

Wednesday 6 April 2016  
Week 10, Term 1  
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## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

**"Nine tenths of education is encouragement". - Anatole France**

### From the Principal

#### House Day

The Ham West "Fun Team" are organising a House Day on the last day of term - Friday 15th April. Come dressed in your house colours and bring a gold coin donation (collection to go towards a Buddy Bench and a donation to child cancer).

#### Swimming Pool

As you are probably aware the school swimming pool has closed for the season. As I wrote in an earlier newsletter the water quality in the pool this summer was first class thanks to the new filters the Board of Trustees installed at the start of the summer. I would like to give thanks to one of our near neighbours and friend of the school Peter Francombe who gives up a considerable amount of his time to ensure the maintenance of the pool is carried out to a high standard. As a school we are very thankful to Peter for his commitment to the school and its swimming pool.

#### Community of Schools Cluster

Hamilton West School has joined a Community of Schools Cluster with Hamilton Boys' High School, Hamilton Girls' High School, Hamilton East School and Peachgrove Intermediate. At present the cluster is deliberating on the key objectives for coming together and working collaboratively in support of our students. The next cluster meeting will be held at Hamilton Boys' next Tuesday and will consider these focus areas.

Our challenge is to develop a community approach to accelerating literacy.

- To maintain and enhance student wellbeing.
- To accelerate achievement outcomes for Priority Learners.
- To create consistent learning pathways within and across schools.

The Boards of Trustees of the schools will all have to ratify the decisions about the objectives of the cluster, the format of it and implementation plans to make it work. If you would like to discuss anything around the development of the cluster please contact me.

#### Health and Safety

Health and Safety has been in the media a lot lately due in large part to the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 which has come into effect this week. I wanted to let you know that the school is responding to requirements of the new act through reviewing our Health and Safety Policies and Plans. To this end the Board of Trustees is reviewing all its policies related to Health and Safety and bringing them under the umbrella of a single policy.

The school also has a Health and Safety Committee which is working through the process of reviewing our Health and Safety Plans to do our very best to ensure they meet the intent of the act. Last week Miss Johanson spent a day bringing our Education Outside The Classroom documents up to date, this work will be shared at next weeks BoT meeting. Throughout the year there will be a number of Staff meetings to brief our people about our documents as they are responsible for implementing them. Mr Mike our school Caretaker is taking on more Health and Safety work to help me keep the school environment safe.

### Sausage Sizzle

On Friday the Student Council will be running a sausage sizzle, \$2, Order outside Room 21 before school, Collect from the hall kitchen.

### Reading is Fun in Room 5

I dropped into Room 5 last week and they were enjoying their reading as you can see from the photo of Mrs Durie, McKenzie and Nathan. Notice the kidney shaped table they are working around. The Board of Trustees purchased one of the for all junior classrooms a couple of years back.



### Duathlon

Thanks to the PTA, Mr O'D and other teachers, and the Student Council for hosting an enjoyable Duathlon at school last Wednesday. Those students who came first second or third for their age group (boys and girls) will receive their certificates at the Principal Assembly to be held on Thursday at 9.05am.



## **First Aid Course**

Waikato Hockey is offering a free first aid course to all of our community on 11th April. Please see details attached and register online. I have contacted Waikato Hockey and any of our sports coaches / managers are welcome to do the course for free.

Where: Gallagher Hockey Centre

When: Monday 11th April at 6pm

### **Areas Covered:**

- Accident Assessment
- Adult CPR & Choking
- AED Demo
- Recovery Position
- Bleeding, Soft Tissue & Fractures
- Defibrillator Training

Register online using the link on the Waikato Hockey Association Facebook page or on Waikato Hockey website.

## **Meeting Schedule**

The following school meetings are scheduled between now and the end of the term:

**Wednesday 13th April** at 5.30 pm: Board of Trustees

**Monday 10th April** at 7.30 pm: PTA in the staff room. New members welcome.

**Thursday 14th April** at 3.05 pm: Whanau Group Meeting

## **Sports Notices/Results**

### **Netball**

Netball season starts May 7th for year 7/8, May 12th for year 5/6 and May 11th for year 3/4. Notices have been sent out. Please return to Sheree Julian Room 18. Thank you.

### **Mothers & Daughters Football festival 5-a-Side**

Jansen Park, Hamilton

10am-4pm 9 April 2016

U8, U10, U12 - \$20 per player & Mothers Free

Contact Ken Cresswell on 021 321 358 or [admin@waibop.co.nz](mailto:admin@waibop.co.nz)

## **School Notices**

### **Entertainment Books**

These have now been sent home with the children and are available to buy immediately.

The books cost \$60 with \$12 of that going towards the school. There are loads of vouchers for Hamilton including Rotorua, Tauranga and other areas.

