

Wednesday 31 May 2017  
Week 5 Term 2  
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### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

**“Read to find life treasures” - Lailah Gifty Akita**

## From the Principal

### Great kids- well done Westies

I reported to you at the end of week 1 how great your kids have been in looking after the playing field after it had work done on it over the last holidays. I've got to give them another rap as they have continued to do this and as a result the new grass has had a chance to become well established.

### Samosa @ lunchtime

The Indian Social Club will be selling vegetarian samosas at the school hall from 12.30pm, Thursday 15 June. Samosas are \$2 each. Yum I'll be getting some of those.

### Important Dates

Apologies team I think we forgot to publish our important dates for the term. Even though we are halfway through the term I thought it a good idea to publish the date of school events for the second half of the term:

Friday 2nd June from 9.00 am - 2.00 pm:	<b>Arbor Day Planting Enviro Agents</b>
Monday 5th June:	<b>Queens Birthday</b>
Tuesday 6th from 9.00 pm - 2.55 pm:	<b>Junior School Trip to the Zoo</b>
Wednesday 7th June @ 10.45 am:	<b>Year 5 - 8 Cross Country at the Lake</b>
Wednesday 7th June @ 1 pm:	<b>Year 3 - 4 Cross Country at The Lake</b>
Thursday 8th June @ 6.30 pm:	<b>Year 5 - 8 Speech Finals in the School Hall</b>
Tuesday 13th June:	<b>Inter-school Cross Country</b>
Thursday 15th June:	<b>Samosa Sales</b>
Thursday 15th June:	<b>World Smile Day</b>
Wednesday 21st June:	<b>Boostrix Injections - Intermediate Students</b>
Thursday 22nd June from 3.15 - 4.30pm:	<b>Junior Disco (Years 1 - 3)</b>
Thursday 22nd June from 6.00 - 8.00 pm:	<b>Senior Disco (Years 4 - 8)</b>
Friday 30th June:	<b>Reports go home</b>
Tuesday 4th July:	<b>Three Way Conferences</b>
Wednesday 5th July:	<b>Three Way Conferences</b>
Friday 7th July:	<b>End of Term</b>

**Note:** Junior Cross Country to be confirmed

### Arbor Day Planing

Our Enviro Agents will be going to the **Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park** to take part in the annual Arbor Day plant. A big thanks to Mrs Mackie (Room 11) for organising this for the Enviro Agents, including completing the health and safety planning requirements.

### Zoo - we are going to the zoo

Next Tuesday the Junior School are off to the Hamilton Zoo, buses leaving around 9.00 am so please don't be late after the long weekend. The weather forecast looks good so the juniors will be in for a great day.

## Reporting to Parents

Thanks to everyone (students, teachers, parents, whanau) who has contributed to our review of how we report on students progress and achievement at school. The consultant that helped with the review has provided me with her report and now I will go through it and draw up a plan of how our reporting might look in the future. Once this is done the plan will be made available to you for further input.

As this is work in progress our reporting to parents format that we usually follow in term 2 will be as scheduled at the beginning of the year - reports and Three Way Conferences.

## Reuben - dancing medal

Reuben did really well in his first Irish Dance Competition in Cambridge over the weekend. In his section, he got Highly Commended. He was dancing with a variety of dancers from Waikato, Tauranga and Auckland. Well done Reuben, thanks for dropping by my office on Monday to show me your medal.

## Rugby - it's a go

The kids interested in playing rugby for the school in a Hamilton West competition run by the Principal of Glenview School on Wednesday afternoons (Year 5 & 6) will be delighted to hear we have a parent willing to coach the side (Daniel O'Brien). The kids involved will practice after school on Thursdays starting tomorrow (please bring a change of clothes and a mouth guard).

Also we have two parents (Wayne Smyth & Arama Puriri) willing to take our intermediate team for our inter-school games. I'm in the process of finding some more schools to play against. Practices will be at lunchtime on Monday and Thursdays (please bring a change of clothes and a mouth guard).

