

Wednesday 22 November 2017  
Week 6, Term 4  
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## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Like the sun, a teacher enlightens a mind with his love, warmth, and light.” Debasish Mridha

## From the Principal

### Assembly

At assembly on Thursday morning the Librarians and Road Wardens will receive their certificates.

### Samosa Day

The Indian Social Club will be selling vegetarian samosas at the school hall from 12.30pm, tomorrow. Samosas are \$2 each. I'm looking forward to that.

### Flower Show and Grand Parents

A big thanks to the Junior School for hosting Flower Day and Grandparents day yesterday, very successful events. I saw lots of beautiful flower and vegetable arrangements and many grandparents smiling with their grandchildren. See some photo below of children making their creations, sand saucers ready for judging, grandparents having a picnic, and me catching up with some of our visitors.



### Christmas on the Field

Don't forget to mark Christmas On The Field on your calendar for Thursday the 7th December from 5.30 - 7.30 pm.

There will be yummy food and drinks for sale including a sausage sizzle, bacon butties and curry. I tried Reeta's secret curry today at lunch time and it was yummy.

There will also be lots of entertainment and games. I heard a rumour that one of the great bands from the 1970s was reforming for a one off performance at Hamilton West Christmas On The Field.

There will be face painting and cookie decorating, water throwing activities and much much more.

### Great Barrier

A reminder that there is a meeting for the 2018 Great Barrier Island Camp tonight at 6pm. All those who have put their names down are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in Room 14, not the staff room as previously advertised.

## Fencing / Gate Project / Security

I am informed that the fencing project will be completed by 1st December. This gives us the opportunity to set up our new systems around this development. This is what we will trial through to the end of the year.

Gates unlocked at 8 am - any early arrivals will come to the office (exception below). Gate at Fow Street will be manned from 7.30 am to allow entry to the YMCA before school programme.

Gates will be locked from 9.25 am - parents who need to drop something off or pick up child/ren will need to come to the office. At the office will be a senior student who will be available to go and bring children to the office or drop something off to them. Should parents / caregivers wish to do this themselves they will need to sign in and out at the office when they leave. This will improve our health and safety monitoring (ie who is on site).

Gates will be unlocked at 2.30 pm for parents to enter the grounds to pick up children. Gates will be locked again at around 4.00 pm.

We are in discussions with security providers about access during set hours in the weekend.

For your information we have had two attempted arson attacks over the last week or so and as result the Board of Trustees have called for tenders to install security cameras to monitor activity in the grounds. This is to be funded out of our property fund provided via the Ministry of Education. The New Zealand Police have informed me there is a lot of ACTIVITY in and around the school outside hours.

If you ever notice any suspicious behaviour in and around the school outside school hours I would urge to call the New Zealand Police using the 111 line. If you have any enquiries please direct them the directly to me and I will keep everyone informed about any emerging issues. [mark@hamwest.school.nz](mailto:mark@hamwest.school.nz)

## Swimming Pool

I am hoping to have the pool operational by the end of the week so we should be able to use it next week. Your teacher will inform you when your child/ren will need to bring their swimming gear.

At the Board of Trustees meeting tonight the Pool Hire Agreement is on the agenda so we may be able to sell keys from early next week.

## Road Warden Training

On Tuesday 21st November our friend Constable Niwha Jones visited Ham West to train our Road Wardens for 2018. I sincerely thank these students for taking on this responsibility. I know they will do a wonderful job as have the Road Wardens of 2017.



## Stories from our students

### Year 1, 2, 3, 4 Book Club

The lovely Room 15 teacher Tanya Stone has organized a book club on Friday lunch times for year 1, 2, 3 and 4 students. In this book club they read books such as Flat Stanley, with this you do activities like colouring, reviewing and obviously having fun. Each book club day you read one chapter of the book then share ideas about it. We thank Tanya Stone for organizing the book club in her own time and we hope it will carry on through 2018.

### Written by Room 15 students: Abigail H, Lilly T, Natalie KK and Paige S

At Ham West we are so lucky that lots of our teachers are prepared to give up their time each week to provide activities for the kids to do at lunchtime. Thanks to those teachers who provide this service to the kids.



## School Notices/BOT/PTA Notices

### Scholastic/Lucky Book Club

Last day for orders **Wednesday 29th November**. Please make cheques payable to scholastic NOT Hamilton West School.

### Christmas Time

Has anyone got a Christmas tree (bigger than 6 foot approx, artificial or real) that we could use/borrow until the middle of December please. We don't need any decorations. Please contact Tammy (Rm3) or Mandy (library). Thanks for your support.

### Dental Caravan

The Dental Caravan is currently at school and will be here for until the end of the term.

## Sports Draws/Notices/Reports

### Sports News - Cricket

The Ham West Heroes had a good contest on Saturday versus Waitomo Wetas. Waitomo ended up taking the win by 16 runs. POD was Aarya for outstanding batting and bowling with a top score of 15 as well as 3 wickets.

The team were thrilled to wear their new white pants and all wanted to say a big thank you to Mr Penman. Here's a pic of them looking smart in the new kit at the end of an excellent game.



### Athletic Sports

The Year 3 and four students started their athletics sports on Tuesday and they continued today. There was plenty of effort going into their running when I was watching yesterday.

### Cricket Draw for Friday 24 November

Matangi Magics vs Ham West Blackcaps @ Matangi School

Ham West Knights vs Ham East Knights @ Hamilton West School

### Cricket Draw for Saturday 25 November

Marian Titans vs Ham West Hardball Heroes @ Marian School

### Touch Rugby Draw Thursday 23rd November

Yr 3/4

3.45pm Field 4 SPC Tigers V'S Ham West Green

Yr 5/6

4.45pm Field 5 SPC Bears V'S Ham West Reds

### Basketball Draw for Wednesday 22nd November

Ham West Shooters vs Knighton All Stars 6.30pm  
YMCA Court 2

### Basketball Draw for Friday 24th November

Ham West Stars vs Southwell Stripes 4.00pm YMCA Court 1  
Ham West Reds vs Blazers 4.30pm YMCA Court 1

## 2018 Weetbix 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 / [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 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.



## Important dates for Term 4

### Calendar Dates for Term 4 - 2017

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

## Community Notices/Advertising

### YMCA Holiday Programmes

Our friendly, staff can't wait to have your child on board with our MSD approved holiday programs these holidays. These holidays we will be busy with something different to do every day! We have activities ranging from science experiments, cooking, dance and gymnastics lessons. We will be going on exciting excursions over the holidays, to Water World Pools, Raglan Estuary, the Hamilton Gardens & Minigolf! For those parents and caregivers that have busy schedules, our programs run from 7:30am - 5:30pm at several convenient locations across Hamilton. Programme dates are; December; 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd (Hukanui & YMCA Stadium only). January; 3rd 4th 5th (Hukanui & YMCA Stadium only). January; 8th – 30th – all programs open!! For more information check us out at [www.ymcahamilton.org.nz](http://www.ymcahamilton.org.nz) or call our friendly admin team on 07 838 2529.

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