

Wednesday 1 February 2017
Week 1, Term
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” [Malcolm X](#)

From the Principal

Welcome to the 2017 school year I know it will be another rewarding year for us all at Hamilton West School. The staff have been busy planning for today so we are ready to get learning programmes up and running from day one. We are very pleased that the two new classrooms have been completed on time and I would like to acknowledge the effort of our Project Manager (Greg McCallister - Greenstone), our Architect (Arthur Joe - Chowhill) and the Construction Company (Louis Shaw - Lobell) in making this happen. Always great when a project like this comes together so well with the end result being a quality learning environment. I love the new view we have looking up Fow Street. See the photo of the outside of the new rooms below and one with some of the students in Room 14 enjoying their new environment.

A special welcome to our new students and their families, we look forward to working with you in the interests of your child/ren.



Painting

The painting of the school is progressing well and I'm sure you will agree the colour scheme looks sharp.

School Values

At the beginning of each year I like to publish a copy of the school values to introduce them to our new students and their families / whanau and remind us all that our values are very important in developing our school culture. Our school values are:

Ako: we learn together

Manaakitanga: we care for each other

Rangatiratanga: our best always

Kaitiakitanga: guardianship of the environment

Whanaungatanga: we respect each other

Restorative Practices

The beginning of the school year is also a good time to inform / remind parents that at Hamilton West School we use restorative practices to overcome issues that arise from time to time. Actions by a group of students may cause harm to another student or group of students. When this happens we seek to repair the relationship that has been damaged by this action in the first instance. We seek to find a way forward that is acceptable to all those involved. The same practices are used when there is a problem between an adult and a student and between adults. The most common features of our approach are the restorative chat and restorative conference. We have found that a restorative approach has helped in creating a positive learning environment. If you want to know more you are welcome to contact me mark@hamwest.school.nz



Swimming Timetable

I have had the swimming timetable posted to our school website to help you prepare your kids for school each day. Room 10 were having fun in the pool when I caught up with them this morning - see photo below.

Chinese Lantern Festival

This year our first school 'Fun Day' will centre around celebrating the Chinese Lantern Festival - more details next week.

Sun Hats

Please ensure your child/ren bring their sun hat to school each day during term 1. Hats are available for sale at the school office along with other uniform items.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Cassie and Dan Jones on the recent arrival of their son Carter recently, and to Aaron and Talia Kavanagh on the birth of their daughter Harlow. I was lucky enough to get a snap of baby Carter this morning in the office.



School Notices

Hamilton Weekbix Tryathlon 19 Feb 2017 swim training

If your child is doing the Weekbix Tryathlon this year and is a Senior-Year 5-8 they are welcome to join us practice for the swimming leg. We will swim at the school pool 3:00 to 3:20pm Mon/Wed/Fri (weather permitting). Any questions, please contact Rachel Shirley [02102942866](tel:02102942866).

Community Notices/Advertising

Guitar lessons available. Tom Fitisemanu has been teaching guitar here for the past three years.

Lessons will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday after school, in the school library.

Lessons are \$50.00 per term. Please email Tom at guitar@hamwest.co.nz if you are interested.

These lessons have become very popular so please contact him as soon as possible.

**ABSOLUTE CHAOS
YOUTH
NIGHT
PROGRAMME**
October - December 2016
(School Term Time 10/10 - 14/12)

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
14/10	FLOUR BOMB BATTLE & Sausage sizzle	Cathedral Centre
23/10	No Youth Club - LABOUR WEEKEND	
30/10	LIGHT PARTY! Dress up in light & bright colours!	Cathedral Centre
6/11	BONFIRE NIGHT Later time of 6pm-8pm	TBC
13/11	BATTLE FOR CATHEDRAL HILL	Cathedral Centre
20/11	LEAF! Coat BIC	42 Sunshine Ave
27/11	CHRISTMAS MASTER CHEF & ART ATTACK!	Cathedral Centre
4/12	CATHEDRALS 100th BIRTHDAY BEACH PARTY! Bring your togs! Water slide, water balloons, water fight!	Cathedral Centre

END OF TERM 4 - Youth Club back 2017!!

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10.45am Cuppa
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