



Hamilton North School

Specialist Learning Centres

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

21 March 2013 Volume 04

Principal's Corner

Welcome to Week 8

The term has raced along with many exciting activities and learning experiences occurring for the students. The Junior School has visited a local dairy farm to experience and learn about where milk comes from. Next week the majority of SLC are off to the Coromandel for four days of camp.

Camp - SLC1,2,3,and 7 are going to the Coromandel from Monday 25 to 28 March. The students are all very excited as they look forward to new challenges as well as learning to socialise and work together.

Special Olympic Swimming Sports in Te Awamutu was a great success with many of our students displaying increased confidence and skills.

ENERGIZE update: Term One has been all about fitness leading up to our swimming sports and camp. Our students have been active over the last seven weeks completing most days a fitness circuit involving various exercises to raise their fitness levels. Each station around the circuit challenged our students to run, jump, step, hop, leap - raising pulse rates and improving their cardiovascular performance. After camp week, small ball skills and related games will take us to the end of term one.

ZIRKA Circus - we have been given a limited number of Student Achiever vouchers that can be redeemed for a complimentary ticket to the Circus for x1 child. This is on a first in first serve basis. Please let your child's classroom teacher know by notebook if you are interested in going before 21 April 2013. Every student will receive a flyer, giving a \$2 discount on presentation of the flyer when purchasing a ticket.

Absences: Reminder to all parents/caregivers to please phone into the school office before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent for the day.

Buses: You are also required to phone and advise **Go Bus** of any absence, or alteration to end of day pickup. Please phone the following numbers at Go Bus;

- Lynda 021 314 442 Hamilton Operations Manager
- Brenda 021 747 690 Ngaruawahia and Huntly Operations Manager
- Greg 021 759 084 Te Awamutu Operations Manager
- Glenn 021 826 790 General Manager Operations
- Colin 021 746 612 School Transport Manager

If you have a complaint or concern then please ring one of the above to express your concern.

Autism NZ - April School Holidays

The April Holidays are fast approaching and with it the Holiday Programmes. We are in full swing of developing the programme and schedule outline. We have some exciting events planned for you all and are sure you will all love the theme and focus for these Programmes. If you haven't returned your enrolment forms yet we would appreciate them URGENTLY. You may either post them to us at PO Box 406, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton or email to waikato@autismnz.org.nz Once we have all enrolment forms, it will be full steam ahead to get everything finalised and out to you. Thanks to you all for the support you give.

Bridget Sneddon talks about Family Collectives

If you watch "Attitude TV" on Sunday, then you will recognise Bridget as being the fantastic mum behind the inspirational Alex Sneddon - a young man with Down Syndrome living life on his own terms. Parent to Parent Waikato is excited to announce that Bridget has kindly agreed to come to Hamilton and speak on the topic of family collectives, so grab this opportunity! All parents who have a disabled son or daughter, one of the many lifestyle options is for the person to live in a home of their own and to be a contributing and valued member in their community. To support these outcomes, how might families work together? Bridget brings her personal story to us in how her son Alex, who has an intellectual disability, achieved and continues to achieve life on his terms. Bridget Sneddon is well known in the disability sector and a very interesting and inspiring person to hear talk.

When: Thursday 4th April

Where: CCS Disability Action Meeting Room, Claudelands Road, Hamilton

Time: 7:30pm

Cost: Gold coin donation please

RSVP: Carol at waikato@parent2parent.org.nz or phone 07 848 1362.

School Dates 2013:

Term 1: Wed 30 January to Fri 19 April

Term 2: Mon 6 May to Fri 12 July

Term 3: Mon 29 July to Fri 27 Sept

Term 4: Mon 14 Oct to Fri 13 Dec

Other School & Public Hols 2013:

Good Friday	29 March
Easter Monday	1 April
Easter Tuesday	2 April
Anzac Day	Thursday 25 April (during school holidays)
Queens Birthday	Mon 3 June
Labour Day	Mon 28 October

Quote: "I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure: Try to please everybody."

Tony Kane
Principal



BASE SCHOOL

At the Base School, an extra Sensory Group with students from Base 1 & 2 and Base 5 has been formed. These students participate in "hands on" activities and make discoveries using their senses (smell, taste, vision, sound, touch and bodily movement). Students liked the feel of the rough sand and the smooth shaving foam on their feet. It was lots of **FUN!**



The students in this group love water play and enjoy the water on their feet and hands. Some of their favourite water activities are: water balloons, lots of bubbles and feeling the water being sprinkled on them.

