

Wednesday 16 November 2016
Week 6, Term 4
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.” - Albert Einstein

From the Principal

Earthquake

Our thoughts and good wishes go out to our country men and women who are facing adversity as a result of the earthquake on Sunday night. As the picture of the damage emerges and support is needed I'm sure Hamilton West School will do what it can to help.

Year 5/6 Camp

There was a lot of noise outside my office this morning as the Year 5 & 6 kids were getting ready to head off to camp. Pleased to hear their enthusiasm. We wish them all well for the camp and hope the weather is kind to them. (See photo below)

Bristlebots

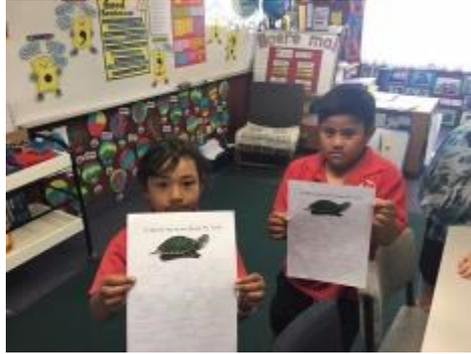
Bristlebots are robots made from a little 3 volt battery connected to a 5 millimetre motor on the head of a toothbrush. And how does it work? Well the negative wire touches 1 side of the battery and the positive wire touches the opposite side of the battery, and that causes the bot to vibrate. Mr Quill, an electronic engineer from Fisher and Paykel and Futureintech gave all Room 10 children the items to assemble like the motor, a battery, and sticky tape. We brought toothbrushes from home. Once we made them we had lots of fun playing with them in races and battles. We also tried shaving the bristles and doing customizing by adding pipe cleaners for stability. **By Jorja Tasker, Y4 Rm 10** (see photos below)

Thanks to Mrs Quill for organising this opportunity - nice to have her son visit the school too!



Visit from Room 22

During the week I had 2 visits from kids in Room 22. Firstly Keeva and Coraline came to show me their printing which they were very proud of. Then Osolua and Samuela came to show me their stories which were very well written. Well done kids.



Wall

Some kids from Room 1 (Roland, Abhimanyu & Josh) were very keen to show me their work on President Elect Donald Trump's promise to build a wall. One of the boys estimated the cost to be a massive \$137. Loved their enthusiasm.

David Lloyd Gallery

Thanks to David Lloyd for his kind gesture of displaying the Intermediate students' art in his gallery last weekend. I dropped in and had a look and was impressed with the quality of the work and how amazing it looked on the walls.



Board of Trustee Meeting

The next meeting of the Hamilton West Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday 22nd November. At this meeting the BoT will adopt the budget and Charter for 2017.

Submission on review of the Education Act

Submissions on the proposed changes to the Education Act were due in Wellington last Friday and I managed to get my way on time. One of the things I focused on was maximising the amount of vote education that actually gets to schools through their operations funding and salaries. I think many of you will be surprised with the statistics I got from the Parliamentary Library which show that less than 50% of education money ends up in schools and the percentage is falling.

What percentage of Vote Education funding goes to schools for staffing allocations?			
	Salary Funding (\$000)	Total Vote Education	% of Total Vote Education
2013	3,528,860	9,693,455	36.4
2014	3,570,041	10,242,694	34.9
2015	3,614,664	10,786,852	33.5
What percentage of Vote Education funding goes to schools for operations funding?			
	Operational funding (\$000)	Total Vote Education	% of Total Vote Education
2013	1,354,357	9,693,455	14.0
2014	1,365,422	10,242,694	13.3
2015	1,421,143	10,786,852	13.2

Trees

When we got an arborist into to do some work on the trees in the Magic Forest he came back and reported that two of the trees were a safety concern. Last week I had another meeting with the arborist and it appears two of our largest and most favourite trees will have to be removed for health and safety reasons. When I informed some of the senior students about this they weren't pleased at all and neither am I. However they were a lot more understanding when I showed them what the arborist had pointed out to me and explained that the school has no choice in taking steps to eradicate hazards. They also felt better when I told them the kids would be given a say on how we redevelop this area moving forward.

Rotary Hoeing of Sargeson Garden

The Enviroschool students are keen to get on with the planting and landscaping of the new Sargeson Garden fronting Hammond Street. However first of all we are asking for help from our community if anyone can Rotary Hoe the garden or lend us one for the caretaker to use. This is essential to dig the soil deeply enough and add compost.

If you can help us please contact Maree Quill (0211393341) or Mr Penman (07 8394911) urgently for we wish to do this now.

