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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“The highest activity a human being can attain is learning for understanding, because to understand is to be free.” – Baruch Spinoza

From the Principal

Bullying Prevention and Response Policy

This morning I was reviewing our school policy on Bullying Prevention and Response in preparation for our Board of Trustees meeting next week. I thought you might be interested in our definition of bullying (note - all school policies are available to you as parents and caregivers, you just need to contact us. Once all the Health and Safety Policies, including bullying, have been reviewed I'll ask Mrs Bath to post them on the school website for your easy reference).

Bullying - a definition

Bullying behaviour is not an individual action. Our school community agrees that:

- **Bullying is deliberate**
- **Bullying involves a power imbalance**
- **Bullying has an element of repetition**
- **Bullying is harmful.**
- **Bullying behaviours can be physical, verbal, or social, and can take place in the physical world or cyber world.**
- **Bullying is not an individual action, it involves at least one other person;**
- **initiators (those doing the bullying),**
- **targets (those being bullied) and often bystanders (those who witness the bullying).**

School Assembly

Last week's assembly was one of the real school highlights so far in 2017. Two of our boys were acknowledged for their community spirit. A young reporter called Jesse King covered the assembly for the Waikato Independent, I know many of you will have already read it but I think it deserves to be published in this week's newsletter (thanks to Jesse for allowing us to publish his story and photo of the boys).

Students reap rewards for handing in lost bag of cash

When schoolmates Alex Fisher and Hakeke Kingi came across a bag with cash left on a city street, they knew exactly what to do. The two primary students were walking home after school past Waikato Hospital when they saw the bag sitting in the middle of the road. Alex and Hakeke of Hamilton West School walked over to see what it was. As they got closer, they couldn't believe their eyes.

“I said, hey Alex look, there's a little bag with money in it,” Hakeke said.

“Straight away we knew what we had to do.”

The bag was sitting in an entrance way to Waikato Hospital parking. Alex picked it up and saw some writing on the back that told him it belonged in the hospital. As luck would have it, the boys located a man on a scooter nearby who was part of hospital security and they handed the money over to him.

“He rode away, we waited for a couple of minutes and then he came back to say we did a good job,” Alex said.

The boys' efforts were celebrated on Thursday at Hamilton West School's assembly. There they were presented with Chiefs jerseys, tickets to a Chiefs home game and some cash to spend by John Gallagher, a director on Gallagher's board.

“We give a lot of awards out to different areas in the education sector, but nothing exactly like this,” Gallagher said. “I think it is excellent to see [what they did] and for being rewarded for it as well. It is great to see people being honest. “We get a lot of negative stuff happening and here is something that is a very positive thing.”



The boys also received a certificate of commendation from the police which was handed to them by Community Constable Niwha Jones.

“So this is heaps better than all those other things, this has got mine and [principal] Mr Penman's signatures on it,” Constable Jones joked before handing the boys their certificates. “You boys made me very proud to be Māori,” he said.

“I was embarrassed, happy and excited. My legs were shaking,” Alex said after the assembly.

“Every time I kept walking up [to the stage], it felt like I was an actor or something,” Hakeke said.

“Like a hero. A hero of Ham West,” Alex added.

Principal Mark Penman said the boys had done very well, but so had their families.

“The whanau were here supporting them, so their values were instilled in the home,” he said.

The boys were never tempted to do anything else with the sum, a figure that they haven't found out.

“It looked like a little bit of money, maybe \$1.50, so I was like, who would want that?” Hakeke joked.

“Plus who has the time to open the packet and count the money?” Alex questioned.

The boys agreed that they had learned a good lesson from what they had done.

“Be honest and if you see money, give it back,” Hakeke said.

Science

Some of you might not know that all our year 5-8 students are part of a 4 year science program, which prepares them for the challenges of secondary school science. The feedback from former Hamilton West year 9 students has been overwhelmingly positive. Each of the nine senior classes has by now attended their introductory Science day for 2017. During the first two terms the focus for the year 5 and 6 students is on botany and scientific drawings. The year 7 and 8 students are getting an introduction to electronic microscopes and the makeup of cells. Monika Haisley, Science teacher .

