

TRANSPORT

If you have shifted during the holidays then you will need to fill out a **NEW Transport Application** for your child. Please see me for this application as they do take up to two weeks to be processed by the Ministry of Education.

ST ANDREWS UNIFORM 2012

Both the School uniform, and now the P.E uniform, are available from Teamwear NZ. They are located at the corner of Tristram and Rostrevor Streets with parking at the rear. Please ensure that your child has a uniform that fits.

TOMATOES

These are available from Yvonne in the transition class at \$4 per kg. If you wish to order these please send a note with the money to Yvonne.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Lillian Garrett of 'C.A.R.E. Services Trust' would like to welcome you to a new year. They are having their 'Parent Group Meeting' at 'The Verandah Coffee Shop at Hamilton Lake on 29 February 2012 from 9:45am to 12pm.

They are having their first informal meeting for the year. Come along and bring a friend and meet with other parents from the school. This is a time to share information and ideas over a cup of tea or coffee.

If you need help with transport or directions, please feel free to ring Lillian. RSVP to Lillian—021 067 4390 (phone of text).

AUTISM NZ

Autism NZ Inc. Waikato Branch offer many services and support groups. Please check out their website at www.autismnz.org.nz/Branches/Waikato.php.

Alternatively they can be contacted by

Phone (07) 846 3351 or

Email waikato@autismnz.org.nz or

In Writing 108 Grandview Road, Newton, Hamilton.

Term Dates 2012

Term 1 - Wednesday 1st February to Thursday 5th April

Term 2 - Monday 23rd April to Friday 29th June

Term 3 - Monday 16th July to Friday 28th September

Term 4 - Monday 15th October to Tuesday 18th December

NAPIER CAMP DATES 2012 12—16 March



Hamilton North School

Specialist Learning Centres

Their potential will be maximized by offering them new challenges and opportunities.

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Principal's Corner

Welcome to week 3!

The students have settled really well and are enjoying being back at school. They have been reminded about using the class sun screen and wearing their hats when outside. There are a number of activities coming up over the next month so please make sure you find the class letters and information at the bottom of the school bag!

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE (ERO)

This week, as many of you would know, we have had the **Education Review Team** visiting the school as part of their three yearly visit to schools. The visit began with a welcome from our 'Head Boys' on Monday and will end with the ERO Team reporting to Staff and Board of Trustees today. During the week the Team have met with Board Members, Parents, Staff and outside agencies that the school has associations with. **The verbal report will be presented to the gathering this morning.** The final written report will be published early next month and I will ensure a copy is available for parents/caregivers to read. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who came and supported the school at these meetings.

Reminder-2012 ACTIVITY FEES will be \$80

The Board of Trustees has recognised the pressures that families are under and have kept the 2012 fees the same as previous years. Unfortunately, with many price increases we are finding it difficult to fully fund all the students activities. I can honestly say that Hamilton North's activity fees go towards covering the many costs that the school incurs in providing the many and varied activities for students such as: Weekly swimming, horse riding, transport to activities and community outings to local facilities. Unfortunately, student ORS Funding only covers therapy and Para Professionals (Teacher Aides). The activity costs are met from activity fees and fundraising. As costs continue to increase your assistance by paying the fees is appreciated. So for 2012 we are suggesting families may like to pay \$20 per term to make it easier to budget for the years fees of \$80.

Quote: "Pursue the highest ideals. If you must submit, let it be only to the loftiest mountain"

Tony Kane
Principal





Awesome Artists



Congratulations to *Hemi Taipari* and *Jeremy Piercy*, for outstanding results in the Parent to Parent Waikato Special Children Art Competition.

Hemi won the 5–9 age group with his charming flower collage, while Jeremy received 'Highly Commended' in the 15+ age group for his Rugby World Cup artwork.

'Certificates of Participation' go to Mereana Macdonald, Te Rina Gush–Taipari, Daniel Hooper, Aaron Curle, Arthur Parker, Amy Carline, Cooper Magee, Scott Walters and Lachy Stewart.