Sports Draws/Notices

Cricket Draw For Friday 18 November

Ham West Black Caps vs. Te Totara Tigers @ Galloway Park 1 - 5pm

Ham West Superkings Bye (Hillcrest have defaulted).

Aberdeen Sixers vs. Ham West Knights @ Aberdeen School - 5pm

School Notices/PTA Notices

Hearing and Vision Technician

The hearing and vision technician will be at school On Wednesday 30 November. If you don't want your child seen please let the office know. Email: office@hamwest.school.nz.

Hamilton West Room 20 goes in the studios on 30 November 2016 to record a song on reading for inclusion on a historic international collaborative album on reading and libraries. The album is the brainchild of the Zimbabwe Rural Schools Library Trust, a charitable Trust established to mobilise reading material for Zimbabwe's rural school children as well as to encourage intercultural exchange. The album is meant to create awareness of the importance of reading and use of libraries, lobby authorities to invest in libraries as well as to fundraise for the Trust, which was registered in Zimbabwe in 2012 and in New Zealand in 2013 to mobilise resources to enable children in Zimbabwe's rural schools access reading material. However, funding for the production of the album has not been easily forthcoming, and the Trust is appealing to well-wishers interested in the end product to pay for the CD which will sell for \$20 ahead of its release. Interested? You can make payment into either of the Trust's bank account numbers 03-1355- 0850295-00 or 01-0450- 0165486-00, write your name in one of the field, and add CD in one of the field and email the trust on info@zimlibrarytrust.com to inform of the deposit and how you can be contacted when the CD is out. The availability of the album depends on the trust's ability to raise funds for the recording of the remaining songs.



Various fundraising activities continue to be explored. In the last school holiday Bronte Harcourt, David Smyth, Jayde Knight and Ropafadzo Kunaka from Room 20 Class, assisted by Anesu Kunaka (Hamilton West School) Arlo Oliver and Eva May Oliver (Hillcrest Normal School) and Tinotenda Kunaka (Hamilton Christian School), ran a sausage sizzle which raised \$376 towards the recording of the song, and the Trust has topped it up to meet recording costs, and fundraising continues to meet the costs of production of CD and other associated costs. If you are aware of possible fundraising activities the Trust can embark on, or know of some potential sponsors, please email the Trust on info@zimlibrarytrust.com.

Book Review Slaves of the Mastery by William Nicholson - Part 2 in the Wind Singer series

Five years have passed. The city of Aramant has become kinder - weaker.

When the ruthless soldiers of the Mastery strike, the city is burned, and its people are taken into slavery. Kestrel is left behind, separated from her twin brother, Bowman, and vowing revenge. Now Kestrel must find Bowman, and Bowman must learn the secrets of the Singer people. Only then will they break the power of the Mastery.

**ABSOLUTE CHAOS
YOUTH
NIGHT
PROGRAMME**
October - December 2016
(School Term Time 10/10 - 14/12)

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
14/10	FLOUR BOMB BATTLE & Sausage sizzle	Cathedral Centre
23/10	No Youth Club - LABOUR WEEKEND	
30/10	LIGHT PARTY! Dress up in light & bright colours!!	Cathedral Centre
6/11	BONFIRE NIGHT Later time of 6pm-8pm	TBC
13/11	BATTLE FOR CATHEDRAL HILL	Cathedral Centre
20/11	LEAF Cost TBC	42 Sunshine Ave
27/11	CHRISTMAS MASTER CHEF & ART ATTACK!	Cathedral Centre
4/12	CATHEDRALS 100th BIRTHDAY BEACH PARTY! <small>Bring your toggi! Water slide, water balloons, water fight!</small>	Cathedral Centre

END OF TERM 4 - Youth Club back 2017!!
**GOLD COIN DONATION
5PM - 7PM EVERY SUNDAY
DURING TERM TIME
51 VICTORIA STREET**
PETER & JANE RICHMAN 021 197 7788
HANNAH KAPOOR 07 829 4623 / 021 259 4080

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

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BEGINNERS & ADVANCED

FIRST LESSON FREE

**Hamilton West School Hall
Monday & Wednesday
6pm - 7pm
All Ages Welcome**

**f Hamilton Wushu Academy NZ
Phone or Text: 021508281
Email: hamiltonwushu@gmail.com**

Term 4, 2016 Calendar Dates

Term Four 10 October - 15 December

Week 6 Wednesday 16 - Friday 18 November Yrs 5/6 Camp
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

Last day of school for 2016 is Thursday 15th December. School closes at 12.30pm. School reopens on Wednesday 1st February for Term 1 2017.