New Cricket Wicket

As those of you who have been in the school over the last couple of days will have noticed our cricket wicket has been dug up. A new wicket is being constructed perpendicular to the old one. The reason for this being to create more opportunity to create winter sports fields. We are hoping for the new wicket to be completed by the end of the month. I apologise to our cricketers for this interruption. Mr Seator has contacted Hamilton Cricket to inform them that our wicket is not available for a few weeks.

Outdoor Classroom Project

Again I offer you the opportunity to be involved with the planning of our Outdoor Classroom, if you are interested in being involved please give me a call or drop by my office.

Inter School Swimming Results - Year 4-6

Congratulations to all those who represented Hamilton West School at Inter Schools on Tuesday 7 March. It was a great day out and a highlight was the attitude and sportsmanship shown by our students and our brilliance in the relays.

Thanks to our families for coming and supporting and providing transport.

Year 4 Girls:

Paige Stringer: 1st 1 length free, 1st 1 length back, 1st 1 length breaststroke.

Chloe Mercer: 3rd 1 length back, 2nd 1 length breaststroke.

Year 4 Boys:

Pierce Graham: 1st 1 length free, 1st 1 length back.

Year 5 Girls:

Abigail Hampton: 1st 2 lengths free, 1st 2 lengths back, 1st 2 lengths breaststroke.

Year 5 Boys:

Ryan Malatios: 1st 2 lengths free, 1st 1 length back, 1st 1 length breaststroke.

Reid O'Brien: 1st, 2 lengths breaststroke

Year 6 Girls:

Tallulah Paea: 1st 2 lengths free, 2nd 2 lengths back, 1st 2 lengths breaststroke.

Gracie Kerr: 2nd 2 lengths free, 1st 2 lengths back, 2nd 2 lengths breaststroke.

Daykota Men: 2nd, 1 length free.

Sannidhi Kumar: 3rd 1 length breaststroke.

Nevaeh Tauroa: 2nd 1 length backstroke.

Year 6 Boys:

Gabe sales: 1st 2 lengths free, 1st 2 lengths back, 1st 2 lengths breaststroke.

Jack Graham: 3rd, 2 lengths free.

Ryan McCracken: 2nd 1 length breaststroke.

Luke Muncaster: 3rd 1 length backstroke.

Relays:

Year 5 Girls, 2nd, Year 5 Boys, 1st, Year 6 Girls, 1st, Year 6 Boys, 1st.

Thanks Natalie Sullivan

Balloons Over Waikato - Motor Homes Visit

On Saturday 25th March we (PTA) will be hosting the Motor Homes on the field as part of the Balloons of Waikato Weekend. On Saturday morning we cook the Motor Homers a BBQ lunch - if you can help please let me know - mark@hamwest.school.nz or drop into the office.

Winter Sports

We are lucky at Ham West to have a teacher in charge of our winter sports codes. These teachers are in the process of taking registrations for winter sports teams - Football: Mr Seator, Hockey: Miss Ardern and Netball: Miss Julian. Over the week or so they will be sending home registration forms so keep a look out for these if you want your kids involved in winter sport.

Band Auditions

Yesterday I came across the auditions for the vocalist for our school band for 2017. I sang my version of a heavy metal song that appeared not to impress the judges. Well done to all the kids who auditioned - loved your enthusiasm and confidence. See photo of Keira and the judges.



Lava Lamps

Last week a group of children from Room 13 were very excited to show me the lava lamps they had made. I loved it when my own kids were little and had lava lamps in their rooms, I might have to buy one for my office as a reminder. Nice photo of some of the Room 13 kids in my office.

New BBQ

Thanks to donations through the ANZ Olympic School programme I have ordered a new BBQ for the school (valued at around \$1,800). The programme is still running - see details below.