I have a supply of mouth guards for sale at the office for \$5. I am awaiting the arrival of some new goal posts that can be used for football and rugby which is exciting. Also yesterday I enjoyed ordering some training gear for the teams.

I can tell you we have some very happy kids - thanks again coaches.

## Cross Country

The Year 5-8 cross country will be held on Wednesday 7 June, starting at 10.45am and the Year 3/4 will start at 1.00pm. 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.

## Mindfulness - a message from Mr Jesse

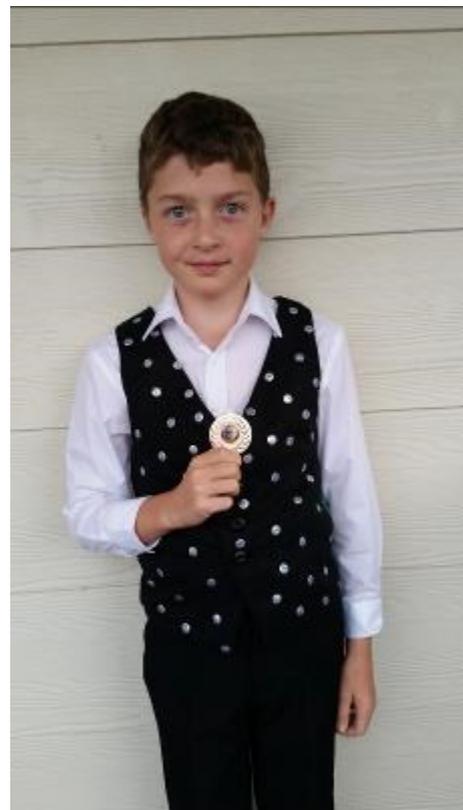
'Paying attention to (or noticing) the present moment with kindness and curiosity'.

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.

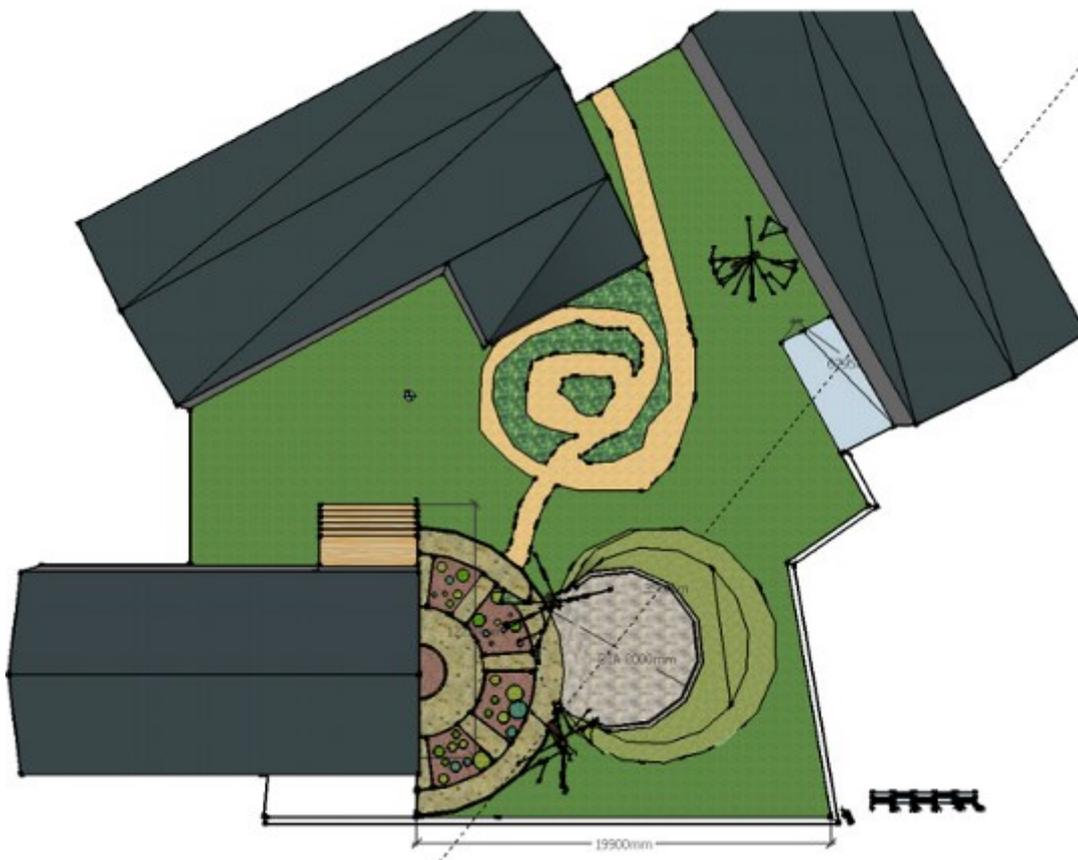
If you are interested or have some questions about mindfulness and it's potential benefits please feel free to contact Mr Jesse directly.

