Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Well what an amazing Christmas Carol's it was on Sunday. Well done to our P&C and in particular Mrs Viska, Liz Reynolds and Taryn Harding-Pennuto for organising the stage, sound and all the events. It was a lovely night and I would like to acknowledge the strong parent, student and community support on the night. I can only hope that this event continues to grow and be so well supported.

This week the pace doesn't slow with this Friday being our annual swimming carnival. This is an awesome event and enjoyed by staff as well as students. Please ensure that all students that are attending have hats, sunscreen and water bottles.

Well done to our Pre Primary students for a fabulous assembly item. A special thanks to Mrs Annett, Ms Bettridge, Mrs Counsel and Mrs Morrison for their hard work. The students looked wonderful in their costumes and it was fantastic seeing so many parents and grandparents in attendance supporting the kids. We have been very fortunate this year to have had outstanding items. Next week we have Room 7 for our final class assembly.

Congratulations to Rianna Tilbrook for being runner-up in the City of Bayswater Christmas Banner Competition 2015. We will be able to see Rianna's banner around the City of Bayswater during December and early January.

I am also pleased to announce that Mrs Salleo has received a letter of commendation from the Minister for Education acknowledging her efforts in winning the Commonwealth Bank Award for Technology & Enterprise Day.

It is very pleasing to see our talented teachers and students being recognised.

Yesterday the majority of our Year 6 students attended their 2016 high school. This is an exciting time for students as they investigate their new schools and meet new friends. We hope everyone enjoyed the day and it just brings to focus how little time these students have left at Hampton. Graduation is just around the corner and I believe that we secured another surprise guest for the graduation night.

Classroom GFT & Playground Rewards

It is very timely to remind everyone that each term students are provided the opportunity to join in classroom GFT’s and rewards for behaviour in the playground. Participation in these events is earned and is not a given. To participate students are expected to demonstrate that they have met their classroom and school behavioural expectations. Where a student is ineligible due to the poor choices they have made we will advise both the student and the parents.

Just a reminder to all parents and students to ensure that your GFT notes and monies are returned to your teachers as soon as possible. Notes have been sent home today with your child.

Swimming Carnival – This Friday

All children who participated in SWIMMING LESSONS have been invited to the swimming carnival, this Friday 4th December from 11:00am - 2:30pm. Students can participate in events they have chosen and are capable of completing successfully.

The main emphasis of the carnival is fun and participation, but there will be awards to recognise athletic achievement. The Year 3’s will be able to attend this year, if they have a minimum swimming level of 3.
Presentation and Graduation Assembly
Please keep the following dates free as they are arguably the most important two dates in our School Calendar:

1. **Year 6 Graduation Night** – for Year 6 students to be held on the 14th December (Monday Night) from 5:00pm -6:00pm Ceremony Dinner and Disco 6:00pm till 8.30pm;

2. **Presentation Morning** – for all students PP – 6 on Wednesday 16th December 9:00am – 10:25am.

More details will follow in the coming newsletters.

‘Hampton Park Mini-Waqtails’
*Pre-Kindy 2016*

Next year our very successful Pre-Kindy will be running again!
If your child is turning 3 by June 30 in 2016, they are ready to come along and enjoy our sessions.

The program focuses on early literacy and numeracy skills and allows plenty of opportunities for your little one to socialise with children their own age.

It will run on Mondays in blocks of eight weeks. There will be two sessions - a morning and an afternoon group lasting two hours each. (Your preference can be given when you come to the office.)

There will only be 20 places available!

If you would like to join in the fun, please register your interest at the office now.

We look forward to seeing you along with your bundle of joy in the new year!

Uniform Shop
We are very excited to announce that we have a new polo being introduced in 2016. These will be available from the open night early in Term 1. The polos will be $25 each. To assist with the transition of the new shirts, we will be offering the polos for $15 each at the Open Night. Parents are able to purchase one polo per student at this reduced price.

Battery Collection
In 2 weeks time the EMRC will be clearing our used battery bin. Please send in any old dry cell batteries before 14th December for collection. Ask friends relations and work colleagues to collect old batteries and send them all into Room 1. Your children can earn 1000 faction points for the batteries they bring in. Batteries sent to landfill are extremely dangerous for our environment so please don't throw them in the rubbish bin. Together we can make a difference.

*Glynis Cardy - Room 1*

Lost Property
We have a small pile of clothing, goggles and towels that were lost during swimming lessons. Could you please ask your children to check lost property. If they have lost goggles they need to see Mrs de Jonk or Mr Ker.

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*Mr Glen Purdy* – Principal
Can you believe it is December? Once again we are holding a Christmas Raffle. We are asking families to donate items to go into the raffle. We welcome all donations that you think would be fabulous to win in the lead up to Christmas. Please start sending in your goodies to your classroom. **Tickets for the raffle have been sent home today**

**School Banking**

Today was the last day of school banking for the year. Thank you to all the children who have been banking regularly. It’s great to see so many of you redeeming your tokens with rewards! But remember keep saving your pocket money over the school holidays and we will let you know next year when you can recommence school banking again. If you are waiting on a reward you have ordered, we will deliver it to your classroom when they arrive before the end of term.

**Community Notices**

**Celebrate Christmas Lunch:**

If you are on your own this Christmas, or perhaps life is tough right now, we would like to invite you to our FREE ‘Celebrate Christmas Lunch’ where you can share in a special meal and meet some new people. The ‘Celebrate Christmas Lunch’ will be a place of conversation, companionship and celebration for everyone who attends. Sunday 13 December, RA Cook Pavilion, Bedford. 12.30 – 2.30pm, doors open from 12pm. Anyone and everyone is invited, to book your FREE seat today, please RSVP for catering purposes: [www.tcgimpact.com/christmaslunch](http://www.tcgimpact.com/christmaslunch) or call Kylie on 0414 820 473.

**Christmas in the Park:**

Christmas is a time of community, carols, family and celebration. Enjoy an evening of free fun for the whole family. 4pm: Lots of activities including bouncy castles, super slide, sumo suits, competitions, face painting and more. 6.30pm: Main event on the main stage including Christmas Carols and Santa! Food and drinks available for purchase. Sunday 13th December 4-8pm

Held at the RA Cook Reserve, Coode Street, Bedford [www.tcgimpact.com/christmas](http://www.tcgimpact.com/christmas)