Today Parents will be receiving the Gala Day note for our Cross Country Carnival and Soccer and Hockey trials. This is a great day and all children are involved in the activities. The infants Children will be participating in tabloid events. Please fill out all of the details on the permission sheet and return by Friday.

We were unable to “CleanUp” Hampton on Friday due to the poor weather. Hopefully this week we will enjoy some lovely clear Autumn weather and will get out and pick up any papers that have been accidently dropped.

Miss Manton is receiving Professional Development today with Dr Bill Rogers. He has an exceptional way of dealing with many of teachings challenges and I hope she enjoys her day. We are all in a continual process of learning and improvement and this is just as important for the teachers as well as the students.

A warm thankyou to all the parents who offered assistance for the Bicentennary Trail ride fundraisers. Well done.

This week we focus on

RIGHT PLACE  RIGHT TIME  RIGHT CHOICE

Teachers will be on the lookout for and reminding students about the importance of this expectation. When students are in the classrooms or on the playground a focus on Right Choices all the time will lessen the likelihood of anything occurring that is undesirable. What I love about this expectation is that the children have the opportunity to follow this in a very personal way. There is so much scope for thinking and considering. A simple phrase like this very often gets kids on the right path straight away.

Kind regards,
Moira McNair
Principal
Bus Behaviour
We are very privileged to have such a fantastic bus service. It is always important to remind your children of appropriate bus behaviour. Hands and Feet to yourself will allow everyone to travel in safety all the time.

Parenting Information Books
Last year I made available some resource books for parents on a variety of issues. There are two that have not yet been returned. If you have borrowed one could it please be returned to school to benefit other parents who may be interested in similar issues. Thankyou.

GALA DAY
Gala Day will be held on Friday 15th March. All students are to attend this day and we are asking if parents are able to help with transportation of students to and from the venue. If you are able to help transport extra students, kindly organise this with other parents prior to the day.

In the primary class, students have been exploring sound in Science and Technology. Last week students were provided with the opportunity to explore various musical instruments.

PUB LUNCH ORDERS
Some lunch orders have been sent in with insufficient funds to cover the order. Could all parents please make sure that the correct change is given with the orders, as it is not the staff’s responsibility to make up the difference. Any orders found to not cover the full cost of what your child wants for lunch, then food items will be ordered for your child to total what amount of money is sent in and any change leftover will be sent home.

Heat Up Lunch
Please supply your own fork or spoon with your heat up lunch—no more staffroom forks or spoons can be handed out. Definitely no knives are to be brought to school.
**Hampton Heroes**
Students of the Week

Alex & Eliza

Heidi, Elizabeth & William

Charlie & Mika

**DUBBO EXCURSION NOTES**
A reminder to all Stage 2 students who received an Information sheet regarding the upcoming Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion to be held in Term 2. Permission notes and a deposit of $20 needs to be returned to school by no later than the 15th March (next Friday). If you have not already done so, and thank you to those who already have, kindly return your child’s permission note and deposit to the office before the end of Week 7. Should you have any questions regarding this excursion, please contact Mrs McNair.

**New English Curriculum**
The Board of Studies has released the new NSW English Syllabus which aligns itself with the National Australian Curriculum. The additional professional learning that will be taken on by the teaching staff will see the Syllabus fully implemented into Teaching and Learning Programs by the end of 2013. I have a special interest in Literacy learning and will be holding some parent information meetings later in the year. The Board of Studies website is an available resource for any interested parents.

*A big thankyou to Brian Perry who has been working on the library over the past two weeks by applying a fresh coat of paint to the exterior and also tidying up the stairway into the library by removing the old wooden handrail and replacing it with a sturdy metal handrail. We thank Mr Perry for all the work that he has done to make our library a safe and much brighter one.*
Dear Mrs McNair,

I think that Hampton Public School should have an extra weeks holiday. We can go places such as Queen Elizabeth Park. I want to spend more time playing with my family because Guy Troy Mum Dad and I like to play with cars. We should have an extra holiday.

Yours sincerely
Aaron Swift

Dear Mrs McNair

I think that we should have less holidays. Too begin with I think that we should have less holiday because when we have six weeks off it is a very long time. I such school very much. I love when we do work like maths and art and English. That’s why we should have one week less. Secondly I think we should have less holiday because we need to learn. If we don’t learn we not alant to drive a car when we are 16. Kids forget what to do when they have too many holidays. Therefore we should have less holiday.

Yours sincerely
Katie Green

Dear Mrs McNair,

I think that Hampton Public School should have an extra weeks holiday firstly we spend more time with our families. We could go camping on holiday. We could go to beach that is one of the reasons why. Secondly teachers could have more time organising the children work and spend more time to see the friends. That why we need more holidays. Thirdly students work way way too much. They need holidays to remember what they have learned and that is why my final reason.

Yours sincerely,
Mika

Dear Mrs McNair

I think that Hampton Public School should have one week less holiday.

Too begin with: I think one less week of holidays because you don’t get to see your friends and you forget your work that you have done. That’s why we should of a week of. I like school work doing English. Secondly: I think school is fun that’s why I think an extra week of is a bit boring. That’s why we should have a less week holiday.

Lastly: I think kids want more weeks of because they want to spend time with other friends and sleepovers. I think 6 weeks is a bit to much. I love school I wish it was 5 weeks of. Mrs McNair that’s why I really want to have one less week of.

Yours sincerely,
Shalyn

Dear Mrs McNair,

I believe that Hampton Public School should allow an extra week in the school holidays, for these reasons why.

To being with, extra week in our holidays would allow more time for kids to spend with family. This would be particularly helpful for kids who go to boarding school who only get to see their family every few weeks. This would also be good for kids who are so loaded up with homework that they have to spend most of their time in their bedrooms doing it. This is one reason why we should get an extra week in our holidays. Also, teachers deserve an extra weeks holidays because they work just as hard, if not harder, than us kids do. Teachers have to prepare, mark and explain to us about all of our work while all us kids just have to do it. Teachers also have to deal with kids being naughty. That’s another reason why an extra weeks holiday should be allowed at Hampton Public School.

Lastly, some kids spend so much time doing homework that they don’t have any time to do sport or et enough exercise. This can lead to childhood obesity, which goes on to getting teased at school. So another week of holidays would mean that kids could get more exercise and not get at an unhealthy weight.

That’s why I believe that an extra weeks holiday should be allowed at Hampton Public School.

Yours sincerely,
William

Dear Mrs McNair,

I agree that Hampton Public School should have a extra weeks holiday. Firstly I think we should have a longer holiday because that we can spend more time with our family. We can stay up late watching a movie and if we go to school too much we would start forgetting things that are important to know. The teachers will start running out of things to teach us. The holidays is time for the teachers to think. That is only a few reasons why we should have a longer holiday. Another reason that we should have more time off is that we can go on a family to Sydney, Port Maquary, Perth, Queensland, Amareca, China, Melbon or event track around the world. We can stay there for longer if we have a shorter holiday we cannot do that so that is why we should have longer holiday.

Lastly teachers work too hard. They will run out of things to teach us. The holidays is time for teachers to think. The students will start to forget things that are important to know.

They are my reasons why Hampton Public School should have a extra week holiday.

Yours sincerely,
Alex