



HCS WEEKLY NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Hamilton Christian School

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Dear Parents and Supporters, greetings in His Name

We are planning to hold a preliminary information evening for Year 8 parents, about the secondary programme at HCS, on **Thursday May 20 at 7:00pm** in the Multi-purpose Room. We would like to **encourage every parent of a Year 8 student to come along** as we tell you about our Year 9 programme for 2011, explain the NCEA system, and provide you with some reasons for the importance of Christian education at secondary level. We would also like to have fellowship with those interested afterwards as well in the staffroom.

Parents of students in Years 0-8 need to note that there is a **Teacher-only Day** scheduled for **Friday, 21 May**. School and bus runs will continue as normal for the secondary (Years 9-13) classes.

Our winter sports have kicked off really well with our new rugby team having a great first game last Saturday. It was great to see the number of supporters there and I immensely enjoyed watching the game. There is a vibrancy around the school with all the various sports activities going on this term – it is positively bouyant. We are going to include sports results in a separate area of the newsletter (coaches and managers, thank you for passing these on to Mr B) and we will focus on one team each week with a brief report.

We are very thankful for the encouraging remarks we hear from parents about the school, particularly those who have had experience with the secular school system. It reminds me how blessed we are to have Christian schooling here in Hamilton and that it is precious and worth sacrificing for. God has been good to us in so many ways and the giving spirit evident from so many in the school community is a testimony to His grace. The Text of the Week records the prayer of the apostle for the Ephesians and by extension for all His people – a reminder that we serve a mighty God.

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

Yours in Him

Martin Keast, Principal

Upcoming Events

- 7 May Open Day at HCS/closing date for Values poster entries
- 13-15 May NZACS Leaders' Conference in Wellington
- 14 May The World Vision Famine "Slum Night" at HCS has been **CANCELLED**
- 14-16 May World Vision Famine weekend
- 20 May Junior (Y4-8) Cross-country
7:00 pm Information Evening for Y8 parents
- 21 May Teacher-only Day for Y1-8
- 22 May Working Bee #1 surnames A-K at HCS – all welcome to come and help
- 23 May Pentecost Sunday
- 24 May Whole School Class Photos
- 25 May EWCS Y4-8 Cross-country
- 27 May Secondary Cross-country
7:30pm HCS Inc. AGM
- 28 May 'Sing along with The Seed' Samoa trip fundraiser (Junior School)
- 29 May Working Bee #2 surnames L-Z at HCS

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 HCS. This month we are meeting on Wednesday, 5 May, 9:00am - 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.

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. One delivery of several bags has been acknowledged with thanks.

Text of the Week

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from Whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen

School Open Day

Friday May 7 from 9am to 2:30 pm. Please spread the word amongst your friends and neighbours, and ask them to phone for an appointment.

EVENTS

Values Concept – Micah 6:8

Entries in tomorrow **Friday 7 May** (to Mrs Fick).

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.



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SPORTS

Eastern Waikato Country Schools Soccer

Game 1, Week 3— HCS won against Puketaha 7—0.
Excellent Teamwork !

Senior Boys Soccer: Final score 3-3. A great game and our player of the day probably has to be Jimmy Li who didn't stop running the whole game. Well done to the lads!

Junior Gymnastics has started Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes. Permissions slips should now be in for those participating. If not, please hand to the office. Parental participation welcome! Any questions please ph. Nicolette ten Hove 855 5233 (Coach).

Junior In-Line Hockey

HCS White Hawks played Maeroa Warriors and won 5-0.
An excellent game in the C division.

HCS Red Hawks played Fairfield Phantoms and lost 3-0,
Superb defending by Paul Moon.

HCS Flames vs St Pauls 3-6

HCS Storm vs HGHS 3-2

Field Hockey

6-aside Unforgetables: Won 3-0 vs Te Rapa Tigers; Player of the day: Scott Oatway; Most improved player: Sabriah Peterson

8-aside Crusaders: Won 3-0 vs Rototuna Bronze; Player of the day: Andrew Ruthven (Southcity); Most improved player: Reuben Clark (HCS)

11-aside Centurians: Won 6—0 vs Te Rapa Slicks; Player of the day: Matthew Macdonald; Most Improved player: Connor Bosman.

This week's team of the week: Rugby

Positive comments were made by the Fraser parents about their performance – Mr B is very pleased with the guys. Given that this was a team mostly new to the game, I think Messrs Bezuidenhout, Kamphuis and Pene have done an amazing job of coaching as the team gave Fraser a good run, even getting ahead by half-time after starting two tries down in the first few minutes. The final score was 33-17 to Fraser. Our fitness let us down in the end but it was a most enjoyable experience.


FUNDRAISING

Samoa Mission Trip - Friday Lunch: Hot Dogs/Chips

Prices and menu will be varied weekly this Term.

Juniors (Y1-8) 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.

Cantabs are still being collected to benefit Waikato children requiring services at Starship Hospital. Please send these along to school. Each classroom has a collection tin for these. Thanks. 

Samoa Fundraiser: Firewood for sale \$100 a trailer load, delivery negotiable. Please see Stefan van Woerden to order or e-mail: nicav@hamiltonchristian.school.nz

UNIFORM

Lost Property List

Shoes: Black Roman "Stroud", "Fuel", Roman sandal (small)"Lynx", black sandals "Jaa G", Lynx" black sandals "OS or O"?, "Rugged Shark" Size 5, black sandal (small) "Brad", 3 x pairs unnamed black sandals, 7 x odd sandals—unnamed, size 2 black shoes "Stubbies."

Jerseys: Jonathan Nicholson, Campbell Peart, Domett, Jonas V, French, J Tapara.

Jacket: initials "RAK".

Miscellaneous:

"Airborne" Bike helmet, black bag with crockery , green bag, green togs, goggles, black goggles, 3 lunch boxes, pop up navy Umbrella, stainless steel flask, Laser black back pack, large lime folder (full), book bag—Britt, book bag—Jordan, black "HOW" pencil case, large black sketch book , 8 x Sun Hats—wide brimmed.

Thank you to Mrs Kamphuis for overseeing the lost property. These items will be disposed of in the next few weeks if not collected.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The Junior School are "Getting Energised" – the Junior team have signed up with Project Energise which is a Sports Waikato initiative aimed at improving the health of Waikato children through increased physical activity and improved healthy eating. On the healthy eating note - we strongly encourage our junior and intermediate children not to bring any lollies to school. Y1-8 children may not avail themselves of the lollies being sold in aid of the Samoan trip fundraising effort.

Our daily 15 minute energise sessions begin in week four with our Energiser, Michelle Campbell, visiting each day to run the session. We hope to continue these sessions through out the year. Michelle hopes to be able to visit on a fairly regular basis to play games with the children during lunchtimes. We are also in the process of organising a range of equipment to be available for use at lunch time - balls, skipping ropes and hoops.

Y3 children will be joining in with the main Cross Country race for the first time and the Y1 and 2 children will also be running this year on a shortened course (which will not involve them leaving the school grounds). It should be a great day! There will also be a cake sale (run by Y1-3) on the day of the cross country the proceeds of which will be the Y1 -3 contribution to World Vision.

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.
- Thanks for the blessings the Lord has bestowed on HCS.
- For all the planning and fundraising associated with the Samoa trip.



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