

Wednesday 29 March 2017
Week 9, Term 1
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Play is the highest form of research.” Albert Einstein

From the Principal

Room 20 - Treaty Signing

I would like to thank Room 20 for inviting me to the signing of their class treaty last Friday. It was a moving ceremony as parents and invited guests were welcomed in Te Reo and heard many students speak in their second language as to why they were signing their Class Treaty. Some were dressed in their national costume. We also enjoyed the waiata the students sang as part of the ceremony. On behalf of the parents and invited guests I thank Room 20 for a wonderful occasion. See photos below.

Undefeated Knights...

The Ham West Knights (Year 5/6 cricket team) had an fantastic cricket season winning every game!! All the kids have improved heaps through the season, particularly in bowling and running between the wickets. Well done everyone. Here are a couple of photos after their last game. Big thanks to Ratu who put up his hand to be an awesome coach for the boys, the Dads who helped do the scoring or umpiring (Tony, Jon and Paul), and the lovely parents who came to support the team each week. See photos below.

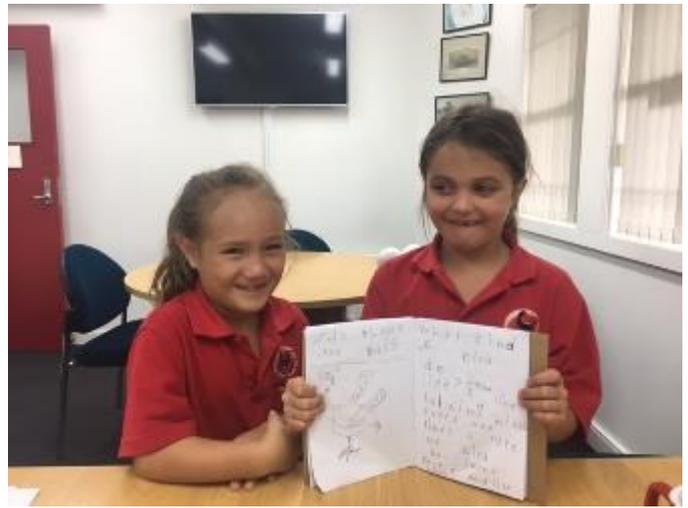
XRACE

Congratulations to Chloe Mercer who competed in the XRACE last weekend. The race is between two family members who have to complete ten challenges over a 4 km course, it is loads of fun. See photo next page

Girl Writers - don't forget us Mr P

After publishing several accounts of boys writing well at Ham West in the last few newsletters I had a visit from Natalie and Allegra to remind me that our girls are great writers too. Thanks for dropping by girls and sharing Allegra's story about birds. See photo next page.





Stories from the Past

What a great job we teachers at Ham West have, this week Mrs Callaghan, Mr O'Donnell and I really enjoyed telling our Year 1 students stories from the rich history of Hamilton West School as part of their history inquiry. Mrs Callaghan retold stories of The School Cat, Mr O'Donnell talked about Ham School as a hospital during WW2 and I relayed the tale of The Bull of Hamilton West School. Great fun for all involved - see photos of Mrs Callaghan and I with the kids).



Basketball

I am taking registrations for basketball. Notices have been sent out, and fees are due by Friday 7 April. There needs to be a coach for all teams and fees need to be paid in order to be in a team. Sorry, the notice said 15 April but that was an error. Thanks Natalie Sullivan.

Seesaw-Our new Learning Journals

This year our whole school is trying out a new way of sharing your child's learning with their parents and whanau. This is through the app and/or website called Seesaw. This is available for PC and Mac computers as well as iOS and Android smartphones.

Seesaw is student-driven digital portfolio that empowers students of any age to independently document what they are learning at school and share it with their teachers, parents, family classmates, and even the world.

Each child has their own Journal and will add work to share what they are doing at school while additionally learning how to use technology. When your child adds a new item you will be notified and able to view, like and comment on their learning.

There is an expectation that each child has at least one example of learning for each curriculum area taught per term. E.g. reading, writing, maths, inquiry, maori, the arts etc.

