

Wednesday 22 February 2017
Week 4, Term 1
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Instruction does much, but encouragement everything." Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

From the Principal

Student Councillors

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as our Student Councillors for 2017:

Aieva Brough (Chairperson), Breanna Rickman, Elijah Shirley, Bronte Harcourt, Chloe Dangawen, Heath Palaone, Ropa Kunaka, Molly-Rose O'Donnell, Carter Stokes, Grace Chapman, Jenna Holland, Devesh Kumar.

I know these Councillors will take their responsibilities very seriously and work hard to help make 2017 a great year at Hamilton West School. I have set them a couple of challenges which I will inform the group about shortly.

Tuakana Teina

Another group of students from the senior school have agreed to take on an important role as part of our Tuakana programme. They have the job of supporting younger students in the grounds at morning tea and lunchtime.

Reporting to Parents

One of the things I want to talk to parents about this year is how we report to you as parents, asking questions such as are our current practices of value to you and your child. Thus I invite you to contact me if you are interested in being part of a discussion on reporting to parents - just send me an email at mark@hamwest.school.nz and we will take things from there.

I hope those of you who were able to attend the Three Way Conferences last week found it a valuable experience and I thank the teaching staffing for hosting the conferences. From the teachers perspective they were a valuable experience and they enjoyed getting to know you and your child a little better and hearing about your aspirations for the year. I thought it was absolutely fantastic that some families chose to wear national costume to the conferences, that is something I would really encourage - see the lovely photo of the Thomas family.

Whanau Group

There will be a Whanau Group meeting on **Thursday 2nd March** at 3.10 in my office. The Whanau Group are there as a group to discuss aspects of operation from a cultural perspective and from a support group for staff and students. If you are interested in a little more involvement in your child's school this may be the opportunity for you. The group operates in a pretty informal basis. If you are interested in joining the group come along to the meeting, if you want to know more drop by and see me.

The Hamilton West Ukulele club

The Ukulele club has started with 16 enthusiastic students. Some of those who just started learnt how to hold their ukuleles and to play a chord and were able to join along with simple songs. Our last year's club members inspired the new comers by playing and singing a more tricky song together. It was wonderful to see the progress they made in a year. We still have room for students of year 3 and above. If there are students who are very keen but don't have an instrument, come along to the club on Tuesday lunchtimes at 12:45. We will be preparing for another trip to the Kiwilele Festival in Auckland at the end of the year. Mrs Poole and Ms Carmichael are both excited about the 2017 ukulele club.



Financial Literacy Programme

Over the last week we have had Callum from ASB-GETWISE at school visiting each class to deliver a financial literacy programme. I have long supported this programme as I think we all need these skills in our lives. Like me, I'm sure many of you will agree, if I was better at exercising my financial literacy skills I would be in the black more often. I thank the ASB for supporting this valuable initiative.

Gracie - the Swimmer

Congratulations to Gracie on her recent swimming success at the Fairfield Festival Meet. Grace came first in her heats in 50 m free-style, breast and backstroke. She started swimming for Hillcrest Swimming club about a year ago and trains 2-3 times a week. Keep up the good work Grace.

Mr Jesse

I came across Mr Jesse last week playing his guitar and singing as he was preparing for Friday's music assembly (no surprises there). The kids really enjoyed having school parent Crystal singing at the assembly. Mr Jesse is away for the rest of the week further developing his skills for his role as our Student Support Worker, he is going to use his new skills in his mentoring programmes.

If your child is needing a little extra help with any part of their school life Mr Jesse is one of the people you can turn to. Feel free to contact him through his email jesse@hamwest.school.nz or drop by his office. If you don't know where his office is just ask one of the kids.

Boy Writers

Last week two young men dropped into to see me and show me their writing which they were very proud of their work.

Year 3 & 4 Swimming Sports

These will now be held on Friday 10th March at 11am instead of the original date of Tuesday 28th February.



Our School Values - they are alive and well

Thanks to Room 14 for showing us their school values photos below - we at Ham West must all live by these values in our day to day activities.



School Notices

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 WHETHER 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 WHETHER 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.

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.

