

Wednesday 25 May 2016  
Week 4, Term 2  
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## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

**“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.” - Mark Twain**

### From the Principal

*Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi (With red and black the work will be complete.)*

This refers to co-operation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete. The colours refer to the traditional kowhaiwhai patterns on the inside of the meeting houses.

#### Board of Trustees Elections

Our Board is comprised of 5 elected parent/community representatives, 1 elected staff representative and me as the Principal (non elected). As we had 5 parent/community nominations and 1 staff rep nomination there is no need for an election and the following people will make up our new Board of Trustees who will take office next month:

Rachel Chapman  
Cameron Old  
Maree McCracken  
John Purcell  
Ratu Ratu  
Stephen Seator (Staff Rep)  
Mark Penman (Principal - non elected)

I look forward to working with these people in the interests of our tamariki. The new Board will take up the reins at the next BoT meeting in on June 21st.

#### Uniform

We are excited to let you know that from now on the school uniform will be purchased from school. We have changed our supplier and are pleased to let you know that the prices have changed as follows:

Item	Old Price	New Price
Polo Shirt	\$40	\$25
Polar Fleece	\$59	\$35
Skort	\$40	\$35
Cargo Short	\$40	\$35
Beanie	\$18	\$15

The only increase is for our school jacket which was \$72 and the new style will be \$75. Having said that our new jacket is a three layer bonded soft shell jacket with a hood, has a water resistant outer (3000 mm waterproof rating), 4 way stretch, 1000 MVP breath-ability rating, is fleece lined and wind blocking. And was the jacket that our student council chose above all others for comfort, warmth and design. So we are getting a superior garment for only a few dollars more. We will have our new jackets in stock within the next two weeks and samples at the office for you to see. If you would like to order any uniform items then please do so at the office or send an email to elainew@hamwest.school.nz with details. And please be patient with us as we sort out our ordering system. We'll be tweaking things as we go along and working together to see what works best for all of us. Rachel - Chairperson - BoT

On behalf of the school community I thank Rachel for the huge amount of time she has put into bringing about this change in an effort to reduce prices for our school families. I know you will be well pleased with this information.

#### Mathematics Learning

This year the teaching staff are involved in a professional learning opportunity looking at the teaching of mathematics. See the picture below of teachers and our facilitator Rachel discussing samples of student work in measurement.

## Road Safety Week

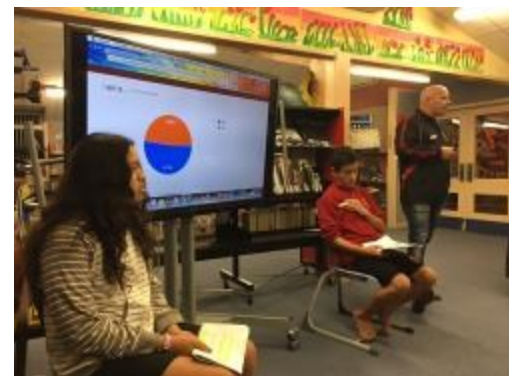
The Junior School were heavily involved in Road Safety Week culminating in the Road Safety Walk to Lake Rotoroa with support from the New Zealand Police and Hamilton City Council. A great photo below with members of Room 1 and Constable Niwha enjoying themselves at The Lake. This picture will feature in the City News paper. I look forward to seeing that.



## Pink Shirt Day

Thanks to those who dressed in something pink last Friday as Part of Pink Shirt day which was about reducing bullying in society. As part of Pink Shirt Day most of our Year 5 - 8 students completed a Google Survey devised by Mrs Gonano. Mr O'D and I had talked to groups of kids to help design the survey and two of our senior students Nauvoo and Jobe presented its findings to the Board of Trustees.

