



HCS WEEKLY NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Hamilton Christian School
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Dear Parents and Supporters, greetings in His Name

As this is the first newsletter for the 2010 school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the staff and Board to everyone this year. The term has started well and we have been having positive feedback from parents and students about how things have been going so far. Mr Bezuidenhout has been doing a great job taking up his responsibilities and we appreciate his energy and enthusiasm for the school and our mission.

Our NCEA results have been encouraging overall. 89% of our NCEA Level 1 students met the minimum requirement for being awarded the NCEA certificate. Of these, 9.8% were endorsed with excellence and 19.5% with merit. 96.9% of our Year 12s were awarded NCEA Level 2 and of these 3.2% were endorsed with excellence and 25.8% with merit. Of our Year 13s, 75% were awarded university entrance last year. A great effort overall and my congratulations go to those students who have achieved so well, and to their teachers and families.

We also had some wonderful news regarding prizes awarded to some of our 2009 students studying courses through the correspondence school. Our congratulations go to: Melissa Latto: for perseverance and achievement in Food and nutrition; Haylee Boyens: High achievement in Level 3 Physics; Hayley Mulder: Regional Merit Award Central North Region Determined Effort in Economics; Ilse Lock: Regional Merit Award Central North Region Excellent Achievement and progress in German; Anna Clausen: Regional Merit Award Central North Region Determined Effort in Biology; and Ali Brady: Regional Merit Award Central North Region Determined Effort in Media Studies.

The first term is always quite a busy one as there are camps and various evening activities as well. We are very encouraged by the community spirit already evident and are thankful for the interest and support parents are showing for the school's activities. At our teacher-only day we focussed on the ten marks of a good school – both 'a sense of community' and 'parental involvement' feature in that list and it is our vision for HCS that, as well as being a solidly Christ-centred school, we should also be a good school for our children to go to. It was great to see community and parental involvement expressing itself with the great turn-out for the Yr 1-8 'Getting to Know You' evening. It was a real pleasure to meet so many parents that night. To further the sense of community we have planned an informal barbecue and games evening for all school families on Friday 19 February. This is a good chance to meet together, eat together, and have an enjoyable time as a school community, and we hope as many as possible will take the opportunity to come along. Please bring your own food and drink, cutlery and plates – we will supply barbecues, some games and a warm welcome.

Mrs Catherine Cunliffe has announced that she is finishing at the end of this term due to the delightful news of her pregnancy. As a consequence we are actively seeking a replacement for her and we would ask for your prayers for this matter.

We are very thankful that our classes in Years 10, 11 and 12 are filled to capacity. Year 7/8 is also near capacity as well. Our roll is about 330 students this year and we are looking forward to a good year working with your children to the glory of God.

Yours in Him

Martin Keast, Principal

Upcoming Events

February

- 11-13 Y10s go to Marae Noho
- 12 Hearing and vision checks Y 1-8
- 15 Y9-13 Swimming sports at Fairfield College
- 15-19 Y1-8 Aqua Ed at Waterworld
- 18 Y9-13 Athletics Day at HCS
Curriculum outlines going home.
- 19 School family BBQ and games evening
from 5:30pm.
- 24 Church Leaders' breakfast at HCS (7:30am)
Y10 vision and hearing tests (11am- noon)
- 25 Board Meeting 7:30pm

Text of the Week

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. Colossians 2:8-10

Prayer points

For Mrs Cunliffe and the baby she carries.
That the Lord would move Christian parents to use HCS for their children.
For a growing sense of community and harmony amongst us all.



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MARQUE OF EXCELLENCE

Cell Phone and Work Phone Numbers

Could you please let the school know if you have changed/started a new job, so we can have up to date phone numbers. It is also important to have up to date cell phone numbers for emergencies.

You can advise us by sending an email to reception@hamiltonchristian.school.nz

Year 1 and 2 class will be going on a visit to the Fruitdale Orchard on Friday the 12th at around 0930 until morning tea – we will be picking blackberries.



The Year 13 students are busy at the moment developing a *Prayer Garden* on the school grounds. Anyone who can donate a tree, plant or garden accessories, please contact Mrs. Fick at school.

It's **Aqua Ed** time again!

Please NOTE: Y 1-8 will be travelling daily to Waterworld in WEEK 3 AND WEEK 5 of this Term.