Mufti Day - Student Council Message

This Friday on the 17th we will be having a mufti day to celebrate St Patrick's day. Your child will be required to bring along a gold coin donation. There will be another notice going around to remind the kids. We prefer you to wear green as it is in celebration of St Patrick's. Be creative because there will be spot prizes for most creative costumes.



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We have registered as an ANZ Olympic School which provides us with resources and rewards to inspire our school community.

If you're looking to take out a home or business loan, simply provide the name of our school when speaking with an ANZ representative. When your loan is drawn down, we will receive credits to spend at the ANZ Awards Centre on items like sporting equipment and computers.

To discuss an ANZ home or business loan, visit your local ANZ branch, or call a Home Loan Specialist on 0800 269 4663 or a Business Specialist on 0800 269 249.

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Sports Notices

Cricket Draw for Friday 17 March

Ham West Blackcaps vs Endeavour Eels @ Galloway Park #2 - 5pm
Ham West Titans vs Melville Deamons @ Galloway Park #8 - 5pm
Ham West Ninjas vs Southwell Blue Caps @ Jansen Park # 2 - 5pm
Ham West Knights vs Rototuna Heat @ To Be Confirmed - 5pm

School Notices

Year 3 & 4 Swimming Sports—The weather looks fine on Friday so we are going ahead with the Yr 3/4 swimming sports. 11am at the school pool.

Board of Trustees Meeting - the next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March at 5.30 pm. The agenda will include policy review, property, student achievement and finance.

Scholastic/Lucky Book Club. Last day for orders Tuesday 28th March. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NOT Hamilton West School. Thank you.

Hearing and Vision Technician

Will be at school on Friday 24th March from 9am. Please let the office know if you dont want your child tested. Thank you.

PTA Notices

The PTA AGM will take place on Monday 20th March at 7.00 pm in the staffroom (PTA members please note to change of date set at the meeting on Monday).

Tupperware Drink Bottles - Tupperware has an amazing offer on Limited edition Neon drink bottles and carriers at the moment to celebrate world water day, and we are pleased to be able to offer it to you. The school will earn 10% of all sales and \$20 for each Tupperware party booked. Please return your order forms to the box in the office by Thursday 30th March. If paying by cash please include with the order form in a sealed envelope and ensure the cash amount is exact. Any questions you can contact our Tupperware demonstrator Anetta Smith on 021 269 6154 or email rachelpta@hamwest.school.nz. Order your drink bottles ASAP as we have been told they usually sell out. Remember ask family and friends if they want drink bottles too or if they want to book a party.

Entertainment Books

This fundraiser will be starting again at the beginning of April. The books you currently use are expiring in June. All oldest and only children will be bringing the book home on Tuesday 4th April. If you would **NOT** like your child to bring a book home then please let us know immediately: Text or email your child's name and room number to 021 11 33 907 or kbreadmore@ihug.co.nz. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser with the PTA

Community Notices/Advertising

THE BUDDING MUSICIAN PROGRAMME

At last week's assembly Malvina Domar sang with Mr O'D and Mr Jesse. Malvina is a music teacher and is interested in running an after school programme introducing our junior students to playing musical instruments. If you are interested in finding out more please drop into the office to pick up a brochure.

HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY Life Skills for Children "Give a child the gift of confidence, one of the greatest gifts we can give". * Increase self-esteem * Improve confidence * Work in group situations * Meet new friends * Improve listening skills * Academic Success * Speak and move confidently * Encourage English language skills Weekly, after school classes for 5-18 years throughout Waikato and in Rotorua Contact Andrea: (07) 827 0526 jagdramatics@gmail.com helenogrady.co.nz.

No-Rooz Festival Tuesday 21st March

No-Rooz (there are many other spellings) is a major Persian festival marking the first day of spring. It has been celebrated for more than 3000 years, long before the Islamic era. No-Rooz is a time for families to come together and to visit friends. Gifts are given, usually to the children. People buy new clothes and don them for the occasion. For more information visit www.payvanhtml.com/ny/massoume.