

Wednesday 23 November 2016
Week 7, Term 4
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.” - Plutarch

From the Principal

Inter-School Athletic Sports

The inter-school athletic sports that were postponed last week were held yesterday. Mr Gardner, Mr Hedder and parents supported our kids at the sports. Everyone was impressed with the attitude and effort of the Ham West kids. I will publish the results next week. Well done Ham West. If any parents have any photos for next weeks newsletter please email them to me.

Year 5 / 6 Camp

The Year 5/6 camp at Totara Springs last week was a great success, this has been reported to me by the teachers, the camp parents and importantly the children themselves. They were a tired and happy bunch that arrived back at school on Friday afternoon. I took a snap of some tired looking teachers and Bryan - see below



Student Achievement

Lately the teachers have been administering end of year assessments and the results I have looked at so far are very encouraging. Not only are a high percentage of students achieving at or above the expected levels those who are a little behind are also making progress at school, many getting really close to the expected level. Our school goal for the year was to have 75% of students (Y4-8) being at or above the expected level in maths and reading comprehension - we achieved 92% at or above in both the maths and reading comprehension PAT (Progress and Achievement Test) All of which is very encouraging and I acknowledge the hard work of the students and their teachers for the progress made in classrooms this year.



Speech Certificates - Y3 & Y4

Mr Seator gave a great speech at last week's assembly when he gave out the Year 3/4 certificates to the students who made the speech finals recently. See photo below.

Dragon Poems

Some kids from Room 3 dropped into my office to show me their dragon poems and pictures - see photo



One Stop Art Shop Celebration - shared by a parent

"Clayton and I had the pleasure of taking 5 of the kids involved in the very successful Spring Fair stall "One Stop Art Shop" (& Springers?) out to dinner on Sunday night to celebrate their hard work (photos attached). What a fantastic group of kids, I can tell they're destined for fabulous endeavours in life! Unfortunately unable to make it were Crystal & Davika." See photo below, god to see them enjoying each others company.

Year 8 Dinner

Next Wednesday we are hosting the Year 8 levers dinner. This is always a fun occasion as teachers and students share some memories of their time at Hamilton West School. A nice way to acknowledge our senior leaders and I'm looking forward to the dinner.



Whanau Meeting

There will a Whanau Group meeting on Wednesday 30th November at 3.30 pm in my office.

Sports Draws/Notices

Cricket Draw for Friday 25th November

Ham West Black Caps vs. St Josephs Jets @ Galloway Park 1 - 5pm

Ham West Superkings vs. Hukanui Turbos @ Galloway Park 3 - 5pm

Ham West Knights vs. Knighton Knights @ Ham West School 5pm



School Notices/PTA Notices

Junior School Athletics day

Thursday 1 December. 11.00am to 12.30 pm. This is non-competitive and gives children the chance to experience different athletic activities. Children can wear house colours and earn points for their houses. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come along and watch. Children will need school hats and sunscreen. Tammy Williams

LOST Named black Kathmandu jacket. Was taken to the Year 5/6 camp last week and has not come back as yet. If found please return to Nevaeh Tauroa in room 13. Thanks.

Scholastic Book Club

Last day for orders is Tuesday 29th November. Last one for the year. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NOT Hamilton West.

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.

School Notices/PTA Notices contd

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

Longbow Girl by Linda Davies

Schoolgirl Merry faces the loss of her family's farm. For centuries, the Owens have bred ponies in the shadow of the Black Castle, the wild Welsh home of their arch-enemies, the de Coureys. In the roots of a storm-turned tree, she makes an extraordinary discovery: a treasure that offers her the chance to turn back time and change a past filled with untold secrets and danger. Merry is brave enough for most things. She's a skilled rider and archer: a born fighter. But is she ready for this, the greatest adventure of her life?

Term 4, 2016 Calendar Dates

Term Four 10 October - 15 December

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.

Community Notices/Advertising

Squiggle holiday programme is OSCAR approved and open from 16th Dec – 23rd Dec and re-opening on 9th Jan – 27th Jan. We have a massive programme with a variety of activities and learnings that everyone will enjoy, including Young Engineers, arts and crafts, team games, cooking, sports and heaps more! We'll also be visiting Waterworld, learning about glowworms at Waitomo Caves and heading to watch Moana at the movies. Squiggle is perfect for 5 year olds to 12 year olds. We're open from 8am to 5.30pm Mon-Fri. For more information and a full programme, go online – www.squiggle.org.nz.

**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! Bring your togs! Waterslide, water balloons, water fight!	Cathedral Centre

END OF TERM 4 - Youth Club back 2017!!

GOLD COIN DONATION
5PM - 7PM EVERY SUNDAY
DURING TERM TIME
51 VICTORIA STREET
PETER DL JANE RICHMAN 021 197 7788
SEANNAH KAPOOR 07 339 4683 / 021 259 4080

847-2399
HAMILTON GLASS
24-Hour 7 Day Week
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Karl Bell 021 305 820
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Monday & Wednesday
6pm - 7pm
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School Hall

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

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