



HCS WEEKLY NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Hamilton Christian School
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Term 1, Week 8
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Dear Parents and Supporters, greetings in His Name

We are rapidly nearing the end of the first term. There have been a lot of encouraging words and thankfulness expressed over how the Lord has blessed us as a school this first term. The staff are growing more united as a team and there is a good spirit of mutual respect and support which makes our work enjoyable.

It was a real pleasure to see so many parents at our recent Parent-teacher interviews. There was much in the way of positive and encouraging feedback and the teachers appreciated the contact and the expressions of support.

We would like to wish Karen Lock (yr 9), Isle lock (Yr 11) and Rosalie ten Hove (Yr 11) every blessing as they represent the school at a tennis competition this Saturday.

We are hoping to have a couple of teams entered into a local inter-school debating competition this year. Mrs Verbeek and I are intending to coach the students. Debating is a wonderful activity for students as it provides opportunity to develop effective communication skills as well as building self-confidence in public speaking and clear thinking. More than ever we need Christian young people who are equipped to intelligently and winsomely present the biblical perspective in a world which has lost its way both spiritually and morally. The first debate will be a prepared debate on April 27 (Week 2, Term 2) at Sacred Heart Girls' College.

Term 2 starts officially on Monday 19 April but we are planning a Teacher-only Day on the Monday and normal classes will resume on **Tuesday 20 April**.

We are now inviting student contributions for a visually appealing design for capturing the essence of our values statement. There is a separate textbox (it was missed from last week's newsletter so we are repeating this notice) containing details on the competition. A \$50 book voucher will be awarded to the winning entry.

In the secondary assembly this week, I reminded students about the importance of the tongue to set the direction for our lives and also as an influence on others in the community of which you are apart. Scripture abounds with passages giving advice and teaching on the importance of godly speech. I want to encourage wholesome speech which builds up and encourages others. We live in a culture which tends to exalt unwholesome language and a complaining spirit through movies, songs and television – as Christians we should shine our light and show that things need not be this way.

Yours in Him

Martin Keast, Principal

KEEPING US INFORMED Just a friendly reminder that your child needs a written note to keep us informed about any uniform deficiencies or if they need to leave school for an appointment. These should be presented at the Office first thing in the morning. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 24-26 Y12 History trip
- 25 Board meeting
- 26 Y1-8 Book Character Day
- NO JUNIOR ASSEMBLY**
- Y9 History trip to Howick
- 30 Y4-8 EWCS swimming at Waterworld starts 10am

APRIL

- 1 Last day term 1/mufti-day and barbecue
- 2 – 5 Easter weekend
- 12 Public Lecture by P. Richard Flinn MA, MDiv. (Board member of Manukau Christian School) on 'Education and the Rise of a Second Christendom', 7:00pm at Tamaki Campus, Uni. of Auckland.
- 19 Teacher-only Day Y1-13
- 20 Term 3 starts for students.**

Text of the Week Ephesians 4:29 *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

Samoa Mission Trip fundraiser **Sausage Sizzle**
Friday March 26 **This is NOT a mufti day.**
Juniors (YO-8) Please hand money and your order form in to the office in a named envelope!
Secondary line up as usual.

Winter items may now be purchased and ordered at the Uniform Shop, including jackets. *Important:* If you think your daughter may fall either side of the sizes 61- 87cms for a winter pinafore (Y1-6) or skirt (Y 7 and up), **please call the office for an appointment** for your daughter to be fitted.

Jackets are non-compulsory but if a jacket is to be worn, it must be our school uniform jacket.

As they are quite expensive, please note that all orders placed **must be honoured**. Students without a parent accompanying them should have a written request to order from their parent/guardian

**Request from
Foodbank**



EBBETT
MARQUE OF EXCELLENCE

We have received a request for food items from The Salvation Army's "The Nest" Foodbank as their supplies are running a bit low. Any donations can be left in the office, thank you.

