

Wednesday 25 October 2017  
Week 2, Term 4  
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## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

**“Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” Malcolm X**

## From the Principal

I wish the students a great trip to Noumea next week and look forward to hearing of their adventures. I also look forward to the rest of the Intermediate teams activity week, lots of exciting things planned.

### Classes 2018

I am starting the process of developing class lists for 2018. While I think it is best to let us decide classes I always provide the opportunity for parents to talk to me about classes for their children for the following year. To this end parents have until Friday 3rd November to contact me about placements for 2018 - mark@hamwest.school.nz. Please do not approach your child's current teacher about next years teacher as it is not their role to comment on their colleagues.

### Te Awamutu Intermediate Sports Exchange

Yesterday Mrs Lindsey and I supported our senior rugby and basketball teams on their sports exchange to Te Awamutu Intermediate School. We were well beaten in both games but our kids never gave up and enjoyed the opportunity. Te Awamutu were great hosts and I thank the Te Awamutu Sports Coordinator and Principal Dale McCabe for organising the exchange and I hope we can build on it next year to include more sports. Thanks also to our coaches Arama Puriri and Dan O'Brien for coaches our guys.

### 2018 Sanitarium Weet-bix Kids Tryathlon

This event will be held Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the University fields for all students aged 7-15 years to participate as individuals or teams of two. The event consists of a swim followed by a cycle and a run. If any students are interested in participating as a school group, please contact our parent coordinator Teresa Hansen on mobile [0210352069](tel:0210352069) / [teresa.hansen@hcc.govt.nz](mailto:teresa.hansen@hcc.govt.nz) with your email address. Students will be eligible for a school group discount, a free official school photo and some amazing individual and school prizes. This will be the first year Hamilton West School has entered the Weet-bix Tryathlon in a good while which helps kids stay active and healthy through a programme of participation. It's about getting out there, giving it a TRY, achieving a personal best, improving confidence and self-esteem. Optional training plans, tips and encouragement advice will be provided now and over the school holidays to help prepare our students for their big day.



## Diwali

Last week saw the celebration in the school around Diwali. As with previous years there was much excitement with Rangoli being constructed on the concrete beside the flagpole, Henna painting at lunchtimes, colouring competitions and the highlight of the Cultural Mufti Day, assembly and cultural dance display by children.

Diwali was well in our consciousness by the end of the week and I'm proud of the way our whole community embraces this cultural festival, so important to many of our families.

We are still looking for a judge for our Rangoli colouring competition as David Lloyd is overseas and hopefully the results will be available next week.

Our sincere thanks to Reeta and her team for all the organisation they put in around making this festival memorable.



## Robotics

Robotics learning started in the school this week for the year 5-8s. This learning is across 5 weeks this term and is an introduction to Theory and application of our Ozobot Evo line following robots. You will recall these were purchased by the 2017 student council who raised the money. Pictured are some students from Room 21 using line code to Programme their robots. Mr O'D

## This is the Facebook message from Waikato Badminton Association.

The U13's have finished their National Championships in Wellington today and most will sleep well on the long trip home. Some outstanding performances throughout the event with the best result being a 3rd place for Sannidhi Kumar (Room 16) in the Girls Singles. There were also numerous quarter finals and players in the finals of plate events.

Well done Sannidhi - Ham West is proud of your achievement.

## Sports Draws/Notices/Reports

### Touch Rugby Draw - Thursday 26/10/2017

#### Year 5/6

4.45pm Field 5 Ham West Reds V'S Whakawatea Pipiwharauoa

#### Year 3/4

3.45pm Field 8 SC Puma V's Ham West Green

## School Notices/BOT/PTA Notices

### Scholastic/Lucky Book Club

Last day for orders **Wednesday 1st November**. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic NOT Hamilton West School.

### Art Calendars - great present idea

The children will be working on their art for the Calendar fundraiser over the next week. These will be ready for ordering early November along with some other items. Including an extra fundraiser for smencils (scented pencils, coloured pencils and pens. These will make great Christmas presents. You will receive information soon including a code to preview and order your child's calendar, diary, mousepad or notebook.

## Community Notices/Advertising

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 the school. 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](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

**Hamilton West Kindergarten** is the local Waikato Association Kindergarten. Our operating hours are 8.00am – 3.30pm with the option of morning, afternoon or full day sessions for children to attend. We offer 20 free hours from 2 years (if spaces are available) and remain open as normal during school term breaks.

Please come for a visit anytime at 35 Horne St and talk to staff about enrolling your pre-school child, or call us on 8394103.





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Opening Hours  
Monday to Friday 9am-6pm  
Saturday 9-12am




**GOOD NEWS**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

We meet every Sunday  
at the Hamilton West  
School Hall

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10am Bible Study  
10.45am Cuppa  
11am Service  
**ALL WELCOME!**

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