



HCS WEEKLY NEWS

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

I am very pleased with the way the year has started. There is a nice tone round the school, the students are wearing their uniforms with pride and there is an orderly and purposeful spirit round the school. Our Yr 10 students left a good impression as one of the bus drivers made a point of commenting on their politeness and said he always volunteers to drive HCS students. Our school is special and unique and it is encouraging to see those 'points of difference' being noted by those outside the school community.

The secondary school swimming sports on Monday were an enjoyable experience. Congratulations go to Carey House in getting first place overall. Mrs Withers has supplied some detail which you will see elsewhere in the newsletter.

Congratulations also go to Patrick Dowd (Year 5 this year) who was awarded a High Distinction award for ICAS Mathematics. This puts Patrick's achievement in the top 1% of New Zealand Year 4 students who participated in the competition last year. Well done, Patrick!

Mrs van Woerden is away today and tomorrow on a very special task—she has been invited by the Correspondence School in Wellington (at their expense), to show them how we run our correspondence programme - as HCS is considered exemplary within NZ for a well-run and effective programme. This is a great recognition of her work at HCS.

Our mathematics results from last year's NCEA are encouraging. Mrs Sukias, HOD Maths, writes "NCEA Mathematics results for 2009 were very pleasing overall. The vast majority of students achieved most, if not all of the credits they were aiming for in Level 1 and 2 courses. Comparing the proportions of Not Achieved, Achieved, Merit and Excellence grades in Achievement Standards (both internal and external) with those in 2008 shows that the proportion of Not Achieved grades has continued to fall. So has the proportion of Achieved grades because the proportions of Merit and Excellence have increased quite significantly. This is exactly what we were aiming for, and is obviously very pleasing."

The school family BBQ and games evening is **this Friday starting at 5:30pm**. This is a great time to fellowship together as a community and build one of those qualities of a good school which is 'community spirit'. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Yours in Him

Martin Keast, Principal

Text of the Week

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

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.

Upcoming Events

FEB

- 15-19 Y1-8 Aqua Ed at Waterworld
- 19 School family BBQ and games evening from 5:30pm onwards.
- 24 Church Leaders' breakfast at HCS (7:00 - 8:30am)
- Y10 vision and hearing tests (11am- noon)
- 25 Board Meeting 7:30pm

MARCH

- 1-5 Y1-8 Aqua Ed at Waterworld
- 1 Y8 HPV dose 1/Y7 Boostrix vaccine
- 4 Y9-13 Information evening
- 5 Y8 HPV catch-up

HCS Family Fun & Dinner
Tomorrow Fri 19 Feb
from 5:30pm at the HCS playing fields.

All school families are invited to come, meet, eat and play informally.
Please bring your own food, drink and eating utensils (the school will provide BBQs for cooking and some chairs and tables).
Tennis, soccer, cricket, volleyball etc can be played on the fields and hard-court area. Feel free to bring your own games and equipment too.

We look forward to seeing you
TOMORROW!!

Welcome Kadyn Cassidy Y11
Elze Bosman Y1



EBBETT

MARQUE OF EXCELLENCE

Public Health Nurses will be delivering a school based immunisation programme on Monday 1 March. Year Seven students will be offered the **Boostrix vaccine** which is a booster for their early childhood immunisations of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). Information about the Year Seven programme will be given to students at school on Monday 22 March and this session may include watching the Ministry of Health DVD Year Seven Immunisations. This DVD presentation is designed specifically for this age group.

At this information session, your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to read and choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school.

For information on this vaccine phone 0800 IMMUNE (466 863) or,
Lyn Pooley Public Health Nurse ph 838 3565 ext 2132

SECONDARY SWIMMING SPORTS

Thank you to all students who did their best and made it a great day, to the staff who worked well as a team (despite the weather), and to the parents who were able to come along and support.

Results are: 1st: Carey 2nd: Judson
4th: Townsend 3rd: Roseveare

A special well done to: Stefan van Woerden, Sarah Farmer, Kimi Pritchard, Nicky Houghton, Louise Stevenson, Hannah Lowther, Grace Kalma-Bull, Felicity Thompson, Olivia Tobin, Lisa Hemmes, Justin Swartz, Sam Pema, Canaan Ahu, who showed outstanding participation.

Congratulations to any other students who also competed in as many races as they could!

All students who received a placing will get certificates in the up coming week. Those placed 1ST and 2nd are eligible for the interschool competition in March. More details to come.

INTERSCHOOL SECONDARY ATHLETICS

Wed 24 March, Porritt Stadium. All students who place 1st or 2nd in the school athletics today (18 Feb) are eligible to enter. Letters will be sent home tomorrow.

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 email to: reception@hamiltonchristian.school.nz

Waikato Water Polo Muster night and prizegiving. Thurs 25 Feb. 6.00-9.00pm at Waterworld, Garnett Avenue, Hamilton. All ages - Under 12s, Under 14s, Under 16s, Under 18s, Under 20 - male and female, all parents, all coaches and managers of Waikato Water Polo community are invited.

If you would like more information about water polo see www.waikatowaterpolo.co.nz.

An AA Defensive driving course can reduce your **Restricted** licence by six months. This course will now start on Mon 22. See last week's notices for further details, or contact the instructor on 846 4223 or txt 021 151 4685.

HCS Parents' Weekly Prayer Meeting

A weekly prayer meeting for the many and various needs of the school and students will be taking place each Tuesday morning from 8:45-9:30am in C-1 (Mr Sewell's room last year). All parents are welcome to join other parents in this most important way of supporting the school. If you are able to come each week or even just occasionally it would be much appreciated—please just feel free to drop in on the day. If you have any other questions please call Linda Dowling 853-7662 or Jackie Hemmes 855-0684.

NITS have been found on a child in the junior school. Could ALL PARENTS, please check to see that their children are free of these. If everyone is checking, the quicker we can be rid of them.

There are some Nit Kits available for loan from the office.

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.

Do you have second hand uniform to sell?

You can sell your second hand uniform items on our school website, please email the type of item, condition, price, size and contact name and number to reception@hamiltonchristian.school.nz

We will then advertise your second hand uniform items for you on the HCS website. Please let the office know by email when the item is sold.

Alternatively if you would like to donate your second hand items to the School please drop the items in at the Uniform Shop or office. The uniform will then be sold through the shop, proceeds will go to the school.

There is an opportunity to hear the world's NUMBER ONE expert on autism and aspergers syndrome: **Dr Tony Attwood** is well known throughout the world for sharing his knowledge on autism spectrum disorders. Tony has worked with over 3,000 individuals of all ages with an ASD. His presentations are highly informative and empowering.

He will have a session here in Hamilton Wed 28 April

Seminar Content: Managing Challenging Behaviour in Children with Autism, and Strategies to Reduce being Bullied and Teased. Early bird registration (\$150) closes on Monday 29 March 2010 (payment after this is \$170). Spaces are limited. Book online at www.creatingsuccess.co.nz.

For more info. please contact Jo Adkins jo@creatingssuccess.co.nz.

Kelly Sports Rippa Rugby – Enrol Now

6 Aside Rippa Rugby Summer series is back! Get your friends along or enter a team from your school! Improve your skills and prepare for the rugby season now! Get the chance to meet some of the Chiefs and All Blacks Players!! We encourage boys and girls to enter teams, and so this competition is getting bigger and better!!

Please register your team today! Starts Fri. 19 Feb. at Eastern Suburbs, Flagstaff. Phone 0800 898 444 or email Waikato@kellysports.co.nz.



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