

Wednesday 10 August 2016  
Week 3, Term 3  
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### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

**“Only the Educated are Free.” Epictetus**

### From the Principal

#### Reading Together

Today you will receive a letter inviting you to attend four workshops aimed to help you improve your child's reading ability. The letters will be given to the eldest child.

#### Olympic Games

The Olympic Games are upon us, on behalf of Hamilton West School I wish all our athletes well for their respective competitions. I know the students and their teachers will be closely following the games. I enjoyed receiving the letter below that Brendan from Room 13 wrote as part of persuasive writing:

Dear Olympic committee

I am writing to suggest that we have the Olympics in NZ. The most important reason for this is NZ loves sport. We do our best and never give up and that's what we will do for holding the Olympics. In addition NZ is a place to have the Olympics because we look after the nature and the plants and even the animals too. In Rio the water is polluted and if you take 3 tsp of it you will get very sick; it is the same with the air. In New Zealand the water will not make you sick and it will be safe for the athletes. Finally NZ has lots of fresh air because when have lots of trees that suck in the carbon dioxide in and blow out fresh oxygen. Wouldn't you want the athletes to compete in such a green country? Wouldn't it be beautiful?

A possibility to this is that NZ can hold the Olympics one year. Imagine how happy the athletes will be if they get to play at home.

Therefore I believe New Zealand should hold the Olympics just once. **Brendan**



#### Jiu-Jitsu Competition

On Saturday 6 August 5 kids from Hamilton West School attended the National Jiu-Jitsu Competition in Auckland at the ASB Stadium. They all represented Waikato Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. The kids were Dominic Martin, Caleb Bromley, Tyler Bromley, Vinnie Stanton and Lily Houben. Each child represented their clubs with integrity and great sportsmanship. The children each fought extremely hard at this level and should be very proud of themselves. Dominic proudly walked away with Silver and Lily with a bronze. The school should be extremely proud of all of their achievements.

#### Solstice

Congratulations to our school band Solstice for their performance last Friday night.



Band members were Nauvoo (vocals), Molly (lead guitar), Chloe (rhythm guitar), Ropa (base guitar and backing vocals), Aieva (keyboard), Gabe (electric violin) and Kat (drums and backing vocals). Solstice was placed 3rd out of 21 competitors. Kat was placed best drummer at show and Gabe won third in the most interesting instrument category. They have another show on the 16th August at Clarence Street Theatre-Rock Shop Band Quest. A big thanks to Mr O'D for making this opportunity available to this talented group of musicians.

### **Matariki award for Ioka - Room 11**

Ioka from Room 11 won the Waikato District Libraries Matariki Competition for her Book Cover design for 5-9 year olds with an amazing drawing. She was presented with a book voucher by the Mayor Allan Sanson. Congratulations Ioka.



### **Kapa Haka - Performance**

I thank those members of our Kapa Haka club who performed up at the hospital last week as part of the Countdown Kids Hospital appeal. I know their performance was one of the highlights of the event. It has been reported to me that the group were fine ambassadors for Hamilton West School. Thanks to Mr Mike and Miss Douglas for supporting the group.

### **School Funding Review**

As stated in last week's newsletter I will share some more information and thoughts around the school funding review - the following statement is another of the ideas put forward by the Ministry of Education and the Minister:

Developing clear expectations and greater accountability for the educational progress of all children and young people.

I agree with accountability but it needs to be fair and accurately measured. I would agree with teachers being accountable for educational progress if they were the only or main influence on a child's progress at school. Research by people such as John Hattie who used to be at Auckland University indicated there were many factors involved in educational progress - not only the teacher. Also I wonder how educational progress would be measured, would it be around the National Standards (where there is no external official moderation between schools or would it include a wider view of education across the curriculum and include the key competencies that schools across the country promote. That is my thought for today.



### **Good Men - Great Fathers**

One of our dads asked me to share this information with you - also see poster on last page:

Please find attached a poster for the 'Good Men, Great Fathers' event - The last time this event was held, it was a great night - some really good (short) messages and about an hour of Laughing Samoans; relaxed evening enjoyed by young and not as young alike. Just register and turn up - 6 Pm Thursday August 25th. Pass it around - main thing is to register so catering can be sorted. Especially bring any peeps that might benefit (sons / whanau, etc).



### **Waimaths**

Last night our Waimaths team coached by Monika Haisely competed at Rototuna Junior high. They had 45 mins to solve complex maths questions. We had a year 7 and a year 8 team entered. Both had a great time and it was a fantastic experience for them.



