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Week 7, Term 2
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Always desire to learn something useful" Sophocles

From the Principal

Impossible - Muhammad Ali

I was watching a documentary last weekend about Muhammad Ali and was reminded what a powerful influence he was in the 20th Century. I wonder what it was like being the most recognised face on the planet. As a boy my son James had a poster of Ali on his wall with the following quote on it:

"Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in a world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It is an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing." This saying is how I will remember "The Greatest".

Year 4-6 Inter Schools Cross Country

Yesterday was the Inter Schools Cross Country for the West Hamilton cluster. It was a great morning for running and our Ham West runners did a great job. Well done to all those who competed and thanks to all the families who came and supported. Congratulations to the following who got a placing:

Keeva Fruean, 2nd, Year 4 girls.
Caitlyn Hape, 6th, Year 4 girls.
Lochlan Stark, 3rd, Year 4 boys.
Devon Boyd, 4th, Year 4 boys.
Karter Mackenzie, 5th, Year 5 boys.
Vicente Mendez, 6th, Year 4 boys.
Brodi Rolton, 3rd, Year 5 boys.
Sonny King, 2nd, Year 6 boys.
Justin Smyth, 5th, Year 6 boys.
Natalie Sullivan.

Enviroagents Request for Natural building products to build a HW School Bug Hotel

The HW enviroagents are looking for old lengths of wood, field tiles, bricks with holes in them, wirenetting and other such material to build a bug hotel- a place for bugs to live in. We hope to make it about 1500 x 500 x 750 in size so only lengths up to 1500 are suitable. If you have anything you can gift please get in contact with Maree Quill. Rm 10 Enviro Co-ordinator. Txt [0211393341](tel:0211393341).

Matariki

On Monday the Year 5 - 8 students began our Matariki celebrations with an activity day, learning and participating in a range of traditional Māori activities such as making:

Manu Tukutuku (kites).

Poi.

Ti Rakau.

Weaving harakeke putiputi (flax flowers).

Weaving harakeke kono (flax plates).

A group also repainted one of our murals and others worked on a new one.

The next step in our celebration will be the senior classes buddy up with the junior classes so the older ones can teach the younger ones what they have learnt - part of our Tuakana/Teina work. Matariki runs through till the end of the term which includes Māori language week (week 10) when we are planning to have a hangi.



Education Review Office Visit

I think I mentioned in an earlier newsletter that we are having a visit from the Education Review Office. The visit will take place in the last two weeks of term 2. The visit will begin with a Powhiri in which all our students will be attending. Please contact me if you want to know anything about the visit, including the Powhiri.

Maths Success

There is a photo of three students from Room 3 who came to see me last Friday and were very excited about the maths progress they have made. Well done to Ava, Isla and Chorus.



Reading Together

Thank you to the families / whanau who attended are two sets of Reading Together workshops hosted by Mrs Callaghan and Mrs Lockwood. I managed to drop in and out of parts of the workshops and was very pleased to hear the feedback from parents on how the workshops had helped with their kids reading at home, including that it was becoming a more enjoyable time for parent and child. One parent reported to me that the workshops were another example of how the school cares for its students.

We will host another round of workshops in term 3.

Sport - Project Energize

It was nice to have Sonya from Project Energize in the school last week taking football lessons for classes.

Cycle Safety

Constable Niwha was back at in the school doing cycle safety with a group of our senior students - they went out on the roads around the school. I ask the group to keep using the skills developed with Niwha when out on the road on their own.

While Constable Niwha and Constable Amy were here they enjoyed catching up with Ruby and her friends Meg and Danica who wanted to show them the detective kit Ruby had saved up for. Niwha was very impressed with Ruby's manners, the way she was waiting quietly until he had time to talk to her.



Student Led Conferences

Our student Led Conferences will be held on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July. On Tuesday 5th the school will close at 2.00 pm. To book a conference time please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code: **cawe9**. If you don't have access to the internet or need some help booking a time you can come to the office and see Vic.

Digital Citizenship

This week I gave out a copy of our Digital Citizenship Agreement to each of our classes. All the students in each class will sign the agreement and put it on their wall. I thought this was a good way to ensure everyone signs it and to keep it visible as a reminder of making the right decisions when working in the digital environment.

Student Voice

As a result of recommendations from a number of students we are going to reintroduce a Suggestion Box. This week our artists in Room 1 are decorating the Suggestion Box.

Health & Safety

I am pleased to inform you that 8 of our staff begin their first aid training this evening. The course is being provided in conjunction with the YMCA. Thanks to the YMCA for helping with training our staff.

