

Wednesday 23 March 2016
Week 8, Term 1
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"All I have learned, I learned from books." Abraham Lincoln

From the Principal

EASTER

A reminder that school will close for Easter on Friday 25th March and school will open again on Wednesday 30th March.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Thursday the Student Council are running a Sausage Sizzle. Orders will be taken outside the office before school. Sausage and bread picked up from the servery at the hall kitchen at lunchtime. Cost \$2.

DUATHLON - Thursday 31st March

Run / Scooter obstacle course. Starts at 5.30. Entry \$5, but only \$2 for additional family members. Sausage sizzle and bacon, and drinks butties for sale. The event is being co-hosted by the PTA and Student Council.

EASTER RAFFLE

The annual PTA Easter raffle tickets will be going on sale outside the office. The cost is \$1 per ticket. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March.

Year 9 afternoon tea

The following information is provided by Mrs Gonano about our annual Year 9 afternoon tea. It is an opportunity for the students who left at the end of last year to meet up with their peers from different high schools and trade stories. It is also an opportunity for us to hear about how they are going at high school and provide ideas on what we could do better in preparing them for their transition to high school.

On **Wednesday 30th March** there is an afternoon tea for the students that left as Year 8's at the end of 2015. This will be held at school over in the Intermediate area from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. It is advisable that students RSVP to this event so that we can ensure we have enough afternoon tea. This can be done via email or by sending a note with a younger sibling to school. Email: kelly@hamwest.school.nz before Tuesday 29 March, any notes need to be given to Mrs Gonano in Room 21 by this Thursday.

School Playing Field

I have had a couple of turf specialists look at our school field and was not surprised to hear that we have quite large issues with quality of the turf. The Board of Trustees have requested I formalise some quotes to repair and rejuvenate the playing field. It will mean that we have to rest the field for a period of time so I will have to discuss with the staff and our sports coaches who use the field how best to manage this.

In the meantime the soccer goals are coming down and I ask that football teams use the area on the other side of the cricket pitch for their practices as this is where it appears our turf problems are least. Any questions please feel free to contact Mr Seator or myself.

Fun Day

A big thanks to the Fun Team Teachers (Miss Douglas, Miss Brown, Miss Sasso and Mrs Rowling) who organised our Fun Day last Thursday. It surely was one of our best Fun Days yet. The get together in the hall at the end of the day was one of the highlights, a great atmosphere. Thanks also to all the teachers for entering the Fun Day with such enthusiasm.



Fun Day Photos



A Parent Guide to the role of the Board of Trustees.

The school has received a booklet from the New Zealand Trustees Association titled "A Parents" Guide to the role of the Board of Trustees.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE - GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

I enjoyed meeting the bus at school on Friday evening with the travellers on Great Barrier Island returning safely. They were tired but full of the stories of their adventures at Sir Edmond Hilary Outdoor Pursuits Centre. A big thank you to Miss Douglas for leading the trip on behalf of Hamilton West School.



Stories Room 7

We won the Pukeko award for our awesome behaviour in assembly last week. We wrote stories about our friend 'Keko'.

- ⇒ **Sania - Year 1**
We got the pukeko. Keko is fluffy.
- ⇒ **Connor - Year 1**
The pukeko is fluffy. Keko can squeak and I love him.
- ⇒ **Yuan - Year 1**
I love Keko. Keko is a soft toy. He has wings.
- ⇒ **Zoe - Year 1**
We won the pukeko . He is cute. I like keko.



Sports Notices/Results

Year 4-6 Inter Schools Swimming.

We had a great day at Melville Primary School yesterday competing in Inter Schools Swimming. There was a lot of talent and our Ham West kids represented us well. They showed their school values and great sportsmanship. Thanks to the parents who came and supported and offered transport.



Results:

