



HCS WEEKLY NEWS

The Official Newsletter of Hamilton Christian School

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Dear Parents and Supporters, greetings in His Name

The Parent-teacher interviews earlier this week went really well; there was a positive tone and good fellowship evident throughout. One of our strengths as a school is an educational philosophy that puts the school in partnership with parents and it is pleasing to see that working itself out in practice. Thank you to parents and teachers for making the sessions so successful – we hope our students will be greatly benefitted by the direction and fruit of the discussions.

It was great to see Roger and Sue Morris when they dropped in for a visit recently. From what Roger said, the temperatures are unbelievably high during the summer in the United Arab Emirates where he now works. I understand they will be attending the HCS Friends and Supporters Dinner and would very much love to catch up with people. A large number of people have already signed up to attend the dinner and we are expecting it to be a great night of good fellowship and entertainment.

We are looking forward to a good evening with parents next Wednesday when we plan to present our proposed secondary programme for next year. (See the separate notice re times and venue.) We enjoy the freedom to teach every subject from the perspective of the truth of God's Word and we are thankful to the dedicated teaching staff who work hard to make that a reality each day in the classroom.

I have just finished reading ND Wilson's "Notes from the Tilt-A-Whirl" and I recommend this book as a thought-provoking and poetic Christian perspective on life in "God's spoken World". Today's text of the week links somewhat to this book as it reminds us that this world is indeed sustained by God's Word of power every moment.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone God's blessing. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Him

Martin Keast, Principal

Welcome

Jonathan Brightwell Y0
Aaron Clarke Y12
Jamie Yoon Y8

Text of the Week

Hebrews 1:1-4 *In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So He became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs.*

Prayer Points

- Those students who struggle with academic work; for encouragement and continued effort.
- For the progress of the Gospel both within and without our school community.
- Thanks for the successful Parent-teacher interviews.
- For students in Years 11-13 preparing for practice examinations later this term.

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.

Upcoming Events

29 July	Y1-8 curriculum outlines covering Terms 3 & 4 go home
3 August	ICAS English test
4 August	Graham Braddock teaches Y1-6 Art; Information evening on 2011 Yr 9/10 starting 6:00pm followed by coffee; 7:30 Presentation on Secondary options for 2011 Y11-13. Venue: North City Apostolic Church. All current Y8-12 parents with their children are encouraged to attend
5 August	Kath Bee (singer) visits Y1-6
6 August	Y1-8 NZ Playhouse in the MPR, 2pm; Y9-10 Science Fair MPR 4pm-7pm
9 August	Team and Cultural photographs 9am-noon
12 August	Y7-13 Waimaths Quiz evening
17 August	ICAS Mathematics
19 August	HCS Friends and Supporters Dinner at Valentines 6:30pm for 7:00pm
20 August	Y1-8 Teacher-only Day
24 & 25 August	Secondary Options consultation 3:45-7pm by appointment
26 August	Board meeting



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Sports results

Field Hockey

HCS 1 v Putuaruru 5

Goal: Ezekiel Crawford
Player of the day: Nathan Macdonald
Most improved: Pieter Voogt.

A very exciting game tonight. Our team played a very competitive game and were very cohesive as a team. We had a lot of ball play in our area but, unfortunately, couldn't make it count.

I personally am impressed with the way this team pulls together and encourages each other consistently. They are always positive and keep at it, even when the going gets tough. Keep up the awesome work team! - Valerie.

Draw for next Tuesday:
3 Aug 5.30pm at St. Peters v Cambridge High Boys 2nd x 1

PS. If you have a problem getting to any game or practice please let me know in advance and I can arrange a lift. We have a large van and can usually fit more in.

6 aside Unforgettables 3 v Ham East Gheckos 0

The first half was a bit untidy, but in the second half the team played better with more passing and looking to pass, and players starting to look for space to move into.

Player of the day: Cherise Bronkhorst (SCS)
Most improved player: Courtney Young (HCS)
Goals: Cherise Bronkhorst (SC) 2, Anton Lee 1.

8 aside Crusaders

Crusaders 4 v Rototuna 1
Player of the day: Levi (SC)
Most improved player: Michael Brandt (HCS).

11 aside Centurians 5 v Hillcrest 1

11 aside Bluesticks 4 v Fraser 1
Player of the day: Ezekiel Crawford
Most improved player: Daniel Preest
Goals: Ezekiel Crawford 2, Felicity Thompson 1, Sam Perry 1.

