Today grade 4 students participated in Hooptime Basketball at HILAC. All teams played 3 or 4 games in a round robin competition.
Pictured above: Isabella Bradbeer, Jazmyn Greaves, Makenzee Sparrow and Emma Robertson were looking forward to playing basketball today.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Welcome back and we hope that everyone has had a relaxing break and that you are looking forward to an exciting term of school ahead. Third term contains some very exciting events for our children to look forward to.

Today teams from Year 4 played in the Hooptime Basketball competition and the year 6 teams are playing next Monday. We hope the Year 4 students enjoyed the experience and wish the Year 6’s all the best. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Mrs Carolynn Murray and Mr Hill for organising the event and the parents who are involved in supporting the teams.

Over the school holidays the school ran a very successful Out of School Hours Care program attended by school age children from many schools in Hamilton. Again it was a huge success with children of various ages attending and engaging in the many activities that were offered. Congratulations to Rosemary and the team for the outstanding job they are doing in the Out of School Hours Program.

The painting project has now finished and what a difference it has made. Sincere thanks to Peter, Helen and Matthew Coates and Jarrod Dickson for the outstanding job they have done. Right through the project they have always been extremely helpful and accommodating ensuring there is minimal disruption to the daily workings of the school.

Yesterday, you received some information regarding a family competition to ‘Name the Newsletter.’ We are launching our new look newsletter shortly and would like as many families as possible to put an entry into the competition. The winning entry will receive a $50 voucher family meal at Gilly’s Restaurant in Gray St. We would sincerely like to thank Afton and Kaye Barber, parents at the school for this great donation.

We are all looking forward to the exciting times ahead which include the whole school review in early August, swimming for Years 3 and 5 and multicultural celebrations in September just a sample of the events happening this term.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Helen

YOU CAN DO IT!!

Dear Parents and Friends,

During Term 3, Prep to Grade 6 students will be working on the Persistence Foundation.

Persistence means trying hard to do your best and not giving up when something feels like it’s too difficult or boring. Examples of persistent behaviour are:

- continuing to try even when school work is hard;
- not being distracted by others, and
- checking work when it’s finished to make sure it’s correct.

The Positive Habits of the Mind that we hope to develop in our students’ Persistence include:

- **I Can Do It** – thinking that “I’m more likely to be successful than I am to fail”;
- **Giving effort** – thinking that “The harder I try, the more successful I will be”, and knowing that success is not caused by external factors (luck, ease of task) but by internal factors (effort);
- **Working Tough** – thinking that “In order to be successful in the future, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun in the present”.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Welcome back to another term of art news. This term the children are involved in the **Multicultural Theme**. This means all the classes will learn the Art, Music and Sport of a country in their weekly Specialist sessions and will perform something special at the end of the term to the rest of the school and to their family & friends.

The countries are as follows:

- **Grade Prep to 2**: Vietnam
- **Grade 3 & 4’s**: Africa
- **Grade 5 & 6’s**: Brazil

To kick start this week in Art, each class have completed their personal details in their individual PASSPORTS, which officially allows them to enter into their country and learn, learn, learn!

Each week their PASSPORT will be stamped by all three Specialists to verify that they attended that session.

▶ **Artist of the Week & Junior/Senior Class of the Week** will commence next week.

**FUNDRAISING TERM 3**

Next fundraising meeting will be held on Monday 25th July at 7pm, in the staffroom – all welcome.

Ladies Night – Thursday 25th August 7pm start – more details to follow.

**HOOPTIME BASKETBALL**

Today grade 4 students participated in Hooptime Basketball at HILAC. A full report will be in the newsletter next week.

Good luck to our Grade 6 Senior Hooptime participants for Monday 25th July. Children playing are reminded to wear their sports uniform to school and bring along a drink bottle, snacks and lunch for the day.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to coach and score. Parents are most welcome to come up and watch the games.

Carolynn Murray

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - Instalment Two**

A reminder to parents/guardians who **have not** already applied for the Education Maintenance Allowance at our school in 2011 will need to submit a new EMA application. Applications close on 5th August 2011. Forms are available from the office, current Health Care/Pension Cards need to be sighted with the application.


**PREP 2012 – SPECIALIST CLASSES FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

A reminder to parents of 2012 prep children – Specialist classes start next week:

- Wednesday 27th July – Physical Education
- Wednesday 10th August – Art
- Wednesday 24th August – Music
- Wednesday 7th September – Library.

Please meet in the Flexible Learning Hub at 2.30pm. Any questions please contact Leesa or Maree in the office.