



# NEWSLETTER

## Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016



### PRINCIPAL REPORT

Dear Parents, Friends and Caregivers

Welcome to 2016!!! What an exciting time to for learning, fun, and developing relationships. I hope that everybody had a wonderful and refreshing holiday and is ready for a big year at Hamilton SDS.

We will be continuing to do the things that we know work, but will also try a few new things to get the most out of the education of your children. Remember, this is a SunSmart term, so make sure that you child has a hat and sunscreen ready for each day.

On staff for 2016 we welcome Shirley Gregory as our Science teacher, Lucy Ormiston and Graham Devereux as aides, and David Hillier joins Our bus staff as a driver. We know that they will fit into our team and families will get a chance to meet them at a BBQ which is being arranged by the Parents and Friends Association.

Let's have a fantastic term together!

Cameron Peverett  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### February:

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
P&F Meeting 2.30pm  
in the staffroom
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Support Group  
Meeting (see newsletter)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Pancake Day  
\$1.00 each
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
School Council  
Meeting 4.45pm

#### March:

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Public Holiday
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Last day term 1  
School finishes at  
2.30pm

#### April:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
First day term 2



### Home Learning Tip

Fill in your SPICE Map, which will have been sent home by your teacher. This will help to inform the teacher about what you would like your child to learn about at school to help parents and teachers to teach the students what is important for them.



Birthdays over the holidays...

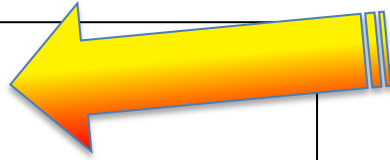
### Happy Birthday!

Tyler (11), Duncan (14), Josh (15), Kezia (14), Kyal (18), Ashley (18)

### School Council

The first school council meeting for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 4.45pm in the staffroom

## Bus Reminder:



Can parents please make sure that their child is ready and waiting for the bus at the required pick up time.

Please keep an eye out for the bus, as the chaperone cannot come to your door.

If you require the bus to toot the horn when they arrive at your house, please speak to the driver to arrange this.

If you or your child does not appear by the set time, the bus will wait for 3 more minutes and then continue on the run.

Buses are not able to deviate from their set route. If you have any questions regarding the route please contact Gene in the office.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

## TRAVELLING ON A SCHOOL BUS

### What to do if your child is not traveling on the bus

- **Ring the bus mobile – leave a message**  
( the chaperone will check this each morning, so we do not make unnecessary trips )

### **ALSO**

- **Ring the school – speak to a staff member or leave a message on our answering machine.**  
( we must tell the Department why your child is away )

Bus Mobile Numbers:

<b>Casterton</b>	<b>0428 040 935</b>
Yulecart	0428 062 597
<b>Byaduk</b>	<b>0428 079 678</b>
Caramut	0428 058 738

### **CHILD – PICK UP**

If you need to collect your child during the day or at the end of school, you must come to the Office area.

Students who are being collected will come with staff to the office.

Parents are asked to park in our carpark or well away from the buses, to ensure no one is walking near bus. To ensure everyone is kept safe.

### **If your child is sick or away for any reason**

- You can contact the bus and leave a message that your child will not require picking up.
- **You must also contact the school** and leave a message or speak to a staff member to let us know why the child is away.
- All absences are recorded, and the Education Department notified.



## SWIMMING:

Our swimming program has started again

Please make sure your child brings their bathers and towel etc. on Fridays

## 2016 SCHOOL FEES:

Each family will have receive a letter, with their child's report outlining the school payments for 2016, as set by School Council.

Please take particular note of the payment requirements for cooking and ensure that these are attended to by next Monday.



If you have any questions regarding the fees, please contact the school .

## General Forms:

The general permission forms for the 2016 year will sent home with each child on Wednesday . Please make sure that they are returned to the office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

- Please read them carefully & complete all sections relevant to your child.
- Return these forms to the school office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February.
- If you have any questions regarding these forms please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Your child will also have a printed copy of the information that is current on the school system at this point in time. Please read over this information and make any changes that are required. Things to double check are phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts just to name a few.

If there are not changes please write "no changes" on the form and return it.

Each child who was enrolled in 2015 or before must return a checked form.

Forms are to be back as school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016, so that our information is up to date.

### Parent Support Group Lunch

**When:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 12 noon – 2.00pm

**Where:** **Henriz**

**Enquiries:** Rhonda Zschech  
55 712 122

**All new families are most welcome**



# Pancake Day

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016

This will be run by the Parents and Friends Association  
as a fundraiser for Uniting Care.

Pancakes will be \$1.00 each  
Students who wish to have a pancake are asked to bring  
their money on the day.

Pancakes will be available at 9.30am

The Breakfast Program will run on this day as normal,  
should your child not wish to have pancakes.

Any questions please contact the office.