Draws:

6 aside Unforgettables

31 July 8:30 1c vs St. Pius Mini Giants

8 aside Crusaders

31 July 11.40 2a vs Ngahinapouri Strikers

11 aside Centurians

Friday 4.20 Water 1 vs Southall Black

11 aside Bluesticks (Highschool)

This Tuesday 6:25pm Water 1 v Putaruru

Please, can players be at the games 20min before start time?

Netball

HCS Opals 18 vs DioB1 38

The Opals team played well against a very good team. Well done. Player of the day: Natacha.

HCS Pearls 14 vs Te Totara Tigers 2.

The Pearls won by a convincing win 14 goals to 2. The girls finally found their rhythm and ran away with the game. There were some amazing intercepts from everyone especially Jayde Afele. Great team work throughout the court. Player of the day was Chantelle Covic.

HCS Diamonds 24 vs Melville Senior Dev 21

The Diamonds played a very close fought battle to finally come away with a win after a slow start. A huge thank you to Deinae Seiuli for playing for us!

Soccer

HCS Pythons 1 v Te Awamutu Red 2

A close game with some excellent chances for the team to take this game in the 1st half. However, TA came out stronger in the 2nd half and won it with a goal in the last few minutes of the game.

Man of the match :Quinton Kipara.

We had 2 games on Saturday: a league match in the morning, followed by a knockout competition in the afternoon.

HCS Pythons 0 v Hamilton North Jackals 6

The team had some good chances to take an early lead in this game against a well organised club side. However, once the first goal went in, tired legs and minds began to show and the team suffered their first heavy defeat of the season to end their knockout competition chances.

Man of the match: James Peplow

HCS Girls 2 v Morrinsville 2nd XI 2

Player of the day: Jessica Hemmes.

HCS Predators 2 v Te Awamutu Cougars 2

We were very lucky to manage a draw against this team as they were attacking for the majority of the game. Ryan Crawford did a fantastic job of guarding the goal and kept the score down. Joshua Goble (SCS) kicked an awesome penalty which landed perfectly in goal and our second goal was scored by great passing between Daniel Airey, Bradley Shepherd and Ben van den Engel for Bradley to kick the goal. We meet this team again in 4 weeks so we will have to up our game to beat them.

Player of the day: Ryan Crawford - he received an All Whites Scarf (donated by Ebbett Prestige).



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MARQUE OF EXCELLENCE

Ice Cream containers

Ice Cream Containers urgently required. Please deliver to the school office. Thank You.

Famine 2010

The school has put in a tremendous effort for this year's 40 Hour Famine. We are very proud to say that we have generated **\$6698.10** for the famine this year. A big THANK YOU to everyone that has put the effort in to participate in the famine and who went without food for 40 hours. I am sure that the money that we have raised will be blessed and will make a difference in peoples lives.

A big THANK YOU to our Year 13 students and especially Brandon, Dylan and Sam for taking the responsibility to co-ordinate the famine throughout the whole school; you have done a fantastic job.

Free Schick Razors

FREE SCHICK QUATTRO TITANIUM RAZORS + a share of \$30,000 sports gear for HCS!!

Schick are helping our school to receive a share of \$30,000 worth of sports gear!

All we need to do is swap any non-disposable competitor's razor (during morning form times in L3 to Mrs Withers) and you will not only receive a free schick razor, but will also help us get sports gear!

The more razors we collect that are competitor brands, the more of the \$30,000 we can receive!

There are 100 free Schick razors available at school when you swap your competitor razor. Once we have 100 razors in, please keep donating your razors to help us earn more sports gear.

The amnesty programme closes next week, Friday August 6.

To see our progress – check out
www.smoothestplayers.co.nz.

When you are on this website please also vote for our rugby team, so that we can have the chance of winning a training session with Marc Ellis.

We might be a small school, but we can do it!!

Jump Rope for Heart

We would like to tidy this fundraising appeal up as quickly as possible. Parents, please ensure your children have sent in their sponsorship money as we have a few outstanding. Thanks!

Fundraising

A flyer showing cookbooks, 2011 gift diaries, gardening books and other gifts has been sent home (and is also available on the school website, under Fundraising). If you are interested in purchasing an item(s), please complete an order form and return this with your payment to the school office by Monday 16th August. Some recipe books are available at the office to view. Thanks to Carina for being willing to co-ordinate this event again this year!

Sports Team & Cultural Photos

Coaches/Managers/Parents/Supporters

Group, team and cultural photos are being taken on Monday 9 August. Please organise for clean uniforms/outfits/props to be at school before 9am.

Events

PULSE BAND COMPETITION

When: Friday 30th July 2010
Doors open from 6:30pm

Where: Gateway Church

Door sales: \$6 per person or \$18 for a family of 4.

Come along to support our two bands from Y7-9 entering!