The survey showed the students had very positive attitudes towards their school in the areas such as student voice, feeling safe at school, how bullying was treated, relationships with teachers and between themselves and if they were culturally valued. Naturally I was very encouraged with the results of the survey it did provide some information on further areas for us as a school to work on. I see the children's wellbeing as a critical role for me as Principal of Hamilton West School. It is not something that you can sit back and be satisfied about because we live in an ever changing world and things of importance need to constantly be brought to the fore. I thank the students who participated in the survey for the interest they show in their school.



There is a picture below of Mr O'D introducing Jobe and Nauvoo the Board of Trustees.

## Indian Food Lunch

Thanks to a group of our Indian families who brought in lunch for the staff last Friday. Lots of yummy dishes with wonderful flavours (You can see from the photo below a couple of teachers getting their lunch). A big thanks to Savneet, Reeta and Meenu for providing this wonderful experience. The group are again going to help with our Diwali celebrations later in the year.

Also this Friday they are going to provide some Indian food samples for the kids to try. Those wanting a taste will be asked to come to the hall at lunchtime. I might have to sneak over for another taste. If you are able to assist with this please contact Reeta on Ph: 021 701 427. Any help with this will be greatly appreciated.



## YMCA - Holiday Programmes

- I am pleased to share this with you from Graeme of the YMCA.

The Hamilton YMCA has had a long association with Hamilton West School. The cornerstone ideals of Caring, Responsibility, Respect and Honesty fit very well with all of us. As a charity we try to be part of the city in any way we can and we see the partnership as one where we can add value to this community in many ways.

Our association with the school has been with the provision of the before school and after school programmes. It is a privilege for us to be the partner of the school and it is with much excitement that we are able to confirm that we are now providing the Holiday programmes at Hamilton West School.

All our programmes are Ministry of Social Development approved and are eligible of WINZ funding assistance if you qualify.

We look forward to being of service to you with our Out of School Programmes throughout the year and we wish to thank the BOT and the senior staff for making this opportunity to us possible. Regards Graeme Mead, YMCA Centre Manager.

## Smoke Detectors

Can I please, please ask you to check your smoke detectors are working properly or if you don't have them get some VERY SOON. They saved the lives of one of our families last weekend. If they hadn't had them and they weren't working properly we would be a very sad school this week. I am pleased to report the family has had wonderful support from the community and are slowly getting their lives back to normal.

## Year 5-8 Cross Country

This will be taking place on Tuesday 31 May at the Lake. This event will start at 11am, starting at the stage. Children must come to school in uniform and can change into their House colours before we leave. Natalie Sullivan

## Year 5/6 Camp.

A reminder that the \$30 deposit is due by Friday 10 June. We cannot proceed with the organisation until we have a good idea of how many will be attending. Any queries, please email [natalie@hamwest.school.nz](mailto:natalie@hamwest.school.nz). Natalie Sullivan.

## **Marrzipan - an opportunity for Hamilton West kids**

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 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills during Lunchtime on Tuesday 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 an end of term progress report too, along with a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Jex on 027 217 0693 or email [jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz).

## **Disco**

The PTA are hosting the first school discos on Thursday 9th June. As usual there will be a Junior (Year 1 - 4) disco from 3.15 pm - 4.15. The Senior disco (Year 5 - 8) will run from 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm. Children will need to bring their permission slip and their \$2 entry to the disco which is held in the school hall. food, drinks and savouries for sale. More details to follow.

## **School Notices**

### **Head Lice**

Head Lice has been detected in the school. Can parents please be vigilant in checking their children's hair and treat if necessary. Thank you.

### **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.

### **Autism NZ**

One day seminar for Parents/Whanau/Caregivers. "Way to Play". Date: Thursday 13 September. Time 9.30am-3.30pm.

Where: Cambridge. Cost: \$20 Family/Whanau. \$75 Professional. Contact Samantha Mayall email:

[sam.mayall@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:sam.mayall@autismnz.org.nz).

Lego Group - Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 4.00-5.00pm. Contact: Samantha Mayall email: [lego.waikato@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:lego.waikato@autismnz.org.nz).

