Our students sang beautifully at the Carols Festival. Thanks to Kaylene, Tracy & Merrilyn for organizing the children.
Goodness, it’s hard to believe that the year is over. What a semester it has been for me.

I’d like to personally thank everyone from the community for welcoming me so readily and warmly. I can honestly say I love Hamilton and love our school with a passion. What a great turn around we are achieving in such a short timeframe. We have achieved our target for new prep enrolments and this is through the sheer hard work of everyone involved in our school. The Hamilton Spectator has ensured we are a focal point in the media regularly, really showcasing the teaching and learning that is happening, so a big thank you to Tess and her team. The talk in the community is extremely positive, with everyone asking me what is happening at George Street, because we are the talk of the town. It’s about time this school stood out and shone once again.

This week we held a special morning tea for our volunteers and parent helpers. We couldn’t function as well without their support, so again, thank you to everyone involved.

Last week some of our children attended the carols festival. It was a pleasure to see our students in full school uniform, looking smart and proud to be a member of our school. I am incredibly biased, but they stood out amongst the crowd.

Term 4 is a busy and stressful time for our staff, with reports, assessments and projects being finalised. I’d like to thank my wonderful staff here for their warm welcome, dedication and passion. I feel blessed to have such incredible team working for me in this school. I look forward to the continued improvements in 2014 where our school takes the lead.

Next year will see our school involved in a number of new initiatives, such as sustainability projects, Student Led Interviews along with after school & lunchtime activities, so keep a look out in the newsletters.

Our students are currently in the process of voting for our new leaders next year. These will be announced at the presentation evening Friday 13th at 6pm. Don’t forget we have a disco afterwards, with a picnic in the park for our final farewell being held next Thursday at 12:00. Children will be bussed to the local park and bussed back to school for a final clean out of their desks and tubs. You are welcome to pick your child up after 2:30 on that day.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no structured classes on Friday 20th, as staff prepare for 2014.
**Artist of the Week 04/12/13**

This week in Art, students were busy creating Christmas art!

They each decorated a wooden disc to hang on a Christmas tree. They used glitter and sequins. P-4 also created a reindeer using their handprints and a footprint. Thank you to Ky, Kayla and Jade for helping them. Students also made a “Salt Dough” decoration that they will paint and decorate next week.

Well done to all students!

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**Artist of the Week 11/12/13**

This week in Art, P-6 students decorated their ‘Salt Dough’ decorations with paint and glitter.

Well done to all students!

**Salt Dough**

2 cups Plain flour
1 cup salt
1 cup water

Mix altogether, roll out, cut shapes out. Microwave for 2 1/2

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**Lost - Black Dry & Cosy coat with Makayla Stewarts name on tag, please check your child's coat.**

**Religious Education breakup.**
For Sale: 2nd hand uniform
Polo shirts Size 6,8 & 10 $5 each
School Dresses size 6 & 8 $5 each
Dry & Cozy jacket Size 10 $20
All excellent condition.

5/6 Science

Pasta/marshmallow towers.

In groups of 3 students, were set the challenge to make the tallest tower they could.

We all had fun!

A huge thank you to our students who volunteered their time for Meals on Wheels and the Grange visits. Tracy, Kaylene and Merrilyn organized a special morning tea.