

Wednesday 23 August 2017
Week 5, Term 3
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.” – Plutarch

From the Principal

Wet Wet Wet

Have we had some wet weather or what? I've not known the grounds to be so wet during the last 9 winters. I think the kids have done really well keeping out of the puddles and muddy areas around the school. Of course there have been a few mishaps including when Piers from Room 6 fell in the mud last week. He was covered from head to toe. The photo below doesn't really do justice to how muddy he was.

Roll

This week our roll hit 600 with the arrival of Rei from Singapore. Welcome to Ham West Rei and the other students who have recently joined our school. Nice photo of Rei on her first day.



Kaitiakitanga - Very good story

One of our young men is very committed to kaitiakitanga - he is one of the kids who picks up rubbish and brings it to me to at the end of lunchtime. On Monday I was out of school when Connor brought his bag of rubbish to me, so he took it home in his bag. He didn't want his mum to put it in the bin at home because he wanted to bring it back to school to show me and collect a sticker. That made me laugh I can tell you - made my day. Nice photo of Connor pulling the rubbish from his bag.

Remember Westies it would be good if everyone put their rubbish in the bins. We need our clean up kids.

Chrufti Day

Tuesday 19 September is the Junior School Book Character Day. This is the Junior School's version of school speeches. The children come to school dressed up as a character from a favourite book at home and give a short talk to their class about their book and the character they have chosen. Costumes do not need to be elaborate. It may simply be a hat, a mask or face paint.

The children's talk needs to include:

The name of the book.

The author.

What the book is about.

What their chosen character does in the book.

The children start by parading around the grounds displaying their character costumes (depending on the weather). The Children then go into their classes and give their wonderful character speeches.



Melville Tournament

Good luck to the students going to the Melville Tournament on Friday. Those involved have had a notice from Miss Julian.

Diwali Celebrations

Diwali is on Thursday 19 October. The Indian Social Committee will be organising events to celebrate Diwali. If you want to participate in organising the events please attend meeting on **Friday 25 August at 2.15pm** in meeting room next to school reception. Alternatively if you are unable to attend the meeting for further information contact Reeta on Ph: 021701427.

Henna Week

Henna from 25th - 28th September at lunch times. Further details to follow.

School Band Eclipse

Congratulations to the School band 'Eclipse' on their recent gig at Rockshop Bandquest last Friday. Special mention for Rhanzi Juanio who picked up the prize for best male vocalist. Great result and another solid performance from Eclipse who are taking a break this week before starting their next project. Thanks to all the families, teachers and kids who turned out to support them.

Stories from our Students and Parents

Cooking With Chef Carl

On Friday the 18th of August room 13 made dumplings with Chef Carl (Carl Houben). We went into the hall kitchen and started cooking. While he was chopping the veggies Carl told us that to make sure you don't chop the raw meats then the veggies but to cut the veggies then the meats so you don't get cross contamination (food poisoning). As the filling was getting blended Carl showed us how to make different sauces like Honey Kimchi. Once the filling was made we all got to make dumplings and put them into a steam basket to cook. Then once they were cooked we put them in a wooden bowl with some sauce on the side and they were ready to eat. Yum!



Report from Tallulah

I tried them and they were yum - Mr. P

Ballet

Abigail (amongst other students from Ham West) undertook dance exams last week (NZAMD grade exam + NZAMD medal awards) at the Clarence Street theatre. Abby is part of the Drury Lane dance group.

Abby was examined in ballet - her Grade 3 exam (if she passes she will be doing grade 4 ballet from now on). The photos below shows the costume she wore for the medal awards held on Sunday - this is when they dance on stage in front of an audience. Abby had to do two dances by herself, which she found very scary. Abby passed her medal award with excellence however, so was very pleased. Examination results won't be out for a little while - these are more thoroughly marked. The students will now focus on their end of year show to be held in November.

Many of you will remember Sophie White, previous HW student, is now one of the senior dancers at Drury Lane and also helps out as a student teacher for the dance school? She was being examined also. She continues to be a very talented! dancer like she was when she attended Ham West, it is great she is still developing her talent.



Sports Draws/Notices/Reports

Football Results for Saturday 19 August

Ham West Strikers beat Hillcrest Typhoons 9-3. PoD was Jaya
Ham West Rockets drew 3-3 with Tamahere Hunters. PoD was Cullen Irvine & Noah Paea
Ham West Pukekos lost 3-0 to Te Aroha Cobras Knights.
Ham West Kingz drew 1-1 with Matamata Eagles. PoD was Tyler Pene & Jayden Mabbett
Ham West Stars lost 5-2 to Cambridge Clarets.
Ham West Phoenix beat St Peter's Prep B 4-1. PoD was Kane Stirling
Ham West Hammers lost 3-2 to Te Kowhai Rebels. PoD was Akilesh

Football Draw for Saturday 26 August

Ham West Dynamite vs Te Awamutu Terriors @ 09.00 Ham West School 3
Ham West Strikers vs Ngahinapouri Comets @ 09.00 Ngahinapouri School 5
Ham West Rockets vs Wanderers Falcons @ 09.00 Ham West School 2
Ham West Pukekos vs Morrinsville Tigers @ 11.00 Ham West School 2
Ham West Kingz vs Western United Rustlers @ 10.00 Ham West School 2
Ham West Stars vs Rovers Dragons @ 10.00 Galloway Park Jr 3
Ham West Phoenix vs Te Awamutu Tornadoes @ 09.00 Ham West School 1
Ham West Hammers vs Fairfield Int Fury @ 09.00 Fairfield Int School 2

School Notices/PTA Notices

Year 5-8 Production 2017

This term the Year 5&6 and 7&8 syndicate production is happening! It is called 'The Adventure in the Wild Wild West' in which a group of students are set on a journey to find the school values, visiting different lands along the way.

The dates for the production are Wednesday the 27th and Thursday the 28th of September, with an evening show each night and a matinee show on the Thursday. Tickets will be on sale from Week 7. Further information will be available soon.

This is a great opportunity for all of the Year 5-8 students to shine on stage and they are very excited to show off their performing arts skills!

PTA meeting

Meeting is tonight (23 August 2017) 7pm in the staff room. All welcome.

Disaster Plasters

Thank you to everyone that has supported us with this fundraiser. This ended on Monday so are we are needing all product or money back as soon as possible so we can wrap this fundraiser up.

Entertainment Books

All books that are not required are now due back to the office immediately. If you wish to purchase the book your child brought home then please do so asap.

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!).

