

Wednesday 6 December 2017  
Week 8, Term 4  
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## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Education is beautification of the inner world and the outer world.” Amit Ray

## From the Principal

### Christmas on the Field

One more sleep to Christmas on the Field, there are lots of excited kids and grown ups. We have kept prices to a minimum so as not to hit pockets hard at this time of year. The activities are only covering costs and some of them are FREE. This is being done to make this a community events more than a fund raising event.

It looks like amazing weather for Thursday evening so I'll see you all there, Mr Jesse tells me the "international act" is about to fly in.

See the photo below of one of the Christmas decorations you will be able to make.

### Fence

Unfortunately the contractor has fallen behind on the contract so we haven't been able to try out our new security plans, So we will have to start them in the New Year. Gates will be locked during the holidays, as part of our plan is to let the public know the school is not a public thoroughfare.

### Seesaw – End of Year and how to download your child's work.

We have had a great year exploring and using Seesaw this year. As the year comes to a close, teachers will begin archiving their work ready for 2018.

After a class has been archived by the teacher, family members will have 60 days to download a zip archive of their child's journal, including images, videos, voice recordings and captions for free. When a class is archived, Seesaw will automatically notify family members with instructions on how to download the zip archive. After a class has been archived for 60 days, family members will no longer have access to the class.

If you have any questions about this see your classroom teacher.

### Final Assemblies

The senior final assembly is Tuesday 12th December 9.15-10.30. A range of awards will be presented and we be farewelling our leavers moving on to high school. All parents are welcome to attend.

The Junior final assembly is Wednesday 13th December at 9.30-10.30. All parents are welcome to attend.

### School Reports / Classes 2018 / Stationery Lists

The children will be bring their reports home next Thursday. On the report it will have your child's class for 2018. There will be two other notices included with the report - how to download your child's seesaw account for the year and a stationery list.

### Stationery Purchases 2018

Please note that there will be no packs available from any particular stationer this year. This is being done to allow parents to buy stationery at reduced prices during the January sales. All I would ask is that you stick to the list. I will get copies posted on the Facebook page in case you lose your sheet between now and January.

## Sporting Success

Congratulations to Elise Wardell for winning a gold medal in the 25 metres backstroke event at the New Zealand Special Olympics held in Wellington last weekend. This placing ranks Elise 8th in the country in this event across all age groups. Proud of you Elise.

## Flags

At the suggestion of a parent the Student Council have purchased some Hamilton West Flags which can be used on sports days so the kids can easily find their team mates after events. They look smart and will help promote our school.

## Year 5/6 Camp

The Year 5/6 Camp was a great success and my thanks goes out to those people (staff & parents) who made this camp possible. I have had some very positive reports from teachers, students and parents which is very pleasing - see photo of some of the group waiting to leave on their adventure.

Also below is a picture of some of the Year 7/8 students enjoying the Intermediate Athletics.

## David Lloyd Gallery

Friend of the School, David Lloyd has offered his gallery to display some art work from Room 13. You are welcome to visit the gallery on Wednesday 13th December from 4.30 - 7.00 pm.

## School Notices/BOT/PTA Notices

### Lost Property

The Lost Property will be outside the office/library area during school time over the last few weeks of term. Could students/parents/caregivers please have a look and claim any outstanding clothing. On the final day of term any left over clothing will either be used for second hand clothing or donated.

### Watches

We have a number of watches that have been handed in to the office. If your child is missing their watch please contact the office. Thanks

## CHAMPIONS CHRISTMAS ROADSHOW

Next week, the 'Champions Christmas Road Show' are presenting a show in the school hall. As it has religious content permission is required from parents. The show will run at lunchtime for those interested and have parent permission.

Permission slips will be sent home with your child today and can be returned to Mrs Po'ese in Room 20.

For more information, please see Mrs Po'ese.

## Stories from our students

In Term 3, Room 24 took part in a Matariki star project through School Kit and Warehouse Stationary. Peyton Pohutu designed a star to go on the cover of a school exercise book. The final cover designs will be available across the country next year with his star incorporated. Well done Peyton!



## **Sports Draws/Notices/Reports**

The Ham West Heros had a vastly improved performance against the Cambridge Sixers at Leamington Domain on Saturday. They lost by 20 runs but played very well against strong opposition. There was a big improvement in the fielding today and player of the day was Thomas who fielded brilliantly, as well as a sound performance with the bat and ball.

### **Cricket Draw for Friday 8th December**

Ham West Blackcaps vs Endeavour Eels @ Hamilton West School  
Ngahinapouri Sixers vs Ham West Knights @ Ngahinapouri School

### **Cricket Draw for Saturday 9th December**

Ham West Hardball Heroes vs HOBCC Eagles @ Ham West School

### **Basketball Draw for Wednesday 6th December**

Ham West Shooters vs Flyers Rockets vs Flyers Rockets 7.00pm YMCA Court 2

### **Basketball Draw for Friday 8th December**

Ham West Stars vs Deanwell Thunder 6.30pm YMCA Court 1  
Ham West Reds vs Deanwell Warriors 6.00pm YMCA Court 1

## **Weetbix 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](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

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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