### **Book Review**

#### **The hunt for the secret Papyrus by Geronimo Stilton**

The black Papyrus, a precious ancient artifact, has disappeared from New Mouse City's Egyptian Museum. Can Geronimo find it and catch the thief? EXTRA !! EXTRA !! Read an entire bonus Geronimo Stilton story after the main adventure: The Cat Gang. Can Geronimo stop a team of mysterious bank robbers?

### **Sports Draws/Notices**

#### **Football Draws for Saturday 13 August**

Ham West Strikers vs Ham Marist Rockets @ 11.30 Vardon park 3  
Ham West Rockets vs Knighton Cougars @ 09.00 Knighton School 2  
Ham West Kingz vs Claudelands Rovers Force @ 10.00 Galloway Park 1  
Ham West Stars vs Western United Chiefs @ 10.15 Ham West School 1  
Ham West Wizards vs Te Aroha Cobras Piranhas @ 10.00 Boyd Park 2  
Ham West Ninjas vs Glenview Scorpions @ 09.00 Glenview Park 5  
Ham West Phoenix vs Te Awamutu Tornadoes @ 09.00 Sherwin Park3  
Ham West Hammers vs Fairfield Int Fever @ 10.15 Fairfield Intermediate School 1  
Ham West Rangers vs Fairfield Int Phoenix @ 09.00 Fairfield Int School 2

## **Sport Notices contd.**

### **Football Results for Saturday 6 August**

Ham West Strikers Had a cancelled game

Ham West Rockets beat Morrinsville Jets 8-3. PoD was Noah Paea

Ham West Kingz lost 5-3 to Cambridge Jets. PoD was Arav Raman and Cameron Strang

Ham West Stars Beat Northern United Mustangs 5-3. PoD was Karter MacKenzie

Ham West Wizards lost 2-1 to Northern United Stars. PoD was Aidan Parrish

Ham West Ninjas lost 1-0 to Western United Stallions. PoD was Ryan Ayson

Ham West Phoenix lost 5-4 to Gordonton Missiles. PoD was Amish Kumar & Joel D

Ham West Hammers lost 7-4 to Morrinsville Firehawks. PoD was Hata Pinsent

Ham West Rangers lost 2-1 to Northern United Argyle. PoD was Connor Sullivan

### **Knockout Game Results for Sat 30 July**

Ham West Stars beat Vardon Thundercats 15-1

Ham West Rangers lost 6-3 to Glenview Rockets

### **Knockout Games for Saturday 13 August**

Ham West Stars vs Northern United Mustangs @ 13.00 Ham West School 1

## **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.

Calendar Art Fundraising for the Outdoor Learning Area at HW School (PTA). Once again you can purchase calendars, cards, diaries, mouse pads and notepads which have your child's art work or a photo of your choosing on them for the 2017 year. These make great Christmas gifts, and don't groan, because Christmas is just around the corner! Your child will be doing the art over the next 3 weeks so this may or may not be available for viewing in the classroom. An example of the mouse pad etc will be in the office. Every student needs their own order form to make it easier for teachers. Please send these to the Class teacher. All money (correct amount please) and cheques are to accompany order forms or Internet Banking can be done via the Computer. Make sure you write on the form how you paid. The teacher will record this and money goes to the office for the PTA. There is 2 and a half weeks to make an order and the forms are due back by 26 August. It will be several weeks after that the goods will be available. Thank you. PTA Art Coordinator -Maree Quill

Mrs Quill lost an earring made of silver and jet last Tuesday the 2nd of August either outside Room 10, walking across the field to the accessway, up the accessway, along Pembroke Street to the North, near Robert Harris coffee bar, along Palmerston Street on the south side and up Fow Street on the west footpath and back down the driveway into the school. If anyone finds this small earring there is a reward as it has sentimental value.



## **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)

## Community Notices/Advertising

### 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.

DESTINY FAMILY & PARENTING CENTRE & TE AUKAHA TRUST PRESENT

# GOOD MEN Great Fathers

FAMILY VIOLENCE & SUICIDE PREVENTION

6PM, THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2016

DESTINY CHURCH HAMILTON, MAIN ENTRANCE EUCLID AVENUE, BEHIND WASH WORLD, 5/660 TE RAPA ROAD, HAMILTON - DOORS OPEN 5.30PM

FREE EVENT  
SPOT PRIZES  
LIVE BAND  
FREE BBQ

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# 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.  
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10am Bible Study  
10.45am Cuppa  
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