

Wednesday 15 February 2017
Week 3, Term 1
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Give a bowl of rice to a man and you will feed him for a day. Teach him how to grow his own rice and you will save his life.” Confucius

From the Principal

GOTCHA - caught being good

At Ham West School we like to catch kids "doing good". On Monday after school I came across Holly from Room 7 who was sad because she had lost her swimming gear. Sidney from Room 8 was walking past and heard our conversation and said "I can help, I saw her drop her togs, I'll run and get them". And that is what did he. GOTCHA Sidney - thanks from Holly and me - see photo below.



Noumea Trip - Intermediate Students

This year the Intermediate team students will have the opportunity to travel to Noumea, New Caledonia. The students that attended an overseas trip during their time at Hamilton West School, in the past, gained a great deal of knowledge about how other societies live, different cultures and being away from home. The estimated travel dates are late in October (Term 4) and will cost around \$2200. All expressions of interest to be forwarded to Kelly Gonano kelly@hamwest.school.nz by the end of week 6. An information evening will be held about this later this term for those families who express an interest in attending. Mrs K Gonano - Team Leader Intermediate Team.

Cyber Safety - Digital Citizenship

Each year I like to bring up the subject of cyber safety and encourage all parents / caregivers to talk to their children about keeping safe on the internet. The thing that always comes to my mind is the fact that once something is posted to some form of social media it is there forever therefore we all need to be really careful what we share electronically with others and post on our own sites - good starting place I think. Also I have asked all teachers to put a copy of a Digital Citizenship Agreement on their classroom wall and have some kind of ceremony where all members of the class sign the agreement. Folks we all need to work together to ensure the safety of our kids in this digital world that offers so much but can pose dangers.

Attendance - when kids are away from school

An area of school operation that we can all work on improving is ensuring we document absences from school accurately. The teaching staff are working on accurately following our procedures for marking their attendance registers, the office staff are working on their systems for following up on absences. You guys, our parents/caregivers / whanau can help by notifying us when your child is going to be away from school. Let's do it together to help keep your kids safe around their attendance.

Doctor in the House

Dr. Maree's first clinic got underway successfully yesterday morning, she enjoyed seeing a number of our school kids. 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. A copy of the consent form to see Dr Maree is posted on our school website.

Three Way Conferences

Our Three Way Conferences are underway, I'm getting the newsletter out early today so parents who haven't made a booking can do so for this evening.

Bookings: You can make your bookings on-line at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz The code you will need is q4za6. If you are unable to do this please call at the office and the office staff will help with the booking. Wednesday 15th Feb from 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Chinese Lantern Festival

Our celebration of the Chinese Lantern Festival last Friday was really successful with lots of different activities being undertaken around the school as you can see from the photos below:

Room three students came to show me their Cherry Blossom Pictures.

Room eleven students were very proud of being able to write their name in Chinese.

Room three enjoyed having some Chinese lanterns in their class.

Room seven enjoyed reading a story about the Chinese New Year.

Thanks to the teachers for providing this exciting opportunity.



Swimming Sports

Our school swimming sports will be help on the following dates/times.

Years 5 - 8: Wednesday 1st March. Two venues will be used, Gallagher Pool for our competitive swimmers: 10.30 - 12.30 am (bus provided). Parents can come and watch but there is a \$2 entry charge. School Pool for those students not entering competition events: 11.00 - 12.30 pm

Years 3 - 4: School Pool - Tuesday 28th February: 1.30 pm - 2.55 pm

Years 1 - 2: School Pool - Thursday 9th March: 1.30 pm - 2.55 pm

Inter-school Swimming Competition: Year 4 - 8 Friday 10 March 2017 at St Peter's School, Cambridge.

Te Reo and Tikanga Maori

This year we have Whaia Kelly and Whaia Raina back to assist us deliver a Re Reo and Taikanga Maori programme. Everyone learns together when they visit each classroom on either Tuesday or Wednesday. See photo below of Raina and Kelly in Room 14 last week.



Morning Tea - is a big deal

Couldn't resist stopping to chat with these young ones (left photo) last week as they were tucking into their morning tea.



School Notices

Year 7 & 8 Immunisations for 2017

The Date for Yr 7/8 Education session is Tuesday 21st February. Yr 7's are 9am - 9.30am and Yr 8's are 9.30am-10am in the hall.

Year 7 Immunisation

The Yr 7 immunisation for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough will be undertaken during Term 2. Consent forms will be sent home with EVERY Yr 7 student. Please complete and return to the School Office. There is provision within the form for your non-consent, should you wish for that. PLEASE REMEMBER- WE WOULD LIKE ALL FORMS RETURNED REGARDLESS OF IF THEY ARE FOR CONSENT OR NON-CONSENT.