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| Year 4 Girls, 1 length freestyle: | 1st, Abigail Hampton |
| Year 4 Boys, 1 length freestyle: | 1st, Ryan Malatios |
| Year 5 Girls, 1 length freestyle: | 1st, Daykota Men, 3rd Gracie Kerr |
| Year 6 Girls, 1 length freestyle: | 2nd, Kate Papple, 3rd Sophie Hodges. |
| Year 6 Boys, 1 length freestyle: | 3rd, Harry Gallagher. |
| Year 4 Boys, 1 length backstroke: | 3rd, Ryan Malatios. |
| Year 5 Girls, 1 length backstroke: | 2nd, Kaylee Davies. |
| Year 5 Boys, 1 length backstroke: | 3rd, Luke Muncaster. |
| Year 6 Girls, 1 length backstroke: | 3rd, Sophie Hodges. |
| Year 4 Girls, 1 length breaststroke: | 1st, Abigail Hampton |
| Year 4 Boys, 1 length breaststroke: | 2nd, Ryan Malatios |
| Year 5 Girls, 1 length breaststroke: | 1st, Gracie Kerr |
| Year 6 Girls, 1 length breaststroke: | 2nd, Ani Ratu 3rd Cherry Piper. |
| Year 6 Boys, 1 length breaststroke: | 2nd, Kane Stirling. |
| Year 5 Girls, 2 lengths freestyle: | 1st, Tallulah Paea, 2nd, Gracie Kerr |
| Year 5 Boys, 2 lengths freestyle: | 1st, Gabe Sales |
| Year 6 Girls, 2 lengths freestyle: | 2nd, Sarah Purcell, 3rd Ani Ratu. |
| Year 6 Boys, 2 lengths freestyle: | 3rd, Sonny King. |
| Year 5 Girls, 2 lengths backstroke: | 1st, Gracie Kerr, 2nd, Tallulah Paea |
| Year 5 Boys, 2 lengths backstroke: | 1st, Gabe Sales |
| Year 6 Girls, 2 lengths backstroke: | 1st, Sarah Purcell, 3rd Ashley Borrell-Peters. |
| Year 5 Girls, 2 lengths breaststroke: | 1st, Tallulah Paea, 2nd, Kaylee Davies. |
| Year 5 Boys, 2 lengths breaststroke: | 1st, Gabe Sales. |
| Year 6 Girls, 2 lengths breaststroke: | 1st, Sophie Hodges, 2nd, Kate Papple. |
| Year 6 Boys, 2 lengths breaststroke: | 2nd, Sonny King, 3rd, Hikawera Puriri. |
| Relays: | Year 5 Girls, 1st, Year 5 Boys, 2nd, Year 6 Girls, 1st, Year 6 Boys, 1st. |

Natalie Sullivan.

School Notices

School Pool

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

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books for 2016 will be going out to the classrooms on the 5th April, If you do not wish to purchase a book please return it as soon as possible to the office.

Hearing and Vision Technician

The hearing and vision technician will be visiting the school on **Thursday 31st March** from 10.15am. Please advise the school office: office@hamwest.school.nz if you **do not want** your child to be seen.

Stationery Packs

These packs are now purchased directly from the School Office. The School Office is open 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday during term time. Costs as follows:

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| Year 0-1 | Pack B | \$47.76 (For 5 year old first time school starters) |
| Year 1 | Pack A | \$40.16 |
| Year 2 | Pack | \$42.33 |
| Years 3&4 | Pack | \$34.73 |
| Years 5&6 | Pack | \$32.43 |
| Years 7&8 | Pack | \$35.78 |

Sports Notices/Results

Hockey

I am in the process of putting together the teams for 2016. There was a lot of interest this year which was great to see! I will get notices out to the players by the end of the term stating which team they are in. I am still after managers and umpires - please contact me if you are able to help out. Thanks for your patience. Miss Ardern

P.S. parents if you are keen to play social hockey this year for the Ham West Grown Ups (every Thursday evening) let me know!!

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

Term 1 Calendar

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

Week 8: Fri. 25 March Easter – Good Friday Holiday

Week 9: Mon. 28 March Easter Monday - Holiday

Tues. 29 March Easter Tuesday - Holiday

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

Squiggle offers OSCAR approved school holiday programmes. Come and join us from 18th – 29th April from Waikato Diocesan School (Fairfield) or Tai Wānanga School (Ruakura). Squiggle is a fun, engaging and active holiday programme for girls and boys aged 5-12 years old. Open from 8am to 5.30pm, our Kiwiana theme this holidays includes activities such as flag making, NZ Idol, poi making, Buzzy Bee upcycling, learning about Powhiri and enviro clean-ups. We'll also be playing X-Fit games, building Lego models with Young Engineers, visiting the Da Vinci's Mechanics expo at the Waikato Museum and making a special trip to the Kiwi House in Otorohanga. To find out more or to enrol, go online www.squiggle.org.nz and book your children in for a fun-filled holiday programme!

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 or u can contact us on 07 838 2529.


Hamilton West Kindergarten operates as an "Extended Days" Kindergarten. Our operating hours are 8.00am – 3.30pm with whanau being able to choose to have their child/ren attend in the morning, afternoon or full day sessions. We operate as normal during term breaks. There is a cost involved if children attend over the 20 free ECE hours. Please come for a visit anytime, and talk to staff about enrolling your pre-school child, or call us on 8394103.

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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



Happy Easter!

EASTER FUNZONE

10am to 12 noon St Peter's Cathedral
on Good Friday March 25th

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Funzone Arts & Crafts!

Includes special activities for the Under 5's as well
and lots more!

PLATE, COBBLESTONE, CRAFTS, ADULTS WITH
UNDER 16 ARE ASKED TO STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE
WORKSHOP. COST ONLY \$1 PER CHILD.
RESERVATIONS INCLUDED IN PRICE FOR EVERYONE!
Bookings: Email: 021 8111111. More details from: 021 8111111.

2016 Activities include...

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| Candle Dipping | Bread baking |
| Painting | Poinciana Easter banner |
| Clay sculpture | Egg racing down the hill |
| Biscuit decorating | Easter Garden |
| Young Church display | Easter egg hunt |

Bring the Kids! Bring the Grandkids!