

Wednesday 18 May 2016
Week 3, Term 2
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

The only time you should ever look back is to see how far you have come.

From the Principal

"Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui" - "Be strong, be brave, be steadfast"

Kia Ora - another week is racing along. It has been a bit cooler so we have cranked the boiler up. I've noticed the kids continuing to enjoy themselves playing in the leaves. Its pleasing that our two sets of Reading Together Workshops (Wednesdays at 1.45 - 2.55 pm and Thursdays 5.30 - 6.45 pm - running over 4 weeks) are beginning this week. I really am pleased how well the Ham West community has embraced this opportunity, we have nearly 40 families attending the workshops. Don't panic if the times offered this time didn't suit you as we will be holding the workshops again. You are welcome to email me and suggest other times that might be convenient.



Student Leaders and Student Voice

Mr O'D is working with the entire student leadership group (Councillors, House Leaders and Ambassadors) on Fridays to develop their roles and leadership capability. This term they are inquiring into 'student voice'. What that looks like and what it means. I have high expectations of what these young people will be able to produce in their inquiry and look forward to sharing some of their work with you later in the term.



Pink Shirt Day

On Friday we will be involved in Pink Shirt Day - an initiative to talk about bullying and how it can be reduced at school and in the community. Teachers will have discussions and activities for the children to do in their classes. Students are welcome to wear a pink shirt or one other pink item on Friday if they so wish.

Safety Walk - Juniors

Tomorrow the Juniors will be going on a safety walk around to the lake via Hammond, Palmerston and Pembroke to the traffic light crossing. The walk is being done in conjunction with the New Zealand Police and Hamilton City Council. Constable Niwaha and the Hamilton West Junior Teachers invite parents to join the walk.

Indian Food Tasting

On Friday 27th a group of our Indian families are going to bring some Indian food tasters for the kids to try. If they are well received they will host an Indian food stall another lunchtime. The staff are having an Indian food lunch on Friday which we are looking forward to.

We're an ANZ Olympic School

We have registered as an ANZ Olympic School which provides us with resources and rewards to inspire our school community. If you're looking to take out a home or business loan, simply provide the name of our school when speaking with an ANZ representative. When your loan is drawn down, we will receive credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre on items like sporting equipment and computers. To discuss an ANZ home or business loan, visit your local ANZ branch, or call a Home Loan Specialist on 0800 269 4663 or a Business Specialist on 0800 269 249.

Road Safety Week

The Junior School safety walk coincides nicely with Road Safety Week which in this week - a message from the Hamilton City Council below:

“This week is road safety week; however we want our community to treat every week with the same amount of care and safety around our school. With the change of season we have seen very foggy mornings so please drive to the conditions and remind children about looking for hazards when they’re getting themselves to school. We encourage students to use active transport to get to school to decrease the congestion. Thanks for helping to keep our students safe!”

Measles Update

I received this information from Population Health - Waikato DHB which I share

All non-immune students and staff are required stay away from school for 2 weeks. All students and staff who are immune (have documentation of 2 MMR vaccines, or born before 1969) do not need to go into isolation at all and can remain at school. What should you do today? Ensure your child is up to date with their immunisations. If you or your child develops symptoms of measles. Phone your GP or call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for advice or seek medical attention depending on severity of illness. It is important to call first because measles is highly infectious, and people with measles can infect others in the waiting room. Stay at home and away from public places (such as sports events, gatherings, parties, school, work, child care, shopping centres, public transport and so on).



Further information

If you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Population Health (07 838 2569 or 0800 800 977) or visit Waikato DHB website: <http://www.waikatodhb.health.nz/measles/>.



Football - lots of home games

I called down to school last Saturday morning as I knew a lot of our football teams had home games at Ham West. There was a nice atmosphere, plenty of supporters and some close games. Thanks to Mr O'D and members of the student Council for the sausage sizzle and drinks they provided to raise funds for their projects. Two photos from the morning can be seen below.



School Assembly

Well done to those students who received a Principal's Award at last Thursday's assembly for following our school values - see below photos of the Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 with their certificates.

Art Work

Also there is a photo of some of the Room 6 kids showing their leaf art work at assembly.

Room 3

Also a group of room 3 students called in to see me to show me their green leaf art work and poems.



School Notices

Dental Van

The Dental van will be coming to Hamilton West School for 3 weeks in June. Dental forms have been issued, if your child receives one please fill it in and return it to the school office as soon as possible. **Not** all children will get forms as we already have details for the majority of children. If you wish to book a family appointment at Frankton Clinic please call 0800 825 583.

Entertainment Books

Did you know that if you brought a book last year that they will expire on June 1? If you would like a replacement book now is the time to buy one. You can get one from the office where you can pay by cash, cheque or Eftpos. Or you can call Kathryn on 021 11 33 907 for more details

If you still have a new book at home and you don't wish to buy it then could you please ensure it gets returned to the office at school immediately. We can then cross your child's name off the list of books that are outstanding.

Sports Notices/Results

Year 3/4 Netball - Hamilton West Flyers Netball Team

Tremendous effort to the whole team who managed to stay on and play their first game in the rain (was not compulsory). They all played extremely well under the new ANZ Future Ferns programme which is a first this year. Congratulations on winning their first game and also to Alicia Chiriseri for winning player of the day.

