



# HCS WEEKLY NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Hamilton Christian School

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Term 2 Week 1  
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Dear Parents and Supporters, greetings in His Name

Welcome to Term 2! This term is the longest being 11 weeks in total. Thankfully it is broken somewhat by the Queen's Birthday weekend but it is a term to focus on our academic programmes. We hope to see some real hard work and diligent effort from all the students as we aim to have a really top effort evident in the results we report to parents at the end of term.

Miss Kelli-Brooke Harvie joins us as our new Year 7/8 teacher in E3. She has already made a mark with the students as they were confronted with a delightfully rearranged classroom. We also welcome Mrs Glennis Mason to our reception team – she will be covering Wednesday and Thursday each week and will alternate with Mrs Anke Airey (now doing Monday, Tuesday and Friday) at our front office. We wish both new ladies every blessing as they settle into the unique work environment that is HCS.

I was disappointed that the efforts and achievements of our 2009 NCEA students were not listed recently in the local media. Our schools' results (Yr 11 Level 1 NCEA pass rate: 91.3%, yr 12 NCEA Level 2 pass rate: 96.9%) ranked us highly in the published list of Waikato schools (we were in the top third of secondary schools listed). I was also pleased to note the improvement in our NCEA Level 1 pass rate reported in the NZ Herald (in 2004 it was 75% and it had increased from that by 16% in 2009). This is a credit to the efforts of Mrs Edwards and the secondary team over those years – excellent work!

Congratulations also go to Natalie Whitelock who was a Year 13 student at HCS last year. She was awarded a \$3000 University of Waikato School Leaver Scholarship as recognition for her achievement in last year's NCEA. Well done!

Over the holiday break a number of teachers (and Mr Ben van den Engel, our Board Chair) attended the inaugural Independent Christian Schools Fellowship Conference held at the Tamaki Campus of the University of Auckland. We had a long, but enjoyable, day. It was great to fellowship together with other schools of like mind and meet colleagues who are involved in and committed to the cause of biblical Christian education. The main speaker was Mr Richard Flinn M.A., M.Div (author of the blog *contra celsum*, well worth a look at <http://jtcontracelsum.blogspot.com/>). Richard is also a Board member of Manukau Christian School). His main message was that we are living in a time of real change, and he believes it is the time for Christians to engage in rebuilding schools for Christ – we live in an exciting time and have a great challenge before us.

We are planning to take all our Year 12 and Year 13 students to the University of Waikato Open Day on Friday, 30 April between 9:30am and 2pm. Period 6 will be as per the timetable on that day.

Our World Vision fundraising famine will be held on the weekend starting Friday 14 May (a week earlier than the national date). We plan to have a "Slum night" at HCS on the Friday evening, and have put a big challenge in front of the school community to raise \$10,000 this year. There are several teachers willing to sacrifice hair to the cause as part of the fun of the event.

We have also extended the closing date for entries to the Micah 6:8 Values Poster competition to Friday 7 May. Please see Mrs Fick if you are interested in entering.

We are planning two working bees this term (Week 5 and Week 6) and would appreciate it if parents and supporters with surnames A-K would consider coming to help sometime between 8:30 and 4pm on 22 May and those with surnames between L and Z on May 29. You are welcome to come to either day (or both, even) if it suits. Thanks. There are a variety of jobs that need doing including some painting and gardening. Any help with catering for the workers would also be appreciated. We would really appreciate the help of those with skills in trades such as painting, building and carpentry to come forward.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a blessed term.

Yours in Him

Martin Keast, Principal

## Upcoming Events

25 April	ANZAC Day
30 April	University of Waikato Open Day (Y12/13 students going from 9:30am-2pm)
7 May	Open Day at HCS Closing date for Values poster entries
27 May	AGM & Board Meeting Secondary Cross-country
22 May	Working Bee #1 at HCS — all welcome!
29 May	Working Bee #2 at HCS

## Request from Food bank

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

# WELCOME

Micayla Kim Y9  
Joel Marsh Y1  
Bess Davey Y10 — Welcome Back

## Text of the Week

Hebrews 12:5b-7

*'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.' It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?*



**EBBETT**  
MARGUE OF EXCELLENCE

## FUNDRAISING

**Samoa Mission Trip fundraiser - BBQ Friday Lunch Juniors (Y0-8)** Please hand money and your order form in to the office in a named envelope!

Secondary line up as usual.

**This is NOT a mufti day.**

**\*\*watch this space for a variety of lunchtime meal themes\*\***

## Entertainment Books

For the few remaining who have these books or payments, can we have these in this week. Thank You .

## SPORTS

### Field Hockey

Mrs Valerie Thompson (Ph 843 5457 or email [thompson11@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thompson11@xtra.co.nz)) is coordinating this. If you are interested in playing, can you please let her know **NOW**. Y9-13 players are especially sought, as well as people who are interested in coaching, umpiring and managing.

## PRAYER POINTS

- For Mrs Stevenson to recover from the problem in her back. Thanks for the improvement the Lord has granted so far already.
- 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 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.

## COMPETITION

### Values Concept – Micah 6:8

Design criteria:

- This competition is open to all levels in the school. Entries **must** be no smaller than A5 /no 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 7 May** (to Mrs Fick).

## UNIFORM

**Winter uniform only** must be worn from **Monday 3 May** onwards.

Winter items may now be purchased and ordered at the Uniform Shop, including jackets.

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.

### Uniform Notes

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.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Aspire Scholarships for 2011

Applications are now invited from low-income/-asset families for scholarships to attend a private school (such as HCS).

There are 50 Year 9 scholarships and 20 Year 10 scholarships available for 2011.

The closing date is **17 May 2010**. Further information is available on the school website, or by contacting the Ministry of Education at [aspire.scholarship@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:aspire.scholarship@minedu.govt.nz) or phoning (04) 463 8262.

### Rotary International Youth Exchange

Applications (**closing date April 30**) are invited from senior secondary students (Yr 12 or Yr 13) interested in a 'gap year' exchange in an overseas country leaving in January 2011 and returning in January 2012. Accommodation is free but travel costs are the responsibility of the student.

For more information and a copy of the application form, visit <http://www.youthexchange.rotary.org.nz> or call Mr Bruce Simmonds of Fairfield Rotary (ph 855 3869 or 027 451 7871)

### University of Waikato Scholarships

The University offers a number of scholarships for school leavers and their Student Recruitment Advisers are happy to advise individual students on what is available. Students or parents can also subscribe to the regular scholarships newsletter by emailing [scholarships@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@waikato.ac.nz) with "subscribe" in the subject line.

**Frankton Christian Kindergarten** (based in Aberdeen Drive in Dinsdale) is looking for a Qualified Christian Early Childhood Teacher to do some casual relief work (when staff are away). If you think you could help us out, please call Daleen at the Kindy on 847 4124 or at home on 853 9032.



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