As part of the programme information will be given to each Yr 7 student. If you do not want your child to receive this education and/or to view the presentation the Public Health Nurse uses, then send a letter to the Office so that your child can be removed from that class presentation on the day of the education session.

Year 8 Immunisation

The Yr 8 Immunisation for HPV (Human Papillomavirus) which can develop into Cervical cancer and other HPV related cancers, will be undertaken in two doses within the year. Consent forms will be sent home with EVERY Yr 8 student. Please complete and return to the School Office. There is provision within the form for your non-consent, should you wish for that. PLEASE REMEMBER- WE WOULD LIKE ALL FORMS RETURNED REGARDLESS OF IF THEY ARE FOR CONSENT OR NON-CONSENT.

As part of the programme, information will be given to each Yr 8 student. If you do not want your child to receive this education and/or to view the presentation the Public Health Nurse uses, then send a letter to the Office so that your child can be removed from that class presentation on the day of the education session. For further information on these vaccines phone 0800 IMMUNE (466 863). Public Health Nurse: Karen Jensen Phone: 0275361257.

School Donations

It is requested that if possible you pay your school donation at the office - \$130 for the first child then \$90 per child thereafter. You may consider instalments. Please ask office staff for this option.

Hats

Please help us implement our Sun Safe policy and ensure your child brings their school hat to school each day. Sun hats are for sale at the office as part of the school uniform.

PTA

The first PTA meeting for the year is to be held on Monday 27th February in the staff room at 7.00 pm. New members are always welcome, so if you want to be involved in organising our social and fundraising events, and find out more about your school you are welcome to attend.

Scholastic/Lucky Book Club

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

ICAS Exams 2017

The Intermediate Team students will be offered the opportunity to participate in the ICAS exams again this year. There are six different areas: Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Writing, Science and Spelling. Your child(ren) will bring home a slip in the next week with more information regarding this i.e. exam dates and prices. If you would like more details please visit the [ICAS](#) website.

PTA Notices

The LEGO Batman movie - Advance Screening

A notice about this fundraiser will be coming home this week. The pre-screening will take place on Sunday 2 April 2017, 1pm, at Metro by Hoyts, Centreplace, Hamilton. Tickets are **\$16 per person**. All **Child** tickets come with a snack pack consisting of 12g popcorn, lollies and your choice of either fizzy drink or a bottle of water. Pre-Order movie snacks from us for a discount. Regular Popcorn | Drink | Ice Cream. \$5 each OR \$12 combo of all three. Spot prizes will also be given out at the event.

PTA Notices contd

Tickets will be on sale outside the school office **Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30-9am**. EFTPOS and internet banking available. If you can't make it to the school to purchase tickets, you can send an email to rachelpta@hamwest.school.nz with the following details. Full Name, Contact number, Number of Adult Tickets, Number of Child Tickets and your choice of Fizzy or water. Pre-ordered Snacks -- Pop-corn | Drink | Ice Cream OR Combo of all three. We will then follow up to confirm cost and payment info.

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EVERY SUNDAY
 DURING TERM TIME
ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL
51 VICTORIA STREET
GOLD COIN DONATION
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THE END OF THE WEEKEND?

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AWESOME, ON AND OFFSITE ACTIVITIES.
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FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM
PETER & JANE RICKMAN 021 197 7788
HANNAH KAPOOR 07 839 4683 / 021 259 4080

**ABSOLUTE CHAOS
YOUTH
NIGHT**
PROGRAMME
February - April 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
12/2	<u>3pm-5pm SPLASH'N' SLIDE!</u> Swim & hydroslides @ Waterworld, Gamett Ave. Only \$4 per child - Please bring in cash on the day.	Waterworld
19/2	<u>BALLOON-ING AWESOME!</u>	Cathedral Centre
26/2	<u>No Youth Club</u> - Family Pilgrimage to Parihaka Pa, Taranaki.	
5/3	<u>BATTER UP! Pancake Party!</u>	Cathedral Centre
12/3	<u>WATER YOU LOOKING AT?! Water fight!</u>	Cathedral Centre
19/3	<u>3pm-5pm THAT'S OAR-SOME!</u> Kayaking! Hamilton Lake	
26/3	<u>THE GREAT YOUTH CLUB BAKE OFF!</u>	Cathedral Centre
2/4	<u>CAPTURE THE FLAG!</u>	Cathedral Centre
9/3	<u>END OF TERM PIZZA PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT!</u> END OF TERM 1 - Youth Club back 7th May	Cathedral Centre


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BEGINNERS & ADVANCED

FIRST LESSON FREE

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

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We meet every Sunday
 at the Hamilton West
 School Hall

10am Bible Study
 10.45am Cuppa
 11am Service
ALL WELCOME!

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