

Wednesday 3 August 2016
Week 2, Term 3
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Don't count the days. Make the days count." Muhammad Ali

From the Principal

Funding Review of Schools

Currently the Government through the Ministry of Education is undertaking a review of funding in New Zealand schools. You can read more about the review using the following link <http://www.education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/consultations-and-reviews/education-funding-system-review/>

Over the next couple of weeks I will pick an aspect of the review and make a few comments from my perspective. The first one being a response this to the following idea.

- establishing a **global budget** for delivering teaching and learning in all schools. This has the potential to increase flexibility in schools' use of funding while simplifying funding arrangements.

This idea centres around having a single funding allocation each year. At present we receive an operations grant and a staffing entitlement (teachers). The problems I see with this approach is the level of funding that schools would receive for its teachers. I have heard it would be at the mid way point of the teachers salary scale. So if you want to have experienced teachers at your school you would be worse off than under the current funding regime. To me there is sufficient flexibility in the current system and I don't see it as overly complicated.

As always keen to talk more with anyone who is interested.

Reading Together

It's time to organise our next lot of Reading Together workshops. This time we are going to run them at 9 am - 10.15 on Tuesdays (4 weeks starting on Tuesday 23rd August).

The workshops are open to all parents / whanau who want to know how they can help their children become better readers.

Here is a quote from one of the parents involved in our last round of workshops ***"I have thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and would recommend them to others without hesitation. Team discussions have been very helpful and learning new reading techniques to help the children is excellent. Knowing that you are following the same reading techniques as the teachers is very reassuring."***

Pizza Fundraiser

On Wednesday 17th August I will be heading to the Melville Dominoes outlet to buy a Pizza or two. For each pizza sold between 5 - 8.00 pm we will get a \$1 donation - see you there.

Kapa Haka Performance

Today some of our Kapa Haka kids are performing at a function at Waikato Hospital. The function is the launch of the Countdown Kids Hospital Appeal. I know our kids will do us proud.

Solstice

Our school band Solstice will be taking part in the Band-slam Competition this coming Friday night. I'm sure they will hit all the right notes and give a great performance.



Looking After Goldfish

Caleb from Room 3 dropped in to see me the other day to show me his project showing how he looks after his goldfish. Well done Caleb on your project and commitment to your Goldfish.

Blowing Bubbles

I smiled when I looked out my window yesterday firstly because the sun was shining and secondly when I noticed Kaylee and Charlotte having great fun blowing bubbles. Sometimes its so wonderful being a kid.

Rugby Reps

Congratulations to Sonny King of Room 16 who has been selected for a rugby representative side. See his report below:

Hi, I'm Sonny. I started playing rugby when I was three and it was Rippa rugby. When I was in 8th grade I started playing tackle rugby. I have been playing in the same club, Melville, my whole life. Last season was my best yet because we had won our tournament.

This year I'm in eleventh grade, so I had the chance to trial for the Southern Reds rep team. There were about 80 kids at the trials and I was not even nervous. It was a lot harder than I had expected. I took pretty big knocks to the head and I had lots of bruises after, but it paid off and I got selected to be in the team.

We have had one tournament and we lost both by a little bit. Hopefully we will do better in our next tournament. I enjoy playing the game in a set position and meeting new teammates.

Sonny King.

Te Rapa Exchange

I wish all the students participating in the Te Rapa sports exchange well for their games next week. Lets hope you can bring the shield home to Hamilton West this year.

Book Review

The kites are flying ! by Michael Morpurgo

Journalist Max and his new friend Said sit together under an ancient olive tree while Said makes another of his kites. Max is welcomed as a guest in the boy's home, and learns of the terrible events in his family's past - but nothing prepares him for the true importance of Said's kites.