Before you return the book, have a quick flip through and see for yourself just how many of the vouchers you may find you would actually use, remember the book is valid until June 2017!

If you decide that YES we want the book then payment can be made several ways:

1. By credit card either at [www.entbook.co.nz/154156d](http://www.entbook.co.nz/154156d) or by completing the slip in the book and returning the envelope and slip to the office.
2. By cash – return the envelope only with the slip and the money to the office
3. By Eftpos – a great way to pay – you then keep the book at home and nothing is returned to us at all

If sadly you decided that the book is not for you this year but you know a friend, family member or colleague that may want it then please let someone else buy it instead. If you have several people who ask you about the book and want to obtain one then contact Kathryn on 021 11 33 907 and we can organise getting more books to you. If you decided that you don't want the book then please ensure it is returned to THE OFFICE immediately, so we can return the book to the company.

Did you know there is a digital app version available as well?? Go check out [www.entbook.co.nz/154156d](http://www.entbook.co.nz/154156d) and see if the app would suit you better than the hard copy.

If you decide you would like that app instead, then purchase it via the website and ensure the hard copy book gets returned to the office immediately.

## School Notices contd

### Lost Property

There are a number of unclaimed clothing items in our lost property cupboard (opposite room 8). Please come in and have a look and take any items that belong to your child. Any unclaimed uniform will go into our second hand stock and non uniform items will be given to charity.

### School Pool

The pool is now **closed for the season**. If you have purchased a key please return this to the office at which time you will received your \$20 refund.

### Head Lice

Head Lice has been detected in the school. Can parents please be vigilant in checking their childrens hair and treat if necessary. Thank you.

## Term 1 Calendar

**Term 1, 2016. Tuesday, 2 February – Friday 15 April.**

Week 11. Fri. 15 April - School finishes 3 pm

**School closes Friday 15 April. Term 2 starts Monday 2 May at 8.55am**

## Community Notices/Advertising

**The Hamilton YMCA** has some fun and exciting activities planned for these holidays. This will include a trip to Extreme Edge Rock Climbing and T.A Pools, a Disco day at the Stadium, and cooking and crafts too! Or for something more extreme check out our Extreme Adventure programme. We run 8 programmes across Hamilton for ages 5 to 15 years old. Check us out on our website at [www.ymcahamilton.org.nz](http://www.ymcahamilton.org.nz) or you can contact us on 07 838 2529.



**DOLPHINZ SWIM SCHOOL.** BOOKING NOW SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOSTER COURSE. April 26th – 29th. 4 Daily Lessons. Only \$65.00. Ph: 07 843 3380. Email: [swimming@orcon.net.nz](mailto:swimming@orcon.net.nz). Website: [www.dolphinzswimschool.co.nz](http://www.dolphinzswimschool.co.nz).

**Waikato Museum** - Fun, free family events - From Thursday 21 - Friday 29 April

**Fish Migration Day - Thursday 21 April**, 10.30am - 2.30pm. This public event marks the beginning of a set of activities surrounding 'Global Fish Migration Day'. **Flying Objects - Friday 22 April**, 10.30am - 2.30pm. Create a da Vinci inspired flying machine, free event. **Anzac Poppy Art - Saturday 23 - Monday 25 April**, 10am - 4.30pm. Make a poppy in remembrance to plant on the Museum lawn, free event. **Sun Catchers - Thursday 28 April**, 10.30am - 2.30pm. Design a sun catcher to decorate your home, free event. For more information visit our website.

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BEGINNERS & ADVANCED

FIRST LESSON FREE

Hamilton West School Hall  
Monday & Wednesday  
6pm - 7pm  
All Ages Welcome

Hamilton Wushu Academy NZ  
Phone or Text: 021508281  
Email: [hamiltonwushu@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonwushu@gmail.com)



**ABSOLUTE CHAOS  
YOUTH  
NIGHT**

**5PM - 7PM  
EVERY SUNDAY  
DURING TERM TIME**

**GOLD COIN DONATION  
FIRST NIGHT FREE! BRING A FRIEND!**

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**FREE ON A SUNDAY NIGHT?  
NOT SURE WHAT TO DO AT  
THE END OF THE WEEKEND?  
THEN WHY NOT TRY A NIGHT OUT AT  
THE ABSOLUTE CHAOS YOUTH NIGHT!**

**ACTIVITIES BY YOUNG PEOPLE, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!  
CRAZY, FUN, MESSY, ENERGETIC, CREATIVE,  
AWESOME, ON AND OFFSITE ACTIVITIES.  
CHECK OUT THIS TERM'S AWESOME PROGRAM BELOW.**

**AGES 5 AND ABOVE WELCOME!**

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**FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM  
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