



HCS WEEKLY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Supporters, greetings in His Name

Mr Bezuidenhout and I will be in Wellington, Thursday night through Saturday afternoon, attending the NZ Association of Christian Schools' Leaders' Conference. While we are not looking forward to the colder temperatures, we are looking forward to some stimulating professional development and networking with other Christian school leaders from around the country.

We plan to have a focus on Church history in the assemblies held in Week 6 to link in with Pentecost, which falls on Sunday 23 May. As Christians we have a rich history going back to the very first Pentecost following the ascension of our Lord and the amazing outpouring of the Spirit that God gave to His church at that time as recorded in Acts chapter 2.

We have cross-country competitions, both internal and external, coming up and we would love to see as many students as possible training for and participating in these events. While not always the most enjoyable of physical activities at the time, cross-country running is something most everyone can do and feel good about afterwards.

The Text of the Week is a personalisation of Wisdom speaking of the great things that comes from having wisdom, and the immense value it is to a nation when its lawgivers and judges have this. One of the great aims of true education is to develop wisdom in a person, that 'master principle which keeps everything under control' and we certainly aim for our work at HCS to lay a sound foundation in this regard with our students as "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

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

Yours in Him

Martin Keast, Principal

Upcoming Events

- 13-15 May NZACS Leaders' Conference in Wellington
- 14 May World Vision Famine weekend
- 15 May Rockquest, Clarence St Theatre 1.40pm
- 20 May Junior (Y1-8) Cross-country 1.45pm
Parents and supporters welcome
Cake Sale - C Block; end of School Day
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
- 26 May Hearing and vision checks
- 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

Entertainment Books

Sincere thanks to all those who have supported this year's Entertainment Books fundraiser! The last few books have now been finalised - this year most families were very efficient in getting the book back or payment in, and this was greatly appreciated. At this stage we have sold 82 books, compared to 50 last year, so a great effort! Special thanks to Mrs Lynda Vallandingham and Mrs Lynette Plasket who sold bulk copies for us, and to Mrs Alice Smith for overseeing most of the administration of this project. We still have a few books available from the office, until Friday 21st May.

Text of the Week

Proverbs 8:12-21

"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way, I hate. Counsel is mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is mine. By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, all who judge rightly. I love those who love me; and those who diligently seek me shall find me. Riches and honour are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, and my yield than choicest silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, to endow those who love me with wealth, that I may fill their treasuries."

Prayer Points

- God's blessing on our planned outdoor activities - safety and suitable weather.
- That Mrs Stevenson's back would continue to heal.
- Thanks for the blessings we enjoy as a school community.
- For the Lord to bless the hard work of our support team and our Board, a lot of which often goes unnoticed, but is essential to the success of the school.
- For the teachers who day by day need to live out a godly Christian example before the students.

Welcome Back

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.

Morgan Graham Yr12



Sports Results

Netball

HCS Opals played Dio 9A3 this week and lost 31-14. Regardless of the final result I was very proud of my girls, who played really well. Kelli-Brooke Harvie.

Player of the day: Danae.

HCS Pearls played Te Rapa Diamonds and lost 8-7.

Player of the day: Rosie Brooking.

HCS Diamonds played HGHS Senior B.

Hockey

6 aside Unforgettables played Hillcrest Jets and won 3-2.

Player of the day: Nathan Chatfield (HCS).

Most improved player: Frances Thompson (SC).

A good effort from all the players.

Goals: Joel Shepherd 2, Scott Oatway 1.

Y9-13 Hockey: A very exciting game on Tuesday night, but unfortunately we lost 6-1 to Putururu.

Player of the Day: Ezekiel Crawford (fantastic perseverance and stamina Ezekiel).

Most Improved Player: Matthew Newman (with some great saves in the goal).

In Line Hockey

Junior: HCS Red Hawks drew 2 all against Te Kowhai.

HCS White hawks won 7-2 against Hamilton West.

Senior: HCS Storm vs St Johns A: 0-0.

HCS Flames vs Hillcrest 2-4.

Rugby

HBHS 55 vs HCS 5. A beautiful try scored by Aaron Preest; Player of the match Kadyn Cassidy.

Soccer

7th Grade: HCS Pioneers vs Rototuna Wolves 0-1

8th Grade: HCS Pilgrims vs Glenview United Wolves 1-4

9th Grade: HCS Panthers vs Crawshaw Crocodiles 1-2

11th Grade: HCS Predators vs Vardon Rockets 7-0

Open Grade: HCS Pythons vs Crawshaw Razors 2-2

The senior girls 1st XI soccer team cemented their good start to the season by beating SHCG 2nd XI 3 – 2. Player of the day was Maya Mahagna She was ably assisted in the midfield by Shannon Whitelock who was playing her first game of soccer for HCS. Great start to the season girls!

Fundraising

Samoa Mission Trip - Friday Lunch: Nachos

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.

CAKE SALE THURSDAY 20 May

To raise funds for World Vision, there will be a cake stall outside C Block at the end of the school day. Large purchases or whole cakes can be charged to your school account.

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

Events

Year 9 Speech Soiree Update

Last Monday evening, we had a fabulous evening being entertained by 10 Yr 9 students. These were the students who qualified to enter into our Yr 9 school speech finals competition. The winners were: Simone Dowling, who spoke on Easter, Louise Stevenson, who spoke on Tennis; and Karen Lock, whose topic was Traditions. Linda Fletcher's speech on Hunting, was highly commended. Two wonderful young ladies, Rachel Brandt and Evie McHugh were the MCs for the evening.

The year 9 food technology class contributed nibbles for our invited guests and the information/communication technology class designed the invites, programme and slide-show. It's great when the skills learnt in the different subject areas come together to meet a need in a real-life context. Many thanks to Mrs van Woerden and Mrs Schmidt, our technology teachers, for actively working with our young people to enable this to happen!

Betty Diprose and Nica van Woerden – Y9 English teachers

SEED Album Release Concert

Well done SEED for the great concert you organised at Agora Café, Saturday week ago. It was a dream come true – thanks to your focus and hard work! Your album has got a professional edge to it, as has your music!

If anyone is interested in purchasing SEED's CD/DVD album, see Stefan or Nica van Woerden – or leave a message at the school office. Cost is \$10.00.

Rockquest 2010! Saturday May 15th

We have two bands who have entered into this year's Rockquest – 'Seventh Day' and 'All are Blind'. The Waikato heats are on Saturday this year so our bands are able to enter in our own region.

Venue: Clarence St Theatre (beside Pak 'n Save)

Times: 1.40pm (Seventh Day) and 2.30pm (All are Blind).

Be great to see you there – our bands would sure appreciate the support! If you have further queries, see Betty Diprose.

Hearing and Vision Screening 26 May

Y1-8 students that have not completed routine hearing and vision checks will be assessed on Wednesday 26 May. Please advise the office if you **DO NOT** wish your child to be included or have any other concerns.

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 to all who have donated this week.

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