Hamilton West Rockets Netball Team

Well done to the everyone for their first game of the season. The game was called off early due to rain so no score was recorded.

Hockey

This week the Dynamites played hard but lost to a strong Te Kowhai team 0-3. Our second game against Southall was more evenly matched, with the Dynamites just losing 0-1. Player of the Day went to Breanna Rickman for her all round solid play in both games. Fantastic work Bre! Many thanks also to Angela Sullivan for stepping up to be coach this weekend.

Hockey Draw - The draws are not out yet for the game times this weekend. The team coach should keep you updated. You can also look on the Waikato Hockey Website: <http://waikatohockey.org.nz/>.

Hockey Results

Tigers

Hillcrest Stormers 0 vs Ham West Tigers 2

Marian Allstars 0 vs Ham West Tigers 0

Player of the Day – Dante & Claudia.

Demons

Wow - only the second game of the season and the Intermediate team played like it was the end! Fantastic teamwork. The score was 5-0 to the westies against Orini Blacksticks who were a great team to play. Congrats to Sophie Hodges for Player of the Day.

Soccer

Football Draws for Saturday 21 May

Ham West Strikers vs Hillcrest Destroyers @ 09:00 Vardon Park 5

Ham West Rockets vs Hillcrest Pumas @ 09:45 Vardon Park 5

Ham West Kingz vs Raglan Stingrays @ 09.30 Kopua Domain 4 (Raglan)

Ham West Stars vs TBA

Ham West Ninjas vs TBA

Ham West Phoenix vs TBA

Ham West Hammers vs TBA

Ham West Rangers vs TBA

Football Results for Saturday 14 May

Ham West Rovers – PoD was Ella Feisst

Ham West Dynamite

Ham West Strikers drew 2-2 with Ngahinapouri Blasters. PoD was Dean Stirling & Vinnie Brake

Ham West Rockets lost 8-0 to Northern United Braves. PoD was Dylan Welch

Ham West Kingz lost 8-5 to Te Kowhai. PoD was Tyler Bromley

Ham West Stars lost 4-2 to Cambridge Clarets.

Ham West Wizards lost 3-2 to. Hamilton Marist Tigers. PoD was Jayden Mabbett

Ham West Ninjas lost 1-0 to Ngahinapouri Meteors. PoD was Meghan Hunter

Ham West Phoenix lost 8-3 to Cambridge All Stars. PoD was Devesh Kumar

Ham West Hammers lost 11-1 to Hillcrest Tornadoes. PoD was Carlos Emery

Ham West Rangers beat Northern United Argyle 7-6. PoD was Jobe Fitzgerald

Congratulations

On Saturday a group of 5 children from the Southern Tribes Brazilian Jiu Jitsu club travelled to Auckland to attend the regional competition. 3 of these children attend Hamilton West; Caleb Bromley, Dominic Martin and Vinnie Stanton. All three kids fought fair and never gave up. Well done to each of the boys. Caleb came away with a bronze medal and Dominic a Silver.



Book Review - from our school Student Librarians

The Story of Tracy Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson

Illustrator: Nick Sharratt

This book is about a ten year old girl called Tracy Beaker. Tracy is stuck in a horrible children's home after her mum left her there, but she's unsure her mum will come and take her to Hollywood. A certain person called Justine Littlewood has taken Tracy's best friend Louise. No matter how hard she tries to be nice and kind to Justine Littlewood, Tracy always ends up being devastated and reacts violently. Like any other child Tracy likes Big Mac's, smarties, french fries and strawberry milkshakes. Tracy's life is like a rollercoaster ride, one day feels good and the next it feels horrible. Read the book to find out more of Tracy's life. I think this book would be suitable for ages 8-12 because children of this age group would be able to relate to some of the things Tracy goes through. **By Shriya Kumar - room 15**

Term 2 Calendar

Term 2, 2016. Tuesday, 2 May – Friday 8 July.

Week 4: Dental Van arrives on site

Tues. 24 May BOT Meeting

Week 5: Mon. 30 May Peace Run Event

Tues. 31 May Years 5 to 8 School Cross Country

Wed. 1 June Sport/team photos

Fri. 3 June Arbor Day planting

Week 6: Mon. 6 June Queen's Birthday – Holiday

Wed. 8 June Yr 3 & 4 Cross Country

Thurs. 9 June Postponement date for Yr. 3 & 4 Cross Country

Week 7: Junior's Cross Country this week. Dates to be confirmed

Tues. 14 June Years 4- 6 Interschool Cross Country

Thurs. 16 June Back-up day for Yrs. 4-6 Interschool Cross Country

Week 8: Matariki June 18 – July 17

Tues. 21 June BOT Meeting 5.30 pm.

Week 9: ERO Weeks 9 and 10

Week 10: Tues. 5 July Student Led Conferences 2.00 p 7.30 pm.

Wed. 6 July Student Led Conferences 3.00 – 5.30 pm.

N.B. Yrs. 7 & 8 Interschool Cross Country will be held in Term 3. School closes Friday 8 July. Term 3 starts Monday 25 July at 8.55am.

Community Notices/Advertising

Hamilton West Kindergarten (35 Horne St) operates as an "Extended Days" Kindergarten. Our hours are 8.00am – 3.30pm (we are open these same hours during term breaks) with whanau being able to choose to have their child/ren attend in the morning, afternoon or full day sessions. We offer 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.