TOGS & TOWEL NEEDED **DAILY** DURING BOTH OF THESE WEEKS.

The timetable below is provided in case any parents would like to visit during a lesson.

WEEKS 3 & 5

9.00 – 9.40am	Year 7/8 DS
9.45 – 10.25am	Year 4/5 MB
10.35 – 11.15am	Year 7/8 CE
11.20 – 12.00pm	Year 7/8 CC
12.00 – 12.30pm	
12.30 – 1.10pm	Year 1 JD & Year 2 RS
1.15 – 1.55pm	Year 5/6 KH
2.00 – 2.40pm	Year 3/4 CB

2010 Fees. The 'Fees' page of the HCS website now has the domestic and international student fees for 2010. The domestic fees file is a 'payments planner' (Excel spreadsheet) that can be downloaded to your computer (or used online) to calculate the fees payable and a suggested amount if paying by instalment (NB: The sooner you start, the smaller each instalment can be). If you require assistance with this, please contact the office or email gavinb@hamiltonchristian.school.nz.

IF not paying by regular instalment, Term One fees are now due.

The first "Agora Goes Live" gig is on this Friday night at Cafe Agora. Come along and enjoy the live music and support local bands. The cafe will be open from 7pm-late with food & beverage for sale. The \$5 door charge all goes to World Vision's work in Haiti.

The Uniform Shop

Now open on Tuesdays 8.30am—3.45pm, or by appointment. Students may purchase uniform with parental permission before and after school, and during their breaks.

School Based Music Tuition

To those families who are new to the school – welcome. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce new parents and students to the school based music tuition programme. This tutoring programme is designed to give students the opportunity of learning an instrument in a one-on-one tutoring situation. The lessons are 20 minutes long and take place at school during school hours. Our tutors are all practicing Christians and musicians. The range of instruments we are able to offer tuition in is based on what our tutors feel competent to teach and currently that includes piano and/or keyboard, guitar, bass, drums, clarinet, flute and saxophone. The lessons cost \$16.00 per session and this fee is paid direct to the tutors. If you would like to find out more information about the programme, feel free to contact myself – I'm in and around the music rooms from 8.00am – 5.00pm every school day. You can also pick up a music tuition flyer from the office which will give you a further breakdown of the programme. If you wish to enrol your child into this extra curricular programme, there is a return section on that flyer for you to fill in. This can then be returned to the office, your child's teacher or to myself. I will then organise your child's tutor and timetable.

As always, if you have any queries about the programme, please feel free to come and have a chat with myself.

Regards Betty Diprose

TIC music and co-ordinator of school based music tuition programme

SECONDARY SWIMMING SPORTS

Mon 15 Feb at Fairfield College. Students to report to HCS for morning form time and house group activity first.

House colour mufti accepted, togs, towel, sunblock, hat, drink and lunch. We will be travelling by bus.

SECONDARY ATHLETICS DAY

Thurs 18 Feb at HCS. Morning form time, period one and two will be as normal. Athletics start at 11am.

Students are to wear normal school uniform for the morning and can change into appropriate house colour mufti during interval. Please remember sunblock/hat, water, lunch.

Parents are most welcome to come along and support! ☺

Calling all keen cricket players!

Are you Year 5, 6, 7 or 8 and interested in playing cricket during term 1 2010? We need you!

Practise will be held at Eastern Suburbs Grounds, (Flagstaff, by the shops) tomorrow 12 Feb. 5-6 pm. The games start 20th February and run for 6 weeks on a Saturday morning.

If you are interested or have any enquiries please ring Bridget Frost, 07 887 6662.



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HELP!!

Hi, Are there any parents travelling home via Frankton (Kent St) after school that would be able to give Anneke a ride to her afterschool program? Anneke is in year two and currently travels 1.5 hours a day between Hamilton and Otorohanga, plus up to another 1.5 hours to get to her afterschool program on the school bus (as she is the last drop off). Any help would be appreciated. Thanks, Maikel. Ph: 021 244 6723

An AA Defensive driving course can reduce your **Restricted** licence by six months. Limited to 20 participants.

6:30 to 8:30pm (4 sessions) **Wed 17 Feb; Mon 22; Wed 24; Mon 1 Mar 2010** (All 4 sessions plus an in-car driving assessment must be completed).

