Voice - Fundraising - Casual Dress Day

On the last day of term 2 (Friday 26th June) we will be running a Yellow Themed Casual Dress day with all money being donated to the Anti Cancer Council. Students are encouraged to come as a yellow something or wear yellow – ideas could include – a duck, a smartie, a banana, a chicken or a pineapple!!

On this day we will also be selling Honey Joys – all proceeds will also go to the Anti Cancer Council.

Honey joys will be 50c each and will be handed out at recess on the last day of term 2. An order form was handed out last week to the eldest in the family.

News from Bruce the Bandicoot...

Blitz this week’s – Listening Positions

Facts about Listening

We listen at a rate of 125-250 words per minute, but think at 1000-3000 words per minute.

55% of the meaning in our words is derived from facial expressions, 38% is in how the words are said, and 7% is in the actual words spoken.
Maths Problem Solving

Last Weeks Question and Answer
We cut a 1800 gram stick of butter in half. We then cut one of the halves into 4 equal slices. Find the weight of one slice.

Answer: 225 grams.

This weeks Question
Bob is exactly 488 months old. How old is he?

Uniform

At Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School, we have an agreed school uniform. We have worked hard to ensure this is weather appropriate and practical. In addition the Year 6 students can wear the year 6 rugby jumper, which makes their Year 6 year a bit special and which they wear with pride.

At the moment there seem to be a number of students wearing hoodies or windcheaters. These are not a part of our school uniform and are therefore not to be worn during school hours.

It is also important to note that leggings/stocking/tights are not to be worn with summer dresses. Students are able to wear trackpants or a winter tunic with tights if the weather is cold.

The uniform is made up of articles of clothing in the school colours (maroon, navy blue, pale blue) and consists of the following:

- Rugby Jumper with school logo compulsory
- Navy blue polo vest with school logo
- Long/short sleeve Light blue polo-shirt with school logo
- Navy blue track suit pants – straight leg
- Tartan tunic/skirt
- Navy blue gabardine long pants
- Black school shoes or runners

Sports Uniform
- Long/short sleeve pale blue polo-shirt with school logo
- Navy blue poly-cotton sports shorts
- Navy blue track suit pants – straight leg
- White or black runners

Accessories
- Maroon School bag
- Socks – navy or plain white
- Hair accessories – navy, pale blue, maroon
- Navy blue tights with tunic in winter
- Maroon broad-brimmed hat or bucket hat

Please give us your thoughts- There has been some interest shown in adding a navy blue polo shirt to the uniform list. The polo shirt would be navy blue with a pale blue stripe through the collar and the emblem would be in pale blue. Please take a moment to complete the slip below and return it to the office. Thank you

Navy Blue Polo Shirts

Parent Name: ........................................

☐ Support the idea of adding a navy blue polo shirt to our uniform

☐ Don’t support the idea of adding a navy blue polo shirt to our uniform
Notices Sent Home (Notices can be found on the school website)

No new notices this week

Canteen Roster

Volunteers are needed urgently in the canteen. If you can help please contact the office 5571 9295. Thank you

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Plant Stall

Donations needed for our plant stall:
- Mono Grass, either green or black
- Yellow Poker
- Lavender
- Daphne
- Boston, Maiden, Fish Tail, Hairs Foot Ferns
- Succulents – as many as possible
- Established cuttings
- Vegetable seedlings and herbs would also be great too!
- Pretty much anything that has a root structure that can easily be divided to create a mass amount.
  Fallon is happy to come and dig, divide and pot plants.

Other Items:
- Potting Mix, Pots, 3-4 inch
- Moccona coffee jars (lids not needed)
- Old broken terracotta pots
- Tongue Depressors
- Cable ties (for the mulch bags), Corks
- Old hard back books, Old wire bird cage
- Old Wooden Chairs, Old wire hanging baskets
- Mini terracotta pots that can be painted with blackboard paint.

If getting the plants/items to school is difficult, please leave your name and number at the office and we can arrange a suitable time to collect your donations.

Thank you, Country Fair Committee
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE | Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government recently announced the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund to assist eligible students to participate in school activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card will be eligible to apply. A payment of $125/primary school student will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.

**Application forms are available from the school office and must be returned by 26 June, 2015. For more information please see Maree or Leesa at the School Office.**

**Visiting Performers Prep to Grade 6 Students**

As part of our visiting performers program we have the Australian Opera and Planet Rhythm coming to our school in the next few weeks.

**Australian Opera – Wednesday 17th June - $7.00 each**
**Planet Rhythm – Thursday 16th July - $5.00 each**

If you would like your child to participate in these performances, please complete and return the form below and return with payment to the office by **MONDAY 15th JUNE**.

If you have any questions please see Leesa or Maree in the office.

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I, .................................................................. give permission for my child/ren to participate in the Visiting Performers Program.

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