

Wednesday 24 May 2017
Week 4 Term 2
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty.” James Madison

From the Principal

Frosty Days

The week started with a couple of lovely frosty days. Great to see the kids wearing lots of school hats and warm sweatshirts. You can buy school hats (beanies) at the office for \$15. Yesterday I came across Jean, Anika and Ella huddled up against the cold, they said they were tough and the frost was no problem to them.

I laughed when I came across Damian and Hikawera yesterday morning who had been around and collected all the ice they could find and made it into a "snow ball".

And of course there were kids out playing in bare feet - a truly Kiwi tradition, bare feet even on frosty mornings.



Cross Country

The Year 5-8 cross country will be held on Wednesday 7 June, starting at 10.45am. This will be held at the Lake, starting from the stage. All students are practicing for this event by running the lake or doing fitness based sessions at the school.

Rugby

I have a group of Year 5 & 6 kids and a group of Year 7 & 8 kids who are really keen to get rugby teams up and running. There is a competition for the Year 5 & 6 kids to play in plus some inter school games. There are also some inter school games for Year 7 & 8. What we need is some parents to help with the teams. If there are any parents out there that are keen to manage/coach a rugby team please contact Keith O'Donnell on email: keith@hamwest.school.nz.

Autumn Leaves

Playing in the autumn leaves has got to be one of the enjoyable things of childhood. Last week I was delighted to come across groups of kids at lunch time having a great time playing together in the leaves. Then yesterday a group of lads tracked me down in the staffroom so I could come and see their leaf hut, great fun.

Education Act - Amendments

As you may be aware the Government has recently passed amendments to the Education Act 1989. The School Trustees Association have provided me with a very good synopsis of the changes, each week I will share with you information about the changes and make a few comments from my perspective. One of the amendments established enduring objectives for the education system - see below:

The Education Act 1989 now provides a set of enduring objectives, sets the strategic direction for the education system and makes clear what a good education should look like for our children and young people. The objectives will inform government priorities for early childhood and compulsory schooling sectors through a statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP).

The new objectives for the education system are:

Helping each child and young person attain educational achievement to the best of their potential.

Promoting the development of resilience, determination, confidence, and creative and critical thinking.

Good social skills and the ability to form good relationships.

Participation in community life and fulfilment of civic and social responsibilities.

Preparedness for work.

Instilling an appreciation of the importance of:

The inclusion within society of different groups and persons with different personal characteristics.

The diversity of society.

Cultural knowledge, identity and the different official languages.

The Treaty of Waitangi and te reo Māori. What does the board need to do now?

Comment: these objectives look appropriate to me, although I'm not sure how anything can be called enduring in a rapidly changing world. If these objectives are so important I would like to see school effectiveness measured against them instead of the narrow approach that the currently followed by the Education Review Office. The focus of our review last year was almost entirely around achievement in relation to the national standards.

Staffing

I inform you that from the end of the term Mr Hedder will be leaving us to take up a teaching position in China. An experienced teacher by the name of Mrs Stone has been appointed to replace Mr Hedder in Room 15. We wish Mr Hedder well with his adventure.

Mindfulness - a message from Mr Jesse

'Paying attention to (or noticing) the present moment with kindness and curiosity'

Mr Jesse has had some parents express some interest in some mindfulness sessions.

If there is enough interest he will run some relaxed, weekly sessions focused on practising mindfulness.

If you are interested or have some questions about mindfulness and it's potential benefits please feel free to contact Mr Jesse directly.

jesse@hamwest.school.nz, [021676178](tel:021676178) or just pop in and see him.



Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Room 13 were lucky enough to be taken up to the hospital on Monday to hear about the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and have a good look over it. Thanks to Mr Gardner and Dr McCracken for organising this exciting and informative visit.



Sports Notices

Netball

The assassin's netball team is looking for someone to umpire their games on Saturday mornings. If you are able to assist, can you please send me an email at sheree@hamwest.school.nz

Soccer Draw for Saturday 27th May

Ham West Rangers @ Glenview Park - 11:30am

Ham West Rovers @ Glenview Park - 11:30am

Ham West Dynamite vs Te Awamutu Terriors @ Sherwin Park 6, TA - 10am

Ham West Strikers vs Ngahinapouri Comets @ Ngahinapouri School 5 - 9am

All other games and times will be posted on the Ham West Football facebook page as they become available. Coaches please pass this information onto your players.

Football Results for Saturday 20 May

Ham West Dynamites lost 4-1 to Ngahinapouri Mustangs. PoD was Ranesh Maharaj

Ham West Strikers beat Hillcrest Typhoons 6-3. PoD was Sebastian Visagie

Ham West Rockets lost 13-1 to Raglan Morays. PoD was Dylan Welch

Ham West Pukekos lost 14-0 to Cambridge Villareal. PoD was Brylee Smith

Ham West Stars beat Glenview United Stingers 3-1. PoD was Navrin Campbell

Ham West Kingz beat Southwell Borough 2-1. PoD was Troy Stirling

Ham West Phoenix beat Horotiu Heros 6-4. PoD was Thokozani Masuku

Ham West Hammers lost 9-2 to Western United Wolves. PoD was Renata Puriri

School Notices

Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Wednesday 1st June. The agenda will include: health & safety, Outdoor Classroom. Education Act, Reporting to Parents

LOST

New Black Jacket Size 12. Named: Hiona. Please return to Room 11.

New Black Jacket Size 14. Named: Thokozani. Red Polo Fleece. Size 14. Named: Thokozani. Please return these items to Room 21. Thank you.

Community Notices/Advertising

Marzipan

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 - Marzipan! 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. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!).

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FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM
PETER DE JONG SCHURMAN 021 121 1760
OR HELEN KAPORN 021 235 6553 / 021 305 6555

ABSOLUTE CHAOS YOUTH NIGHT PROGRAMME February - April 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
12.2	Fun Day (FLASHY SUNDAY) - Term 2 Assembly & Performance, Comedies, Quiz & more! - (Free coin donation for the day)	Westwood
19.2	ANNOUSING AVERAGE!	Cathedral Centre
26.2	Be Youth Club! - Family Night @ St Peter's Pk. - Teasdale	
5.3	EATER UP! (Tuesday Party)	Cathedral Centre
12.3	WASH FOR US! (Wash Day)	Cathedral Centre
19.3	Fun Day (THAT'S ONE SOME) (Kingsley) Hamilton (GA)	
26.3	THE GREAT YOUTH CUP BASH OFF!	Cathedral Centre
2.4	CATHER THE FLASH!	Cathedral Centre
9.4	END OF TERM FEEL FREE! & MOVIE NIGHT! (Cathedral Centre) (END OF TERM) - Tech Club back @ St-Mary	

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 Saturday 9:30am-2pm

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 10.45am Cuppa
 11am Service
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