Cost: \$150 Includes in-car practical in your car.

Where: Hillcrest Chapel, Cnr of Masters Ave and Morris Rd. Contact the instructor on **846 4223** or txt **021 151 4685**.



Would anyone with an old laptop that they are no longer using, please consider donating it to the Music Dpt? We want to set up a bank of laptops to use for entry level song writing and pre-loved equipment would do the trick fine!

Welcome to our new students

Kawharu Apiti	Y9	Handri Janse van Vuuren	Y10	Megan Pieterse	Y3
Brad Bearsley	Y9	Amour Jansen	Y7	Mann Sheth	Y5
Lene Bezuidenhout	Y10	Ryan Jansen	Y11	Micaela Smit	Y9
Sam Arthur	Y7	Kate Jellyman	Y9	Rachelle Syverston	Y10
Connor Brosnan	Y7	Amberley Kamphuis	Y9	Joshua Tapara	Y9
Austen Collins	Y9	Michael Kamphuis	Y7	Shania Gore	Y1
Daniel Davis	Y9	Dawon Kim	Y7	Olivia Tobin	Y10
Stefan Fichtl	Y9	Liam Kroese	Y1	Melanie Torrie	Y10
Linda Fletcher	Y9	David Lee	Y7	Sam Trebilco	Y1
Siobhan Frost	Y7	Ella Marelich	Y7	Grace van den Engel	Y1
Charlotte Goble	Y9	Noah Meagher	Y9	Damian van der Merwe	Y2
Madeleine Groves	Y1	Annarose Nicol	Y7	Jana Verbeek	Y7
Eilish Hare	Y9	Daniel Davis	Y10	Marilee Verbeek	Y5
Callum Harper	Y5	Cohen Pieterse	Y9	Taylah Wisstt	Y5

Parents Inc. are starting a new Toolbox course for parents of 6 to 12 year olds in Hamilton, starting on Monday 22 February at 7.15pm. The Toolbox groups offer a unique approach to parent education, offering practical skills and strategies that you can immediately incorporate into your family. This is a six week course, two hours per week. Cost \$67.50 per person or \$90 a couple (which includes a comprehensive manual and a year's subscription to the Parenting magazine). For more information contact Fiona on 855-1241 or hamiltontbx@parentsinc.org.nz.

Hamilton Roller Skating Club Skate Dome Melville Park To get the year under way we are running a free skating session on Thursday night 11th Feb at 7pm. and the following are Public Sessions we are running this term, starting 7 February 2010.

Monday 5.30pm to 6.30pm Learn to Skate Class including skate hire \$25.00 per term, starting 8 February 2010.

Tuesday 6.00pm to 7.00pm Junior Hockey starting 9 February 2010.

Thursday Night Twilight Skate 7.00pm to 9.00pm \$3.00 including skate hire; however Thursday 11 will be a Free Skating Session.

A great way to get out there and get active with your kids.

If you would like any further information ring Kathy Moody on 8552523 or Pearl Best on 8474527

Come Horse Riding at Phillipsequine – limited spaces available now for riding lessons. Private or Small group lessons, Farm rides. Beginners to advanced. Ride our Ponies/horses or bring your own. 123 Woodside Road, Matangi, Hamilton.

For bookings and enquires: Lorraine 8295675 or info@phillipsequine.co.nz

Check out our web site: www.phillipsequine.co.nz. Book for an Introductory Lesson now!

Do you want your children to improve their communication skills? **Private Speech and Drama lessons available.** Fun, interactive groups. Exam and competition work covered. Ages 8- 14 Laura Watson 07 856 3303 or 027 4124 204 laurawatson@xtra.co.nz

SPEECH AND DRAMA LESSONS 2010 Speech and Drama is a great way for your child to gain a clear speaking voice, confidence in public speaking/performance, acting skills, and encourages reading. Private lessons commence 22 February 2010. For more information, please contact Breony van der Wel: breony@windowslive.com, (07) 855 7587 or 0273856402.

