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Week 4, Term 3
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

**“Education is the fertilizer for the mind, the seeds for success, and the eye opener for life.”
— Debasish Mridha M.D.**

From the Principal

Fencing / Gates Project

Some time ago I reported that the school was to be fenced under a Ministry of Education project. On Monday I signed the project forms on behalf of the Board of Trustees to allow the project to proceed.

This will bring some changes to the way the school operates as along with the project I am looking into having the gates locked while school is in progress (from 9.15 am - 2.30 pm). It is sad in some ways to be doing this but on the other hand it will help us keep your children safe while at school. At times we have had problems with people passing through the school putting students at risk. Hopefully the new fence, gates and locks will stop people using the school as a thoroughfare. Parents wanting access to their children during the day will need to use the office entrance and sign in and out as is the practice in most schools these days. I want community members to be able to use the grounds outside school hours and am trying to work out a plan to allow this to happen. If you want more information or to discuss the project you are welcome to contact me mark@hamwest.school.nz, 07 8394911 or drop by my office. I'll keep you posted about developments.

Robots at Ham West School - a report from Mr O'D

The Student Council were very excited to unwrap the 12 new 'Ozobot' learning robots that arrived last week. These were purchased with funds raised by the Council and will form the resource base for a robotics learning program in the school. This places Ham West at the leading edge of learning in line with the newly introduced digital technologies curriculum. We would also like to thank Sitech Systems in Hamilton who were able to offer a competitive price on the units. The purchase came after the year 5-8 classes 'road tested' an Ozobot to assess its potential for student engagement, allowing the students to contribute their voices to their learning journey.

Stories from our Students and Parents

Volcano Victory by Evie

One day an extreme skateboarder was doing tricks when he saw a billboard that said 'Volcano Jumping Competition'. The prize was a lifetime supply of hot dogs for free! The skateboarder loved extreme things and hot spicy hot dogs. He quickly skated away to get a ticket for the Flying Ferry.

On the ferry there were eleven people going to the volcano competition. No one knew that he was fireproof and lavaproof.

He got over the ferry and saw a humungus volcano. It was through the clouds, and he was excited to jump into the volcano. Elim was the first one up. He did a dolphin and all of a sudden he felt like a fish out of the water but even better. When the lava got up over his head he exploded into bits. "I hope I don't do that" said the skateboarder.

He was still excited, so he climbed up the volcano and he jumped in. He did a backflip and landed in the volcano. The judges were surprised the people were going to fall over but he won a thousand spicy hot dogs. He was happy.



Stories from our Students and parents contd

The Skateboarder - by Jacob

One day an extreme skateboarder was doing his best tricks when he saw a billboard that said 'Volcano Jumping Competition'. The prize was a lifetime supply of hotdogs for free! The skateboarder loves extreme things and hotdogs with hot chilli tomato sauce. He quickly skated to get a ticket for the Flying Ferry.

On the ferry there were billions of people going to the Volcano Competition. No one knew that he was lava and fire proof.

When the ferry got to the island everyone sprinted down the ramp to see the big volcano. It was massive and had big bunches of black smoke rising to the clouds. The skateboarder was the only one with a smile on his face. Above the clouds were black lightning sparking and thunder cracking. The first person to volunteer was an Aussie and he jumped in. He was like a sausage on a BBQ. Next minute Donald Trump jumped in. He cooked like a shrimp. John Cena was next. Someone put the radio on dun-duna-da, he had jumped, but he had died.

Finally it was the skateboarders turn. He put his swimming cap on and goggles and started to climb the volcano. When he got to the top of the volcano he put on his lava proof wetsuit. He did three jumps and a triple backflip. Then spread out like a starfish and SPLAT!!! He did a bellyflop.

One hand, two hand, then a head popped up out of the boiling hot lava. The crowd started to cheer. He swam to the jetpack on the side of the wall. He pressed the button and launched out of the volcano, out of the jetpack, shooting flames.