To connect with your child's Journal:

You might have already been given a notice inviting you to connect with your child's Seesaw Journal using a QR code or you may have been sent an email with a hyperlink. If you have not seen either or having trouble connecting please contact your child's teacher to get access. PC/Mac: seesaw.me click sign in and select "I'm a Parent". iOS/Android: App Store/Webstore- Seesaw Parent Access App. Miss Johanson

Property News

Cricket Wicket

As you will probably have noticed the cricket wicket project is well underway. The contractor is now waiting a couple of weeks for the concrete to harden before the artificial turf is laid.

Trees

A number of large trees have to be removed in the area the children refer to as the Magic Forest. It is unfortunate that we have to do this work but they pose a health and safety threat that needs to be remedied.

Outdoor Classroom

Our group who have volunteered to work on the Outdoor Classroom project met last week and recommended to the Board of Trustees that the area where the project should be developed is in the Magic Forest. The Board have agreed to this recommendation.

Fencing

As indicated in an earlier newsletter the school is to be fenced. It is expected that this work will be completed mid way through the year. This will include some new gates and the Fow Street entrance gates will be strengthened and added to. Next term we will need to make some decisions around entering and exiting the school during school hours once the new fences and gates are in place. Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information or have any ideas.

Traffic

As you will be aware traffic around the school is a problem, especially at pick up time. The Board of Trustees is developing a plan as to what we can do within our boundaries to facilitate ease of traffic flow and safe options for cyclists, scooters, pedestrians and cars. Not easy work I can assure you, if you have any ideas again you are welcome to contact me.

From Rachel - Chairperson BoT

At our board meeting last week we had two fabulous presentations. The first one was from our Student Council who presented to us their plan for the year. We want to thank them for sharing their plan with us and for being great role models in the school. Special thanks to Aieva Brough, the chairperson of the student council who led them so well in their presentation and to Mr O'D for his work and support to the council. The Board were so impressed that we have committed to match the student council dollar for dollar in their fundraising efforts this year.

The second presentation was from the Year 5 and 6 teachers which included Jaimie Arden, Wesley Hedder, Nick Gardner, Sheree Julian and led by the team leader Natalie Sullivan. Their presentation to us was very comprehensive and informative and gave the Board an insight into the work being done by these teachers. We were excited to hear all the initiatives this team of teachers are including in their classrooms, how they collaborate together and how that work relates to the goals for our children in our School Charter. We were also impressed with the proposals they have put forward to the Board in order to further their work in these areas. Thank you to Natalie Sullivan and her team for an outstanding presentation and we look forward to more. See photos below



School Notices

LOST

Lost at the Year 4 overnight Camp. A light brown/cream Teddy Bear Please phone Helen Irvine on 027 2013578

PTA Notices

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.

Hamilton city Tigers would like to invite you to join our under 12's and under 13's boys and girls rugby league teams for the year 2017. Come along and be part of a fun and exciting team environment. We look forward to hearing from you. For further information please contact Doreen Hokai 0224218391 (manager) or John Tahana 0276488554 (coach).

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PROGRAMME
February - April 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
12/2	SPIN-ARTS 'STAIRS' SUDDO Dance & workshops @ Kaitiaki, Cathedral Arts, City & paratū - please bring in cash on the day	Waterwood
17/2	BALLOONING AWESOME!	Cathedral Centre
24/2	Be Youth Club - Family Pilgrimage to Turakau Pa, Tairāwhiti	Cathedral Centre
5/3	BATTER UP! (Pomona Party)	Cathedral Centre
12/3	WATER YOU DOING! (APR Water Sign)	Cathedral Centre
17/3	SPIN-ARTS 'TRATS' (ART-SOME) Kaitiaki handie cake	Cathedral Centre
24/3	THE GREAT YOUTH CLUB BAKE OFF!	Cathedral Centre
2/4	CAPTURE THE FLAG!	Cathedral Centre
9/4	END OF TERM PIZZA PARTY & MOVIE NIGHT! END OF TERM 1 - Youth Club back 7th May	Cathedral Centre

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Saturday 9:30am-2pm

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YMCA Holiday Programme - Holiday Programmes your kids will love. Our friendly, fully trained staff can't wait to have your child on board with us these holidays. We run fun-filled days including moving and grooving for NZ Dance Week, cooking and crafts. We also go on trips in and around the Waikato. It's a great opportunity for kids to make new friends. For those parents and caregivers that have busy schedules, our programmes run from 7:30am - 5:30pm. Programmes dates are April 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 26th, 27th, 28th. Check us out at www.ymcahamilton.org.nz or call us on 07 838 2529.