



HCS WEEKLY NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Hamilton Christian School

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

Both Mr Bezuidenhout and I have remarked to each other on just how busy this week has been. It is only week 2 but a lot is happening already. I have been very encouraged by the continuing positive tone and the professional maturity of our teachers – I am very thankful to have such a great group of colleagues to work with!

Mrs Brothers has been absent for longer than intended due to the disruption of air travel experienced in Europe recently. We are thankful she is back in the country, and pleased she is back in our midst once more. Scripture speaks often of the sovereign over-ruling of God in our lives and we certainly have been reminded by this that anything we intend is subject to the proviso, “..if the Lord wills” (1 Cor 4:19).

We were very pleased with the recent Eastern Waikato Country Schools Swimming Competition results as Hamilton Christian School was the overall winner with a total of 111 points in A division followed by Puketaha on 102, and Horsham Downs on 91. Mrs Edkins also reported that “In B division we also took it out—by a massive margin of 1st with 90 points, second was Horsham downs on 53 and third Whitikahu on 51!”. Very exciting and a confirmation that our Aqua Ed programme is doing a good job. Well done, everybody!

Our first debate in the inter-school competition went well. It is a new area of competition for us and it was quite encouraging that we won in our first one for the year. Congratulations goes to Bella Clements, Briar van Woerden and Anna Marelich who were also commended for their skills in their debate with Te Awamutu College.

Another first this term is our school rugby team coached by Mr John Kamphuis, Mr Ernie Pene and Mr Bezuidenhout. Their first game is at Fraser High starting at 9:30am this Saturday – they would love supporters to cheer them on.

We farewelled the dental caravan people on Wednesday. They remarked that our kids were well-behaved and that they were very impressed by the high level of dental care evident.

Next week is the beginning of compulsory winter uniform for students. We have been very pleased with the support of parents and students in maintaining a good look in terms of uniform, and the personal presentation of our students. This all helps reinforce the idea that HCS is a community of faith and learning where we love God and want to be pleasing in His sight. It has the added benefits of encouraging excellence and gives a good witness to visitors and the community around us.

It was a real privilege to join Martine Swart and Dylan Kimpton, our Head Students, who represented the school and laid a wreath at the City of Hamilton Commemorative service at Memorial Park on ANZAC Day. Overshadowed as it was by the loss of the RNZAF helicopter crew in Wellington that morning, it was a time for reflection on the sad necessity of war in a sinful world. I used Isaiah 2:1-4 at assemblies as this points to the ultimate end of war through submission of the nations to the Gospel.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a blessed week.

Yours in Him

Martin Keast, Principal

School Open Day

Friday May 7 from 9am to 2:30 pm. Please spread the word amongst your friends and neighbours.

Upcoming Events

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| 30 April | University of Waikato Open Day (Y12/13 students going from 9:30am-2pm) |
| | Y 1 & 2 Taitua Arboretum Trip |
| 7 May | Open Day at HCS /closing date for Values poster entries |
| 14-16 May | World Vision Famine weekend |
| 20 May | Junior (Y4-8) Cross-country |
| 22 May | Working Bee #1 at HCS – all welcome to come and help |
| 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.

Text of the Week

Text of the week Isaiah 2:1-4

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple shall be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.



EBBETT

MARQUE OF EXCELLENCE

FUNDRAISING

Samoa Mission Trip - PIZZA Friday Lunch

Prices and Menu will be varied weekly this Term.

Juniors (Y3-8) Please hand money and your order form in to the office in a named envelope!

Secondary line up as usual.

A limited number of sausages will also be available.

*** Yr 1 –2 please NO orders due to class trip ****

SPORTS

Field Hockey results HCS Centurions beat Southwell 3-1.

Gordonton Tennis Club has started. Contact office for more details.

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.

Teacups

Teacups is a group for parents/caregivers of HSC children. We meet regularly with the purpose of fostering community and harmony amongst the school "family". Especially welcome are families new to HSC. This month we are meeting on Wednesday, 5 May, 9:00am to 10:30am at Annemarie Caffyn's 4 Lansbury Court. Please bring a plate of nibbles. Phone Lynette Young (co-ordinator) 853 2643, if any queries.

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 written permission 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

We recently attempted to email information to the parents/guardians of all Y8 and Y9 students (next year's Y9s & Y10s) but, unfortunately, have had some difficulty with some email 'bouncing'. Please note that all the information and forms etc are on the HCS website. Apologies if you missed the email.

NCEA fees and financial Assistance

NCEA fees have been held at the same level as in 2009: \$75 for domestic students (entry to all NQF standards and up to 3 scholarship subjects; additional scholarship entries being \$75 per subject), and \$375 for international students (as for domestic students, with additional scholarship subjects being \$100 each). These fees are as charged by NZQA, include GST, and will be charged to school accounts for all Y11-13 students.

To be eligible for financial assistance (a reduced fee), the applicant (normally the parent or guardian of the candidate) must be the fee-payer for a DOMESTIC student AND meet at least one of the following criteria: (1) be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit; (2) have a joint family income that would entitle the applicant to receive a Community Services Card; (3) be a fee-payer with two or more children who are candidates, where the total fees to pay would otherwise be more than the \$200 multiple candidate maximum. The financial assistance application form and information sheet are available on the NZQA website at www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/secondary/forms.html. Financial assistance applications close with NZQA on **1 September 2010**.

The Seed Album Release Sat 1 May

6.45pm 10 pm **Agora Cafe 13b Kent St**
\$15 entry with album
\$30 family entry with album

University of Waikato Scholarships

The University offers a number of scholarships for school leavers. You can also subscribe to the regular scholarships newsletter by emailing scholarships@waikato.ac.nz with "subscribe" in the subject line



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