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 -- Popcorn | Drink | Ice Cream OR Combo of all three. We will then follow up to confirm cost and payment info.

Community Notices/Advertising

Young Engineers – After School Programme

e² Young Engineers (Young Engineers) is all about having fun while learning! Young Engineers is an enjoyable programme for both girls and boys Years 2-8. Students come to class once a week during the term and learn about the basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Physics by building motorised Lego models.

We have various after-school locations including Cambridge, Hautapu, Claudelands, Chartwell and Hillcrest. Young Engineers will be starting the week of 7th February and will run for 9 weeks. For times and days, or to enrol, please go to www.youngengineers.nz or contact Ariana Paul – 021-2424567 ariana@youngengineers.nz.

Melville Junior Rugby weigh-in Sunday 5th March 11am – 2pm and every Wednesday of March 4.30pm – 6pm Melville Rugby Club Collins Rd, new players and existing players all welcome.

FRANKTON JUNIOR RUGBY WANTS GIRLS & BOYS TO PLAY RUGBY WITH US! Weigh-In Friday March 3rd 6pm-8pm and Saturday March 4th 9am-12noon New Players bring copy birth cert or passport with you. Fees are \$35 for one player, \$60 for 2 players in the family and \$80 for 3 or more players in the same family. Contact: Haley Slater 0210590036 or smitymagirl@hotmail.com FRANKTON YOUR FAMILY CLUB!

Community Notices/Advertising contd

TE RAPA JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH IN CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS! JOIN OUR FUN & FRIENDLY CLUB! Come down to the club rooms on Friday 3rd March 5pm to 7pm or Sunday 5th March 10am to 12pm to weigh in and join our great club! Both at the Te Rapa clubrooms on Vickery St. New players need to bring their birth certificate. Subs: *\$50 per child. *\$25 per each extra sibling. Subs to be paid at weigh in please. Eftpos available. See you all there! FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JASON BRYANT 0275938967 OR KIRSTY MARLOW 0276752182

Maha Shivaratri - February 24th

Maha Shivaratri means "the Great Night of Shiva", Shiva being a leading Hindu god. It is celebrated on 13th day of Falgun month, the last month of Hindu calendar. The date of the festival varies from year to year as the Hindu calendar is lunisolar. This year it falls on February 24th. Shivaratri is the night when Shiva is said to have performed the Tandava Nritya, or the dance of primordial creation, preservation and destruction. Shivaratri is also when Goddess Parvati and Lord Shiva married again. The festival is principally celebrated by offerings of bael leaves to Lord Shiva, the bael tree being sacred to Hindus. There is all-day fasting and an all-night-long vigil. Shiva is worshiped in the form of a lingam - a pillar often placed on a receptacle that represents female creative energy. Together it represents the union of organs, and the totality of creation. Flowers, incense and other offerings are made, while all through the day devotees chant a sacred mantra dedicated to Lord Shiva. For further information on Maha Shivaratri go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lh9QSPv24Ko>.
<http://www.theholidayspot.com/shivaratri/origin.htm>.



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ABSOLUTE CHAOS YOUTH NIGHT PROGRAMME
February - April 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
12/2	3pm-5pm SPLASH'N' SLIDE! Swim & hydroslides @ Waterworld. Concess free. Only \$4 per child - (please bring in cash on the day)	Waterworld
19/2	BALLOONING AWESOME!	Cathedral Centre
26/2	No Youth Club - Family Pilgrimage to Paritaki Pa, Tararaki	
5/3	BATER UP! Pancake Party!	Cathedral Centre
12/3	WATER YOU LOOKING AT? Water fight!	Cathedral Centre
19/3	3pm-5pm THAT'S OUR-SOME! kayaking Hamilton Lake	
26/3	THE GREAT YOUTH CLUB BAKE OFF!	Cathedral Centre
2/4	CAPTURE THE FLAG!	Cathedral Centre
9/3	END OF TERM PIZZA PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT! END OF TERM 1 - Youth Club back 7th May	Cathedral Centre

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CLOSES 8th OF APRIL

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE HAMILTON LEGO FAN EXPO 2017
8th-9th APRIL @ WINTEC ATRIUM

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