YMCA HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

We have 7 different locations around Hamilton, with something for everyone. Including our new programme here at Hamilton West School for ages 5 to 12 year olds. We will keep your children involved and active with organised games, sports, cooking, crafts, a trip to the movies, a trip to the theatre AND then onto tenpin bowling. We also have an extra optional MAXI day at Paradise ice skating. It's a great place to be these holiday's. Check out our programmes on www.ymcahamilton.org.nz or give us a call on 07 838 2529. The Hamilton YMCA is a local charity that is part of your community.

Book Review

The Wind Singer by William Nicholson

When Kestrel dares to rebel, the Chief Examiner humiliates her father and sentences the whole family to the harshest punishment. Desperate to save them, Kestrel learns the secret of the wind singer, and she and her twin brother set out on a terrifying journey to the true source of evil that grips Aramant. This book is the first book of The Wind Singer series for senior readers aged 10 and up.

School Notices

Entertainment Books

This fundraising campaign is now coming to an end. If you have not returned your book that was supplied to your child, could you please ensure it is returned to the office immediately. If you wish to purchase the book then now is the time to ensure you have paid for it. Cash, cheque and Eftpos at the office or Credit card online. If the book is not returned you will be billed for the \$60 by the company. If you require any more books then please call Kathryn on 021 11 33 907.

Scholastic/Lucky Book Club

Last day for orders **Wednesday 22nd June**. Please make cheques payable to scholastic NOT Hamilton West School. Thank you.

Sports Notices/Results

Football Draws for Saturday 18 June

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 Pirongia @ 11.15 Pirongia School 3
Ham West Rockets vs Northern United Astros @ 09.00 Ham West School 3
Ham West Kingz vs Tamahere Gliders @ 10.00 Tamahere School
Ham West Stars vs Cambridge Clarets @ 09:00 Ham West School 1
Ham West Wizards vs Morrinsville Wolves @ 10.00 Ham West School 1
Ham West Ninjas vs Ham Marist Scorpions @ 10.00 Vardon Park 2
Ham West Phoenix vs Hillcrest Strikers @ 09.00 Jansen Park 7
Ham West Hammers vs Pirongia @ 09.00 Pirongia School 1
Ham West Rangers vs Glenview Rockets @ 09.00 Glenview Park 1

Football Results for Saturday 11 June

Ham West Rovers. PoD was Faycal Najihi
Ham West Dynamite – games to be played at Glenview Park @ TBA
Ham West Strikers drew 1-1 against Ngaruawahia Narra Netbusters. PoD was Jimmy Clunie
Ham West Rockets lost 10-2 to Wanderers Hawks. PoD was Talia Neha
Ham West Kingz beat Northern United Hornets 4-2. PoD was Lachie Elder
Ham West Stars drew 2-2 against Hillcrest Titans. PoD was Locky Stark
Ham West Wizards drew 2-2 against Gordonton Thunderbolts. PoD was Sidney Mabbett
Ham West Ninjas lost 6-1 to Cambridge Titans. PoD was Alex Darlington
Ham West Phoenix beat Ngahinapouri Galaxy 3-1. PoD was Joel Dickinson
Ham West Hammers lost 6-2 to Te Awamutu Wildcats. PoD was The Stirling Boys
Ham West Rangers lost 4-3 to Cambridge Storm. PoD was Harry White

The Dynamites played against a much stronger team from Te Totora on Saturday and despite being out played at times they displayed how much they are improving. Macy and Ashley both had a superb games, well supported by Gracie, Keira, Naveah, Va'asa, Arianna, Breanna, Caitlyn who all too played well. Player of the day was awarded to Sophie Hancock for her total commitment and effort throughout the whole match. Despite losing by 7 to 0, the girls played their best and made us all proud.

Ham Westies Making Waikato Football Squads!!!

1. Waikato 9th Grade Reps:

Massive congratulations to this group of 5 from the Hamilton West Stars for making the Waikato 9th Grade team. This is a huge accomplishment for these boys. Pictured left to right: Lochlan Stark, Knell-Christian Pacis (both making the team for the first time) Noah Harrison-Old, Karter MacKenzie & Devon Boyd (these boys are in their 2nd year with the Waikato Squad.)

2. Waikato Under 14 Girls:

Big congratulations to Ella MacKenzie for making the Waikato Under 14 Girls for a second year in a row. This is a massive achievement as she is in a team with girls 2 years older than her. Well Done Ella.



Community Notices/Advertising

Taking the family skiing to Mt Ruapehu?

Join Te Horonuku ski club and stay right on the snow from just \$37 a night per person, with meals included. Warm, comfortable accommodation, social family friendly club atmosphere, ski storage and lockers, and best of all, no driving up the mountain each day, just ski out of the front door. 50% off all new memberships for 2016. See www.tehoronuku.org.nz for more information or to organise a trial visit.

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BEGINNERS & ADVANCED

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