

Wednesday 8 February 2017
Week 2, Term 1
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special.” Nelson Mandela

From the Principal

Year 9s return

One of the neat traditions at Ham West School is the day our Year 8 leavers from the previous year come down to school to tell us about their first few days at high school. There was great excitement last Thursday when they arrived on mass in their loose fitting new uniforms, full smiles and stories about their new school lives. Always good to see them. See a couple of photos below of some of them who I caught up with.



Doctor in the House

Last year we began looking into having a free medical clinic at Hamilton West School operated by Dr Maree McCracken. This will become a reality next Tuesday from 9.00 - 10 am in the room on the left hand side of the office as you enter from Horne Street. The clinic is free to our students thanks to Maree's generosity. Those parents who have enrolled at the school this year will have given consent for their child to access the service on the school enrolment form. Others will have to sign a consent form prior to a consultation. If you wish for your child to see Dr McCracken you can email her using this school email address: dr.maree@hamwest.school.nz or see me (Mark Penman) directly. Exciting times.



Three Way Conferences

Our Three Way Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday next week. This is an opportunity for students and their family to meet with their teacher to (further) develop positive relationships to support each student's learning. Today every child received a **Ham West Three Way Goal Setting** sheet to help with the discussions at the meetings. It would be great if you filled in the form and returned it to school before your conference.

On the form I'm asking that you update your email addresses and phone numbers, I know this is a chore but this year we want to do much better in keeping you informed and this is a start to that end (so it would be great if you completed the form and sent it back even if you are unable to attend the conferences).

Bookings: You can make your bookings on-line at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz The code you will need is q4za6. **Dates: Tuesday 14th Feb from 3.00 pm – 7.30 pm Wednesday 15th Feb from 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm**

Chinese Lantern Festival

This Friday 10th February we will be celebrating the Chinese Lantern Festival which culminates the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations. In classes the kids will do activities celebrating the lantern festival. It will be lots of fun.

Homework

At this time of the year homework is always topical. I'd like to make a few comments about homework for your consideration and information. Firstly at Hamilton West School homework is not compulsory, it actually can't be compulsory because it is not our role to dictate what happens in your home. Also I know personally it can cause undue stress on families. Research (John Hattie) indicates that homework (projects, homework sheets etc) have minimal impact on student achievement in primary years. Homework effect begins to have a positive influence towards the end of intermediate years. What I do promote is reading at home - reading to and with your child, talking about the words. What a lot of our teachers are trying to do, especially in more senior classes is to provide students with online access to their work should they wish to follow up on some aspect of their learning. I think a lot of time can be lost in the setting and checking of homework that could be better used in maximising your kids learning time. For those parents who want homework there are many places it can be accessed and we can help you with that. If you would like to discuss this with me I offer you the opportunity to drop into my office when you are here for Three Way Conferences - I'd love to hear your views.

Waitangi Visit

Last Friday Room 12 had a very special visitor, Agnes Busby, who came to tell the children about how she came to live in the Treaty House at Waitangi and witnessed the events leading up to the signing of the Treaty. The children got to play the roles of the people involved which gave them a good understanding of that part of our history. When she told them she was 217 years old they didn't bat an eyelid! The secret of her youthful appearance apparently is a lifetime eating a lot of fruit and vegetables. See photo below.

During the school holidays Graysen played in the NZ Maori Basketball Tournament held in Rotorua. He played for the Waikato Tainui U9 boys team. They won silver coming second in their age group.

He has been so excited about his medal so I thought I would share the news with you.

Graysen Elliot - Basketballer

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Learning has started

It has a pleasure to walk around the school and seeing teachers and students engaged in learning, see the photo of Miss Johanson's class sharing a big book - A Surprise for Mrs O'Malley and Shaniqua from Room 5 doing her story writing.



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.

Scholastic/Lucky Book Club

Last day for orders **Friday 17th February**. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic **NOT** Hamilton West School. Thank you.

Community Notices/Advertising

Marrzipan

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive a certificate too to remind them they are awesome! You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz or contact Jex on [027 217 0693](tel:0272170693)

Please see correction below to last weeks Advertisement

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.school.nz if you are interested. These lessons have become very popular so please contact him as soon as possible.

Hamilton Marist Junior Rugby

2017 Registration and Weigh-In. Sunday 12th March 2017 (1.00pm - 4.00pm). Marist Rugby Clubrooms, Old Farm Road, Hamilton. New Players – A Copy of Birth Certificate or Passport required to confirm age (Please ensure it is a copy we can keep!). Coaches & Managers also required for teams. Subscriptions: \$50 per player, \$80 for two siblings, \$105 for 3 or more siblings. For more information: Phone: Mike Borrie on 027 2212042 or Steve Burgess on 027 335 8866.

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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