



# Hamilton North School

Specialist Learning Centres

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## Principal's Corner

### Week 8

**Autism New Zealand Holiday Programmes - Hamilton**  
 Our "Kids Club Holiday Programme" is running from Monday 10 October - Friday 14 October. 5 days for supported group (morning) and 5 days for unsupported group (afternoon).

Our TAYAG for Teenagers / Youth Programme is running from Monday 17 October - Friday 21 October (5 full days).

Any inquiries please contact our Holiday Programme Coordinator - Fran Greenfield on fran200@ihug.co.nz or phone 07 889 6167. Thank you.

**Parent Group Meeting**

**Where:** Lidia Stevens' House, 421 Horsham Downs Rd, Rototuna.  
**Directions:** 4kms north of Rototuna shopping centre on left hand side of road with Woodpecker sign out front.  
**If you need help with transport please feel free to ring Lillian or for directions ring Lidia on 829 4789.**  
**When:** Wednesday 28 September, 9:45-12pm  
**Why:** We are having a shared morning tea, please bring a small plate to share over a cup of tea or coffee. Please come and bring a friend and we can support each other in our daily challenges with our children and young adults.  
**RSVP** to Lillian on 021 067 4390 (phone or text).

**Ace Learn to Swim**  
[www.acelearntoswim.co.nz](http://www.acelearntoswim.co.nz)

If you haven't booked already come and enjoy learning to swim in a safe and friendly environment. Swim everyday for 5 days and see the improvement!!!

**Block Courses - \$70** (for preschool to school age)  
**10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011 or 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011**  
 We are booking up fast!

**Term Dates 2011**

**Term 3** - Monday August 1st to Friday October 7th  
**Term 4**— Monday 25 October to 8th and 15th December  
 Junior Camp - 7th—10th November

Welcome to Kodey Cargill and Toria Kauwhata and their respective families.

All classes are heavily involved in the Rugby World Cup. Rooms are ablaze of colourful flags and jerseys. Everyone is backing the All Blacks and at least one other team to keep interests high.

Special Olympics Basketball Tournament  
 Three teams of senior students competed in skills and games at Fraser High on Tuesday. Staff were extremely proud of the sportsmanship and team spirit employed by the students. Well done to the players and their coaches.

EOTC - Pukemiro Bush Trains  
 The Base school had a very enjoyable and educational experience on the restored trains and carriages. They are looking forward to a return visit in the near future.

Bridge to the Community  
 We have been privileged the last few weeks to have Nanny Trainees from Wintec with our students. We were very impressed with the professional skills these young folk displayed and wish them well with their future studies.

Professional Development  
 Congratulations to Elizabeth Hassan, Val Jones, Trish Martens and Belinda Moanaroa who have completed the 'Incredible Years' programme this year.



<p><b>Quote:</b> "Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is a quiet voice at the end of the day saying 'I will try again tomorrow'."</p>	<p>Leonie Matthews Principal</p>
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The purpose of the visit was to have a close up look at some of New Zealand's "living fossils" and look at some of their attributes.



Some students were able to successfully identify that a tuatara is a cold blooded reptile.

## Waipa Satellite visits Otorohanga Kiwi House

Students were able to see the sharp teeth of a tuatara during the keeper's talk.



While walking in the "Tuatarium", students were able to locate most of the tuatara in their enclosures.



Students were given the opportunity to stroke the tuatara and its soft spines that form the crest along its back.