

Wednesday 1 November 2017
Week 3, Term 4
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“The love of learning, the sequestered nooks, And all the sweet serenity of books” Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

From the Principal

Education Outside the classroom (EOTC)

This week the Intermediate Students are involved in busy EOTC programmes. A group of students left on Sunday for Noumea. A note from Mr O'D:

"The students on the Noumea trip are enjoying 30 degree heat, clear skies and warm seas on their camp. As well as seeing many of the areas of cultural significance yesterday in a guided tour, they have been snorkeling in crystal clear water, shopping and soaking up the local culture. Today they are traveling to Amadee Island to climb the last iron lighthouse in the world designed by Gustav Eiffel (of the Paris tower fame). Pictured are Phoebe Adams getting up close and personal with a giant grasshopper and the group swimming and visiting scenic sites and a restaurant for dinner. The group are due back on Sunday."



The rest of the Intermediate team have been swimming, visited Waitomo Caves, today they are doing challenges and tabloid sports, and tomorrow they are heading to Rainbow End and will round the week out at Tech, a visit to St Peter's Cathedral to learn the history of *Pukerangiora*, the site where our school started and ten pin bowling.

On behalf of Mrs Gonano and the Intermediate teachers I would like to thank the parent support that has made this all possible.



Term Dates

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting the term dates for 2018 were confirmed.

Term 1	Wednesday 31 January to Friday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July
Term 3	Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October to Friday 14 December

Class Placements

A reminder that if you want to discuss a class placement for 2018 you need to make contact with me soon, I'll extend the close off day till Friday 10th November.

I would also like to inform parents that in 2018 we will be having a lot more single year classes. For example instead of having Year 3/4 composites we will have straight year 3 classes and straight year 4 classes. You are welcome to come and see me about the thinking behind this if you want.

Swimming Pool

We are in the process of getting the pool ready for the summer. Over the next week I will be reviewing the Pool Hireage Agreement for the Board of Trustees consideration at our next meeting.

Manga High

Last term a bunch of classes competed in the Manga High maths challenge. Manga High is an online maths tool which uses games and quizzes to help students learning in mathematics. This year they held a free challenge for primary and intermediate schools across New Zealand and Australia. Several Ham West classes signed up and tried their best to earn points by completing tasks and quizzes. The target was to accumulate points in order to earn a medal and the three top schools at the end of the challenge would earn special prizes or money. Our students worked hard and earned many points. Well done to Sahil, Nikhil, Rea, Luca, Taylor, Gracie, Alice, Lily, Ryan, Tallulah, Graysen, Thomas, Shan, Toby, Thomas, Bryan, Nevaeh, Jorja, Va-asa, Kai and Macy who all earned individual medals. A special well done to Sahil who earned 532 points over the two weeks putting him in the top 21 students of the whole competition. As a school we managed to earn enough points to come in 12th place. Hopefully next year we can have more classes working together to earn prizes and medals.

Alumni News - Aditya Shah wins the GoBus Scholarship in 2017

Year 13 student and all-round scientific and engineering wizard Aditya Shah is this year's recipient of the GoBus Scholarship and the Gerbich Cup. This prize is awarded to the HBHS student who shows the most promise in engineering and who combines this with a genuine passion for the field and for giving back to the community. Aditya has already been accepted into the Air New Zealand School of Aviation where he will study aeronautical engineering in 2018, and he was roundly congratulated by the senior school when he was presented with the award at the most recent Senior School Assembly. We add our congratulations to Aditya and to his very proud Mum Ms Santosh Sharma and we look forward to following his progress in the years to come.

Lots and lots of our past students do really well at High School and beyond.... if you hear of any other achievements of ex-Westies please pass them on to me so I can share with our community.



Important dates for Term 4

Calendar Dates for Term 4 - 2017

30/10-3/11 Noumea Trip

30/10-3/11 Year 7 / 8 Activity Week

21/11/2017 Jnr flower show/Grandparents day

21/11/2017 Year 3 / 4 Athletics - running events - morning block

22/11/2017 Board of Trustees Meeting

22/11/2017 Yr 3 / 4 Athletics - field events - morning/middle block

23/11/2017 Yr 7 / 8 Athletics - morning/middle block

24/11/2017 Yr 5 / 6 Athletics - no time set as yet

28/11/2017 Yr 4 - 6 Interschool Athletics

29/11/2017 Year 8 Dinner

29/11/2017 Year 7 / 8 Interschool Athletics

29/11 - 1/12/2017 Year 5 & 6 Camp to Mt Maunganui

6 & 7/12/2017 Year 3 & 4 Te Aroha Trip

7/12/2017 Junior Athletics - Middle Block

7/12/2017 @ 5.30 pm Christmas on the Field

12/12/2017 @ 9.15am Senior Final Assembly

13/12/2017 Board of Trustees Meeting

13/12/2017 @ 9.30am Junior Final Assembly

14/12/2017 Reports and Classes for 2018, Stationery lists sent home

15/12/2017 @12.00 pm School closes for 2017

Sports Draws/Notices/Reports

2018 Sanitarium Weet-bix Kids Tryathlon

This event will be held Sunday 11th 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 / 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 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.

Touch Rugby Draw

Year 3/4

3.45 Field 4 Ham West Green V'S Rotokauri Ravens

Year 5/6

4.45 Field 1 Okapu Juniors V'S Ham West Reds

Basketball Draw Friday 3 November

Aberdeen Hawks v Ham West Reds 7.00pm YMCA Court 1

Ham West Stars v Southwell Stripes 7.00pm YMCA Court 2

Cricket Draw for Friday 3rd November

Hukanui Arrows vs Ham West Blackcaps Hukanui School @ 5pm

Ham West Knights vs Hillcrest Wickets Jansen Park 1 @ 5pm

Sorry no draw for the Saturday game yet

School Notices/BOT/PTA Notices

Dental Caravan

The Principal has been informed that the Dental Caravan will be at the school from around the 6th November for a period of 5 or 6 weeks.

Community Notices/Advertising

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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Saturday 9-12am




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