He landed on the ground in front of the judges holding the scores - 100 / 100. The judges gave the skateboarder a lifetime supply of hotdogs with hot chili tomato sauce and a shiny new black Lamborghini. 'Sweeeet' said the skateboarder.

A tuakan / teina report from a school parent

My name is Anna Turkington, and my daughter Ashley Haycock has just started at your school in June. On Thursday last week she fell on the concrete and hit her head (she is ok luckily). However she tells me that when she fell and was hurt, that a lot of the older kids ran over to help her out, make sure she was ok and took her to the office to be checked out. I just want to thank you and these lovely kids and say what a wonderful job of teaching them you have all been doing! It makes me so happy to know that she is in a very caring school with such helpful and caring kids around her. So thank you again and keep up the awesome work with your students! Well done Westies!



Shooting Stars

The Hamilton West Shooting Stars played great netball at the tournament over the weekend, coach Kym Stringer was super proud of them, they played like the older girls. Was great to see it all come together after a season of working really hard. They played 3 games & won all three games 4-1, 5-0, 7-2

"They were AWESOME and had heaps of fun, attached are some photos" coach Stinger. Paige Stringer, Jean Ayson, Anikia Ridhi, Harmony Mutua, Ava Hutchinson, Cassidy Kingi



Flaming Ferns

The school received a call this week from one of the parents of the opposition team (Hillcrest Darbies) she wanted to let us know how impressed she was with the attitude and friendliness of the coach, players and parents of the Ham West Flaming Ferns netball team. They felt the coach/team/parents were kind/friendly/good sportsmanship and this made for a wonderful game and experience for the opposing team. Well done for living our values.

Te Rapa Sports exchange

Last Wednesday, Hamilton West students went to the annual Te Rapa Sports Exchange and competed in football, netball, hockey, rugby and basketball. Overall the exchange ended in a draw. We thoroughly enjoyed our time in Te Rapa and despite the rain, an excellent day was had by all.



BREAKING NEWS

A creative author by the name of Dr. Michael Oehley visited students in Room 18 at Hamilton West School. He generously gave away signed copies of his 1st book, *The 4 Powers of Daren Saner* and his 2nd book, *The Vitality Code* to some lucky students and the school library. The students also benefited from a writing lesson of how he plans his books out. Following on from his visit I interviewed some of the students and here is what they had to say:

"I learnt to put in special features in writing like character's motivation." Joel

"I learnt how to plan and layout my writing more interestingly." Kane

"I learnt how to plan my writing and how to give little clues about my story." Ropa



Written by Amaan Ali, Roving Reporter of Room 18.

PTA/School Notices

Disaster plasters fundraiser

Two years ago we held this fundraiser and did really well from it. These plasters are made by the manufacturer that makes all the Red Cross bandages and dressings. Families were given a carry box containing 15 boxes of plasters to sell for \$5 each. For every carry box of 15 sold the students get a small prize, as well as bigger prizes for the top sellers and the end of the fundraiser. If you are looking to bring back any plaster money in the mornings you can find Sarah and Rachel in the meeting room at the side of the office. They will be there from 8:30-9 in the mornings. If you have trouble selling the plasters please return any unsold product to us in the office in the mornings. All money and returned unsold plasters need to be back in by Monday 21st August. If anyone has any good tips on where to sell them we would love to hear them! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at ptaevents@hamwest.school.nz.

OXFORD PIES – PRIZE GIVING & ORDER ERRORS

Thank you all so much for supporting our Oxford Pies fundraiser. We have set a record with our largest order yet since we started selling their delicious goodies in 2012. Unfortunately, with such a large order, a few errors crept into a handful of deliveries. Could you please check you received the correct items in your order and, if you have any issues, please contact Douaine on 027-290 4546 or hwspta@alset.co.nz with your child's name and room number and details of any errors. Please notify Douaine directly by Sunday 20th August, as we will only be making one order to correct any discrepancies, and any left over pies we have will be on-sold.

PRIZE-GIVING: We will be presenting the top ten sellers with their prizes at the school assembly at 9am tomorrow morning, Thursday 17th August. We have the following prizes, kindly donated by Douaine - Zaqary's dad – and his computer company, Alset Technologies Ltd.

