

Wednesday 12th October 2016
Week 1, Term 4
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“A child without education is like a bird without wings.” Tibetan Proverb

From the Principal

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to our Miss Douglas who got married to William on the first day of the holidays. She will now be known as Mrs Po'ese. We wish Riana and William all the very best for their married life.

Construction

On Friday Lobell construction will be on site undertaking a building project which will see new classrooms built at the end of Room 15. Once the new classrooms have been built Rooms 13 and 14 will be demolished. It is envisaged the work will be completed by February 2017. For health and safety considerations the construction area will be fenced off.

Spring Fair

Don't forget to write the date of the Spring Fair on your calendar - Saturday 5th November. You will be able to buy hot chips off my stall, Steve Smyth and I do the best chips in town.

See the pick of Douaine - he is a walking display board for the Spring Fair.

Rachel from the PTA has done a great job designing a new Spring Fair sign (see below) - if you know of a good place to display the sign please let me know.

We will be having a White Elephant stall, if you have any items they can be dropped at Mr Mike's shed. We will need to store some of the items so if you know where there is ant storage please let me know by email or phone 8384911.

Diwali Celebrations

Next week we begin our Diwali celebrations with the help of members of our Indian community. The following activities have been planned:

Henna Art Week

From 17 - 20 October at lunchtime in the hall the children can have their hand painted henna style for a gold coin donation. This will be done in Room 24 - beside the Library. The children will need to pick up a permission slip from their teacher before they can have their hand painted.

Monday 17th - Year 1 & 2

Tuesday 18th - Year 3 & 4

Wednesday 19th - Year 5 & 6

Thursday 20th - Year 7 & 8

Rangoli - Outside the Office

Members of the Indian community will come and draw a rangoli design on the 25th October weather dependent.

Rangoli Competition

A template will be provided for creating Rangoli designs. Each class will complete their designs and they will be judged by David Lloyd. Judging will take place on 27th October.



Working Bee

Thanks to the group who assisted with the working bee last Saturday to develop the Frank Sargeson Garden (see photo below of Room 1 saying thanks). The Enviro-Agents can now take over and complete the work - with help from Mr Mike. Dean was there with his brothers and his dad and wrote about it on Monday:

In the school holidays I built a garden at school with my brother and dad behind Room 1. There wasn't a garden so we put cement around the garden edge. Then we got something to eat. When we came back there were no plants and flowers to put in the garden.
Dean - Room 1



Gardens

Thanks also to the group of parents and children who did the gardens outside Room 1 - 4 over the holidays, they look great. Thanks to Gaylene for organising this. The Room 1 students give you the thumbs up.

New Entrant Class

Next week we will be opening a new entrant class in Room 26 - Mrs Poole will teach the class.

Hats

As is our usual practice, the kids will be required to wear the school sun hat in the grounds during PE and breaks. You can purchase a hat from the school office for \$17. Lets hope we get some decent weather so they will actually be needed.

Education Act

As you may be aware the Government is proposing significant changes to the Education Act. All members of the public are entitled to make a submission on the proposed changes. I am writing a submission which I am willing to share with anyone interested - hopefully some members of our community are interested in writing their own submission. Let me know if you are interested - email me mark@hamwest.school.nz



Book Review

What would you do if magic vines emerged from your wardrobe to steal your baby sister? If you're Mabel Jones and not afraid of anything, you'd follow! Even if that means venturing into a dangerous jungle, filled with deadly monsters and poisoned jelly babies. Can Mabel reach the Forbidden City and rescue her sister from the evil Witch Queen? Or is this the last we'll see of Mabel Jones

School Notices/PTA Notices

PrEP MARKET DAY

Over the last term the Intermediate Team have been learning about business through the Primary Enterprise Programme. Our students have worked incredibly hard during this time and have developed products and services they are very proud of. We would like to extend to our community an invitation to come to our Market Day on the 26th October 2016 from 11.30 - 2.30 with a break for lunch from 12.30-1pm. We will be selling our team currency on the day or you can purchase this from Room 21 from the beginning of next week (week 2) at a conversion rate of \$1NZD (New Zealand Dollar) = \$2WLD (Westland Dollars). On the day you will be able to convert money to purchase products and services. We look forward to seeing you there! Intermediate Team



School Notices/PTA Notices

Scholastic/Lucky Book Club

Last day for orders Wednesday 26th October. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NOT Hamilton West School. Thank you.

Please help Room 14

Room 14 are after some jars for the Spring Fair. If you have any spare medium or large jars (with lids) that you don't mind getting rid of can you please deliver to Room 14. Thanks for your help!

WANTED

Any books, puzzles, board games or DVDs for the Spring Fair. Books need to be in reasonable condition. Puzzles and board games are complete and Dvd's work. Please drop off to Room 4 and Room 15.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next BoT meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th October.

PTA meeting

Monday 17th October at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Term 4, 2016 Calendar Dates

Term Four 10 October - 15 December

Week 1

Week 2 Tuesday 18 October BOT Meeting
Thursday 20 October Dental Fluoride

Week 3 Monday 24 October Labour Day - Holiday
Friday 28 October Years 3/4 Farm School Visit 9-12.45

Week 4 Saturday 5 November Spring Fair

Week 5 Tuesday 8 November Yrs 3/4 Athletics 9 - 10.30am
Tuesday 8 November Yrs 3/4 Speech Finals Hall 1.30 pm
Wednesday 9 November Yrs 3/4 Athletics all day

Week 6 Tuesday 15 November Interschool Athletics
Wednesday 16 - Friday 18 November Yrs 5/6 Camp

Week 7

Week 8 Wednesday 30 November Year 8 Dinner

Week 9 Tuesday 6 December Certificate Assembly

Week 10 Tuesday 13 December Yrs 3/4 EOTC at Ngaruawahia all day
Tuesday 13 December Yrs 1 & 2 Final Assembly 9.30am
Wednesday 14 December 9.30am Yr 3-8 Final Assembly
Wednesday 14 December 11.00 - 11.30 am Transition Block
Thursday 15 December Last Day of Term - 12.30 pm closing

P.S. Other dates will be added as they become known.

Start date Term 1 2017 Wednesday 1 February

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! You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz, contact Jex on [027 217 0693](tel:0272170693) or email jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz.

Big Buddy

Big Buddy is an organisation matching adult male mentors with fatherless boys. We work with the simple philosophy that boys need good male role models to become good men.

Unfortunately some boys do not have a father or other male role model around. Big Buddy finds these boys a well screened volunteer male mentor, fostering a long-term relationship similar to that of an uncle.

It's as simple as a good man turning up regularly in a boy's life, going out into the world and doing activities together, being available to listen to him, modelling what it means to be a good man. The boy's sense of self develops, he will do better at school and be less inclined to crime and abuse. The statistics on positive mentoring are clear and compelling.

Mentors may be available in your area now. If you are interested in this for your boy, simply contact us: Andrew McFadden. Phone: [+64 7 847 0447](tel:+6478470447) Mobile: [0275 757 214](tel:0275757214). www.bigbuddy.org.nz and [Facebook](#).