Sports Draws/Notices

Te Rapa Sports Exchange

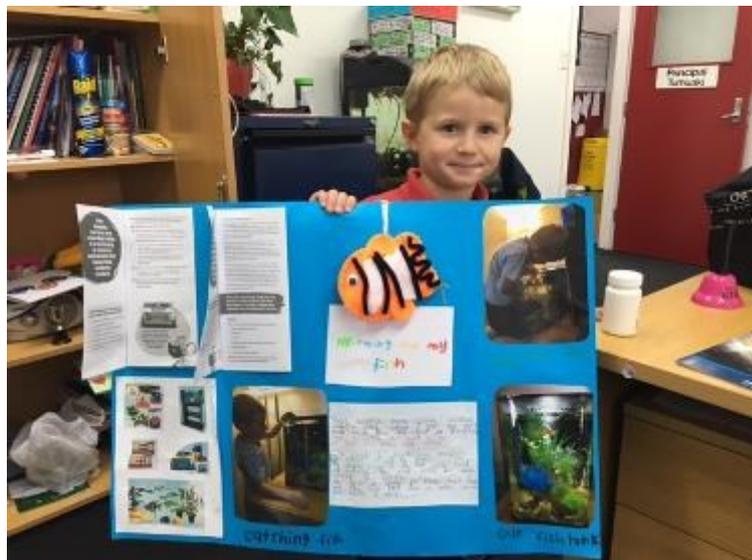
Next Wednesday, 10 August, Hamilton West will be having their annual sports exchange at Te Rapa School. Notices have been sent out today to those who will be attending.

Hamilton City Gymsport Festival

The annual Hamilton City Gym competition is happening on Wednesday 31 August at Te Rapa, for Year 2-6 children. This event showcases abilities in gymnastics. Please let me know by Monday 8 August if you would like to attend. There will need to be a parent available to supervise this event.

Basketball

There is a Year 5/6 basketball team this term. Unfortunately there wasn't enough to register a junior team. If you paid, please get your refund from the office. If you have a basketball top from last term, please return it asap.



School Notices

Year 5-8 Raffle

Just a reminder that if you would like to be part of the Year 5-8 Grocery raffle to raise funds for your camp/activity week, bring in \$10 worth of groceries to your class teacher to receive a raffle sheet. This is drawn on Friday 31 August.

Year 5-6 Camp

Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to be a camp parent. You have until this Friday to get your names to me if you are interested. Please remember that camp will be approximately \$200 and you can make payments at any time.

Junior School Production

The Junior School are having a production at the end of this term. We are needing some jungle animal onesies to borrow for the production. If you have a jungle animal onesies that that we could borrow (fit 6 -8 yrs), please bring them to Mrs Williams in Room 3. Thank you.

Scholastic/Lucky Book Club

Last day for orders Wednesday 10th August. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NOT Hamilton West School.

OXFORD PIES ORDER FORMS

Students will be bringing home an order form for the delicious range of Oxford Pies, Lamingtons and Sausage Rolls today. Please return these, with payment, to the school office by Tuesday 9 August. Note the collection date, Thursday 18 August, on your calendar. Sorry, but we have no facilities for storing uncollected orders. There are prizes for the top three sellers.

If you require additional order forms, please contact Douaine (027) 290 4546 or email: hwspta@alset.co.nz

Term 3 Calendar

Term 3, 2016 Calendar Dates

Term Three 25 July - 23 September

Week 3

8-12 National Maths Week

Wednesday, 10 August - Te Rapa Sports exchange

Week 4

Wednesday, 17 August - Junior Cross Country 1.30 pm

Wednesday, 17 August - Pizza Day

Thursday, 18 August- Firemen visits

Week 5

Monday, 22 August - PTA Meeting

Tuesday, 23 August - BOT Meeting

Week 6

Monday, 29 August - Yrs 5-8 Speech Semifinals

Tuesday, 30 August - Yrs 5-8 Speech Finals -Hall, 6 pm

Thursday, 1 September - Spring Discos

Week 7

Tuesday, 6 September - Juniors Jump Rope, 1.30 pm

Thursday, 8 September - Life Education Caravan -finishes Wed. Wk. 8

Friday, 9 September - Middle School Jump Rope

Week 8

Thursday, 15 September - Waikato full Primaries' Speech Competition

Week 9

Tuesday, 20 September - BOT Meeting

Wednesday, 21 September - Junior Production (details to be confirmed)