First Prize: An 8" Android Tablet with a Quad-Core Processor, Wifi, Bluetooth, HDMI Port, Micro-SD Slot, Wireless Display capability and Cover. This also comes with both a 12-Sided Fidget Cube and a Multi-Pattern LED Fidget Spinner. **Second Prize:** A Customisable Monopoly Set, a 12-Sided Fidget Cube and a Multi-Pattern LED Fidget Spinner. **Third Prize:** Both a 12-Sided Fidget Cube and a Multi-Pattern LED Fidget Spinner. **4th-10th Prizes:** Choose from either the Multi-pattern, high-tech LED Fidget Spinner OR a 12-Sided Fidget Cube.

TOP CLASS PRIZE: Oxford Pies will shout lunch for the top selling class. Each student will receive a hot mince, mince & cheese or vegetarian lunch pie, and a lamington.

Sports Draws/Notices/Reports

Soccer Draw - Saturday 19th August 2017

Ham West Strikers vs Hillcrest Typhoons @ 09.00 Jansen Park 4
Ham West Dynamite vs Raglan Hammerheads @ 09.00 Kopua Domain 4
Ham West Rockets vs Tamahere Hunters @ 11.00 Jansen Park 6
Ham West Kingz vs Matamata Eagles @ 09.00 matamata Domain 4
Ham West Pukekos vs Te Aroha Cobra Knights @ 09.00 Boyd park 2
Ham West Stars vs Cambridge Clarets @ 10.00 Ham West School 2
Ham West Hammers vs Te Kowhai Rebels @ 09.00 Ham West School 1
Ham West Phoenix vs St Peter's Prep B @ 09.00 St Peter's School 4

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 - Marrzipan! We run awesome 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 their peers. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!).

Parenting Course

theparentingplace.com | 0800 53 56 59 | toolbox@theparentingplace.com. Toolbox courses are free to foster carers, whanau caregivers, adopters, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and Home for Life Parents thanks to government funding. Ask us how to train to become a Toolbox facilitator. Positive practical fun. Building Awesome Whānau Building Awesome Whānau. Session one - Laying the foundations – Building your family on aroha. Session two - Parents are the roof - Protecting your whanau. Session three - The walls of the whare – Boundaries to keep the good stuff in and the bad stuff out. Session four - Keeping it sweet – Atmosphere is everything! Session five - Cool korero – Communication. Session six - Outside the whare – Living in the big wide world. theparentingplace.com | 0800 53 56 59 | toolbox@theparentingplace.com. If you're looking after tamariki, The Parenting Place can help you become an awesome parent or grandparent or caregiver – even more awesome than you already are! Whether you are already a super-parent or one who is struggling, Building Awesome Whānau will give you lots of good ideas. There are six sessions with a small group of other parents and a friendly facilitator. You'll watch short video clips (featuring Pio Terei and other parents) and then discuss how the ideas could work at your place. No tests, no judgement, no boring bits... just lots of fun and useful stuff. And it's made right here in little ol' Aotearoa. Positive practical fun A six session course for parents of 0 - 12 year olds A six session course for parents of 0 - 12 year olds. Tiaki Tamariki Maia Tiaki Tamariki Maia. Wednesday 2nd August to Wednesday 6th September. 10 am to 12. Venue: Te Whare Kokonga: Melville Community House, cnr Bader St and Pine Ave. to book contact Te Whare Kokonga (07) 843 8811. email: tewhare-rekokonga@xtra.co.nz. Wednesday 2nd August to Wednesday 6th September 10 am to 12. Venue: Te Whare Kokonga: Melville Community House, cnr Bader St and Pine Ave to book contact Te Whare Kokonga (07) 843 8811. email: tewharekokonga@xtra.co.nz.



GOOD NEWS BAPTIST CHURCH

We meet every Sunday at the Hamilton West School Hall

10am Bible Study
10.45am Cuppa
11am Service
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Saturday 9am-4pm