Waikato Holiday Programme - School Holidays. Contact Holiday Programme Co-ordinator on Ph: 022 183 1530 or email: [holiday.programme.waikato@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:holiday.programme.waikato@autismnz.org.nz).

### **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**

### **Soccer**

#### Football Draws for Saturday 28 May

Ham West Rovers – games to be played at Glenview Park @ TBA

Ham West Dynamite – games to be played at Glenview Park @ TBA

Ham West Strikers vs Ohaupo Lions @ 09:00 Hamilton West School 2

Ham West Rockets vs Woodstock Rockets @ 10:00 Hamilton West School 3

Ham West Kingz vs Northern United Wolves @ 09:00 Hamilton West School 3

Ham West Stars vs Western United Chiefs @ 10.15 Bremworth Park 3

Ham West Wizards vs Hillcrest Vikings @ 09:00 Ham West School 1

Ham West Ninjas vs Northern United Galaxy @ 10:00 Grosvenor Park 3

Ham West Phoenix vs Te Aroha Cobras Pitballs @ 09:00 Boyd Park 3

Ham West Hammers vs Western United Saddlers @ 11.30 Bremworth Park 2

Ham West Rangers vs Western United Cherokees @ 09.00 Glenview Park 2

### **Hockey Results**

#### **Demons**

Wow - what another great game! Congrats to all of the players - you all deserve to be commended on your fantastic skills throughout the game. Soon all of the other teams will be scared of you! Player of the day was Jamie Kerr - excellent work on the wing Jamie - you were a huge standout on Friday night. Keep it up Demons!

#### **Dynamite**

It was certainly a game of two halves on Saturday. In the first half Southwell dominated and exposed our lack of positional play. Often unmarked they had most of the possession of the ball and scored two goals by half time despite some fantastic defensive efforts by Ashley. After half time we improved, kept in position more and did some excellent passing. This improvement was rewarded with a goal from Ariana and despite us almost equalising at one point, Southwell were able to break through our defence again and scored the third goal. Final result was a 3-1 loss. However everyone played well, despite the very wet weather, and player of the day was awarded jointly to Macy and Gracie for some great stick work, ball control and energetic attempts to score.

## Basketball

Seems to be a great start to basketball in term 2 - thanks for the parents and students who are coaching and managing the teams, we couldn't do it without you. In regards to the times, we have nothing to do with setting them or sending them out. We understand the frustration of not knowing until the day when the game time is, but unfortunately it is out of our hands. There has been a changeover of the person in charge at Waikato Basketball so am hoping that this week will bring a different story. If you would like to check yourself go to [waikatobasketball.co.nz](http://waikatobasketball.co.nz), click on 'competitions' then 'fixtures/results'. Then you will find the age group and will be able to see the time, if it is up. Natalie Sullivan & Cassie Jones.

## Netball Results

### Rockets

The netball results for Year 5 Rockets were a 5-13 loss for us, was a very tough game for the girls. Player of the day was Alice with awesome intercepts.

### Flyers

The Year 7/8 Flyers had a massive win for us of 56-5 Angel had her first game ever as a shooter with superb results. Player of the day was Liam who defended the oppositions goal fiercely in GK.

## Hockey Draw

### Friday 27 May

Demons: Water 2 @ 6.30

### Saturday 28 May

Pukekos: Water 1D @ 9am

Leopards: Water 2D @ 9.30am

Tigers: Water 2C @ 8am

Dynamite: Water 2HA @ 10.15am

Cheetahs: Water 2HA @ 11.45am

## Stories from our Students

Room 7 has been out walking the school grounds embracing the Autumn beauty. Some stories are shown below:

On Monday I saw leaves on the branch. The leaves were dancing down. It was exciting. - **Cooper - Year 1.**

On Monday we went for a walk. I grabbed some colourful leaves. I threw them up and they twisted back down to the ground. **Nico - Year 1.**

We went for a leaf walk on Monday and it was so so fun. I got a handful of leaves and I threw them up and they came floating back down. - **Joanna - year 1.**



## Term 2 Calendar

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

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.