Thursday, 22 September - Junior Production (details to be confirmed)

Community Notices/Advertising

Marrzipan

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 dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. 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 no-obligation trial class, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Jex on [027 217 0693](tel:0272170693) or email jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz.

School Banking

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at Hamilton West School. Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the school office, fill in the application form and return it to the school office. If your children are already doing school banking, remember that the school banking is collected on Thursday each week!

Whats on at Hamilton Museum

Maaori Arts and Crafts - Make Kono/food baskets - Friday 5 August, 12pm-3pm, free event. Celebrate Maaori arts and crafts on the first Friday of the month with Marei Kura Creations.

Make a Waka - Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 August, 10am – 4.30pm, free event. Join us at the hui-a-toi table to customise your own waka to sail home.

Musical Feast - Thursday 11 August, 12pm - 1pm, free event

A lunch-time concert from the very talented young musicians from the Conservatorium of Music at the University of Waikato in the gallery.

Make your own Whareniui - Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 August, 10am-4.30pm, free event. Colour it, cut it, build it and take it home.

Te Whaanau Maarama Storytelling - Thursday 25 August, 10.30am -11am, free event. Hear stories inspired by the exhibition. Recommended for children.

The Friends of Southcity invite you to
an evening of fun and flavour with
Sophie Gray

Enjoy watching Sophie from Destitute Gourmet demonstrate a variety of cooking tips and tricks, and taste a sample from each yummy dish.

7pm Wednesday
7 September 2016
at The Reformed Church Hall
Aberdeen Dr, Dinsdale

Fundraising for school computers  **\$30.00 per person**

Limited tickets available.
No door sales.
Purchase tickets at the school office.
email southcityfriends@gmail.com for more information.

ABSOLUTE CHAOS YOUTH NIGHT

5PM - 7PM
EVERY SUNDAY DURING TERM TIME
GOLD COIN DONATION
FIRST NIGHT FREE! BRING A FRIEND!

FREE ON A SUNDAY NIGHT?
NOT SURE WHAT TO DO AT THE END OF THE WEEKEND?
THEN WHY NOT TRY A NIGHT OUT AT THE ABSOLUTE CHAOS YOUTH NIGHT!

ACTIVITIES BY YOUNG PEOPLE, FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!
CRAZY, FUN, MESSY, ENERGETIC, CREATIVE, AWESOME, ON AND OFFSITE ACTIVITIES.
CHECK OUT THIS TERM'S AWESOME PROGRAM BELOW.
10YS AND ABOVE WELCOME!

FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM
PETER EL JANE RICKMAN 021 197 7788
DARYL SMART 07 829 7655
HANNAH KAPOOR 07 839 4683 / 021 259 4080

GOOD NEWS
BAPTIST CHURCH

We meet every Sunday
at the Hamilton West
School Hall

10am Bible Study
10.45am Cuppa
11am Service
ALL WELCOME!

Phone: 855 0126
www.goodnewsbaptist.org.nz

847-2399
HAMILTON GLASS
24-Hour-7 Day Week
Glass Replacement Service
Karl Bell 021 305 820
PO Box 6027, Hamilton 3245

Tupperware morning

After school drop off at Robert Harris 47 Pembroke St, this Thursday 8:50 am - 10:30ish. Come along to find out how you can get 2x Heat'n'eat Mini Rectangles (260ml) for \$15. Enquiries:

gaylene.kingstone@gmail.com

027 5500 521. Party bookings and warranty info contact: Anetta 021 2696 154.