VIOLIN LESSONS Bankwood School offers Beginners' and Continuers' Violin classes on Monday afternoons. These classes will commence with a fit up day, and met the teacher on Monday 15 Feb. Lessons will commence on Mon 22 March. Fees are \$30.00 per term for tuition, and they have a few violins for hire at a cost of \$30.00 per term. For further information and an enrolment form, please call Mary Cubitt 855 7763 or email schooladmin@bankwood.school.nz

YMCA CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES – 36 PEMBROKE ST, HAMILTON

Y- Gymnastics The YMCA has a fun educational program for children of 1-10 years. Classes are designed to **stimulate and develop** physical and motor skills with experienced instructors. Come and try a class for free.

Birthday Parties. A party with a difference. Obstacle course, party games, prizes, suitable for ages 1-10 years.

Phone 8382529 or y-sports.hamilton@ymca.com.

TERM 1 TENNIS AT GORDONTON TENNIS CLUB

Anyone inspired by the Australian Open tennis and want to play? Then come to Gordonton Tennis Club. Professional coach, Vicky Toates, has over 12 years' coaching experience, and Wednesday evenings offers plenty of choice, whether a beginner or a regular player. Try Tennis This Term!

Start Date: Wednesday February 10 for 8 weeks

3.30 - 4.15pm - Grasshoppers Futures 5 - 7 year olds (\$65)

4.15 - 5.15pm - Grasshoppers Challengers 7-10 year olds (\$80)

5.15 - 6.15pm - Full Court Teens (\$80)

6.15 - 7.15pm - Gordonton Development Squad (\$80)

To register or for more information please email progressive.tennis@live.com or call 021 842 810

SUMMER FAIR: 27 FEBRUARY 2010 corner of Dey St/ Cambridge Rd, Hamilton

There will be: fun, helicopter rides, craft stalls, cakes, games, refreshments and

drill displays by **NO.7 (CITY OF HAMILTON) SQUADRON ATC**

And much more. So come along and see what we have to offer.

Got a bike? Get Ready! The **2010 Perry Foundation Rev Cycle Festival** has something for everyone, from competitive racing through to little tackers on training wheels. Plus there are HEAPS of great prizes, a family festival of FREE entertainment and you can cool off in the University of Waikato pool for free. The under 10s can enter the free 6km REV Kids' mountain bike ride through Ruakura farmland and tracks, while the over 10s can do a lap or two of the REV Intro 9km circuit – also suitable for parents wanting to cycle with their children. Lots of different categories for teenagers, teachers and parents including the Waikato Link Business Battle with the Lance Armstrong Trophy up for grabs. Race day is SOON – check out details on the website and get an entry in TODAY! Race day is 20 February 2010 at The University **Call:** 07 838 4664 **Visit:** www.therev.co.nz.

We have information on Southern Pacific Tennis Coaching, and Balloon Tennis and their other activities in the office.

NOR' EAST TENNIS CLUB - Term 1 Come join us for Term 1. Tennis coaching starts next week (10-12 February 2010): Wednesdays (10 Feb): 4.45pm (5-7yrs), 5.15pm (6-8 yrs), 5.45pm (8-10 yrs), 6.30pm (11-12 yrs). Thursdays (11 Feb): 4.45pm (5-7yrs), 5.15pm (6-8 yrs), 5.45pm (8-10 yrs), 6.30pm (11-12 yrs). Fridays (12 Feb): 5pm-6.30pm (high school age). \$55-\$65 per person.

Also, we have an OPEN day on Monday, 15 February 2010 from 5.30pm till 8pm. Please come along to Fairfield Intermediate School tennis courts, Clarkin Road (bring your racket). Or phone Mark 855-4327 or Graham 853-5911 in the evenings for more info. Email: noreasttennis@hotmail.com.

NZ Tennis Open day is this weekend. A warm invitation to the St Peter's Tennis Club Open Day on Saturday is extended to all children and parents, Feb 13 from 1.00 - 4.00 pm. Fun activities for all ages and abilities, coaching, competitions and spot prizes. All equipment provided. Free sausage sizzle. Free Open day.

St Peter's Tennis Club, Palmerston Street, Hamilton Saturday, Feb 13th from 1.00 - 4.00 pm.

Fun exercise for all the family - introduction to Tennis. For any queries, please contact Richard Harris, Ph 839-3513; e-mail: manager@stpeterstennisclub.org.nz, www.stpeterstennisclub.org.nz.