2011 Secondary Presentation

Wednesday, 4 August at North City Apostolic Church

6:00-7:00pm Presentation on 2011 Y 9 -10 programme.

This would suit parents of current Year 8 and 9 students including people considering HCS for the secondary years.

A coffee break will be held on conclusion.

7:30-9:00pm Presentation on 2011 Y 11-13 course offerings.

We would love to see all current Year 10-12 students and their parents attend this meeting.

HCS Dinner

A reminder to now return the invitations to the office, for the school dinner on the 19th August as spaces are filling up fast. This will be a great night of fellowship and inspiration when we have the opportunity to hear from an accomplished NZ Christian sportsman. Application forms are available on the school website.

Change of date

The two term-three working bees will now be held (DV) on 11 & 18 Sept (not 21 & 28 August). See you there!

Team Samoa

Samoa debrief Friday 6 Aug, 6.30pm – 8pm in MPR.

Anyone interested in seeing and hearing about this trip are welcome. Could Team Samoa please bring a plate for supper? Coffee provided.

ICAS exams

Paper	Date	Number of Candidates	Exams start at 2:15pm and finish at 3:15pm.
English	3 August	37	
Mathematics	17 August	41	

The ICAS exams are on the 3rd of August and it is the English exams. The students will sit the exam in C2 during the last period of the day – starting at 2:15 and would finish at 3:15ish depending on what level they are.

We have 36 students enrolled for the English exams.

Hamilton Community Gospel Choir

There are two fundraising efforts coming up :

Movie Night "Karate Kid" - Monday 2nd August, 6.30pm @ Centreplace.
Tickets \$10.00 per person, only available through choir members. A choir fundraiser.

Concert for Samoa - Saturday 14 August, 7.00pm @ Central Baptist Church, Charlemont Street. Tickets - \$15 Adults, \$5 Children 5-12 years, Under 5's free. Door Sales available. A fundraiser for the choir trip to Samoa.

Combo deal option - If you want to go to both the Movie Night and Samoa Concert, we are offering a "combo" package deal of \$20 (2x \$10) for each adult ticket (which gives you a further saving of \$5, on top of the discounted movie price).

If you want tickets and don't know a choir member, contact Gavin at the school office, and he will take your orders on behalf of his lovely wife!!



Mrs. Brothers showed her fellow church members recently how stylish modelling can be done.

WINTER WARMERS

PORRIDGE

A great way to start the day is with a nice warm bowl of porridge. It's a super cheap breakfast and is low in fat and high in fibre.

1/3 cup of rolled oats
1 cup water or milk

Cook in microwave (about 3mins) or on stove top until it has thickened and gone creamy.

Flavour with fresh fruit, yoghurt, dried fruit or cinnamon.



Lost Property

The lost property cabinet is very full at the moment. Please check through it for any lost items that belong to your family. It will be located outside B Block (opposite C Block), or in the Library foyer. Also, a reminder that second hand uniforms are available via the school website and also through the Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays or by appointment by calling the office.



Clothing for Sale!
Wellington Sevens Clothing
on behalf of Kukri.

15% of the sales go towards our Sports Uniform Funds
The clothing will be available on Friday from 3pm.

We have hoodies, rugby jerseys,
tee-shirts, hats, light jackets

Hats - \$8

Shirts without collars - \$20
Everything else - \$30

The clothing is fabulous quality and will last for years!!
Something for everyone;
be quick, limited stock available.

Hamilton City Hawks

Join the Hamilton City Hawks in Horsham Downs for a run or walk in the Country - Saturday 7 August.

Open to everyone, this event is a handicap 8km road run or walk. It is a great lead up to Round the Bridges. There is also a 2km event for Under 15s.

The 8km route is set along the new Osborne Road track, down Reynolds Road through to Kay Road, turns right up Kay road, back to Osborne Road, then back to the finish. See : <http://www.mapmyrun.com/route/nz/hamilton/446127958688089484>

Each entrant is given a starting time based on their estimated time. Slowest start first. Join us for afternoon tea after the run.

Event Program:

12:30 –1 pm.	Registration
1:15 pm.	Boys & Girls Junior Race under 15 years 2 km: \$3.00
1:30pm	Sweeney Cup 8 Km Handicap \$5.00
2:40 pm.	Afternoon tea and spot prizes

Horsham Downs Hall, Osborne Road, 7 August 2010.

Enter online <http://www.enteronline.co.nz/index.cfm?page=EventDetails&ID=4598> Phone 843 7527 or email the organiser - dudfield@xtra.co.nz

Note - No road closures will be in place. Participants are responsible for obeying marshals' directions and road rules at all times.

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