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



## Outdoor Classroom Design

Thanks to a friendly architect we have a new design for the Outdoor Classroom project in the Magic Forrest. The Board of Trustees will discuss (and hopefully approve) the design tonight and then we can progress the project to the next stage.



### Education Act Amendments - episode 2

The recent amendments to the education act include the banning of seclusion rooms and creating a legal framework for physical restraint. We didn't have a seclusion room so this amendment doesn't affect us as such but I do wonder what the Government see as an alternative should a student need to held somewhere awaiting the arrival of the police for example? I read reports from around the country about the lack of funding for students with very high behaviour needs and wonder why the amendment doesn't include how the Government will support schools with resourcing for these vulnerable young people.

I guess including an amendment that provides a legal framework for physical constraint is a good idea but I think it may well already be covered in other acts of parliament (crimes Act?).

It is suggested that the Board of Trustees have a policy to cover the banning of seclusion rooms and physical restraint of students. To me such a policy should simply state the school will act within the Education Act in these matters. If there is a friendly (free) lawyer out there who would like to advise me on these matters I'd love to hear from them.

## Sports Notices

### Soccer

No Soccer this weekend due to Queens Birthday.

### Hockey

Hamwest Demons hard work on positional play, passing and shooting training paid off on Friday night with a great 4-3 win over Matamata Blue. Fantastic defensive play from the backs led by Jenna and Toya ensured that our midfield was kept busy with repeated attempts on goal by most of our forwards and wingers. Two fantastic goals by Bronte and one each from Zoe and Ashley gave the Demons to victory they deserved. Player of the day was order to Hikawera for his consistent hard work in midfield. Well done everyone!

## 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.

## Community Notices/Advertising

### ST MARY'S SCOUT GROUP

STARTING NEW GROUP. KEA'S. (AGE 6 TO 8 YEARS). TERM TWO WEDNESDAY'S 5PM TO 6PM LEANNE 0211893921 OR GROUP LEADER DAVID CANNELL PH 07 856 7243 Both Boys & Girls most welcome. Come along for a few weeks for free, have some fun.

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**ABSOLUTE CHAOS YOUTH NIGHT**  
**PROGRAMME**  
 February - April 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
12.2	<b>Open Day / PITCH 'N' SUDS</b> Suds & Subliminal Hypnosis, Games, Crafts & more! - Free entry on the day!	Westwood
19.2	<b>ABSOLUTING AHEAD!</b>	Cathedral Centre
26.2	<b>Bye-Bye Club</b> - Family Pilgrimage to Pukekohe Pt. Roadside	
5.3	<b>EASTER SPA</b> (Novelty Party)	Cathedral Centre
12.3	<b>MASH FOR USHAMS ART</b> After-School	Cathedral Centre
19.3	<b>Open Day / PITCH 'N' SUDS</b> (optional) (Family Day)	
26.3	<b>THE GREAT YOUTH COOK BAKE OFF</b>	Cathedral Centre
2.4	<b>CAPTURE THE FLAG!</b>	Cathedral Centre
9.4	<b>END-OF-TERM PIZZA PARTY &amp; WOVE NIGHT!</b> END OF TERM 1 - Tech Club back in a day	Cathedral Centre

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