Competition = Values Concept – Micah 6:8

Design criteria:

- This competition is open to all levels in the school.
- Each entry must be not smaller than A5 and not bigger than A3.
- No more than 3 entries per student
- Any colours may be used
- Any media can be used that is suitable for a poster.
- The following text must be included in your design:
 - Goodness
 - Do justice
 - Love kindness
 - Walk humbly with your God

Due date for entries is **Friday 23 April** (to Mrs Fick).

BOOK CHARACTER DAY

There is much excitement around the school as the students gear up for our **Book Character Day** this Friday. Just a reminder as to the proceedings:

- The children will come to school in their costumes, or they will have some time first thing to put it together here.
- **Period 1** will be in classrooms, where they will present their prepared short description of their chosen character. One child will be chosen to share their description at the parade.
- **Period 2** we will all assemble on the hard court area and each class will have a turn to parade and the best description will be presented by that child. Each student will need to have the book their character is from.
- They will be judged by our guest Jo Roberts from Waikato Times and the best from each class will receive a small prize.
- The children can remain in their costume or part there-of if they wish, but it would be a good idea to have comfortable clothes underneath.
- Some of our senior students are participating as well, which is fantastic.
- **We welcome parents and interested folk to the day.**
- There will be **no** Junior Assembly.

Dental Caravan will be on-site at the school next term. If you wish your secondary school child to take part in this (Private) service, you must complete the form that is being sent home today, and return it to the office before Mon. 29 March.

WINTER SPORTS

Netball trials Will take place Fri 26 March. Yr 6-8 during lunch, Yr 9-12 after school. Yr 4-5 during lunch on Mon and Tues 29-30 March.

All girls interested in playing netball should bring their gear and be ready to play. Miss Cornelia Pretorius is the teacher organizing netball this year (corneliap@hamiltonchristian.school.nz).

FIELD HOCKEY Mrs Valerie Thompson will be co-ordinating this. IF you are interested in playing, can you please let her know **NOW**. Ph 843 5457 or email thompson11@xtra.co.nz. She also requires people who are interested in coaching, umpiring, and managing.

Prayer points

- For Mrs Cunliffe and the baby she carries.
- For wisdom as we consider the applicants for the vacancy at Y7/8 to replace Mrs Cunliffe.
- For Mrs Stevenson to recover from the problem in her back.
- That the Lord would move Christian parents to use HCS for their children.
- For a growing sense of community and harmony amongst us all.
- For Australian Christian schools and others standing up for the religious freedom to teach children the truths of Scripture.
- For all the planning and fundraising associated with the Samoa trip.

HCS Parents' Weekly Prayer Meeting each Tuesday morning from 8:45-9:30am in C1. If you have questions, call Linda 853-7662 or Jackie 855-0684.

Receptionist (job share). This is (presently) a two-day position (probably Wednesday and Thursday), during school-term time (8:15am to 3:45pm), with some opportunity for extra work.

The job offers plenty of variety, and we seek a committed Christian who can efficiently "multi-task". Familiarity with Microsoft Office 2007 software is required.

Expressions of interest should be emailed by Mon. 28 March to gavinb@hamiltonchristian.school.nz (those who have already expressed interest are encouraged to confirm this by email, so we can be sure to include you).

★ ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS—as we would like to wrap ★
★ this event up as quickly as possible, we would like either books ★
★ to be returned or payment (\$55) received by the last day of ★
★ term (Thursday 1 April) . ★

Fundraising! Buy a copy of *Healthy Family Meals Made Easy* before 9 April and they will donate \$5 to the school of your choice. The school that gets the most \$5 donations will also receive an extra \$500 donation from *Healthy Food Guide*. Order your book now at <http://www.healthyfood.co.nz/magazine-shop/recipe-books> .

Swan Plants: 1.5m tall \$5.00 (\$3.00 for the school) orders to the office please.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

- In the office for
- Youthfit Backyard Sports
 - Youthfit Rugby
 - Summit Holiday Programmes
 - Explosion Holiday Programme
 - Whitiara Bible Church Holiday Programme
 - Totara Springs "Spring Holiday Camps"
 - Holiday Cricket Coaching
 - Impact Holiday Programme—Nawton Comm. Church
 - Bubble Dome
 - Sonrise Station—Horse riding
 - Netball

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