



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

Welcome back everyone to what will be an exciting term! It's great to see so many smiling and happy students, staff members and families. I know the teachers have got many interesting things planned as part of our curriculum this term. I would especially like to welcome the following:

Teaching Changes:- Shansaz Cooke and Patrisha Ambrose continue to work at Waipa and Crawshaw Satellite Classes.

New Students:- Manaia Thompson, Brooklyn Martin-Ulberg and McKenna Foote all in Base 4. Alexandra Mitchell Base 5, and Ryan Horscroft in Rm 17 at Crawshaw.

We welcome them and their families to our school and wish them well for their time with us.

Walkathon: Hamilton Lake - 24th May

Hamilton North School is holding its bi-annual 'Walkathon' on 24th May. Students will walk or wheel around Hamilton Lake. This is also a "fun" fund raising event and the money raised by your child will be used in their classroom.

Fieldays - June 12-15

Selling and bagging **Programmes for Fieldays, at Mystery Creek. For those new to the school, this is a whole school initiative.** We intend operating the same way as in previous years with everyone working a full day at Mystery Creek. I have attached a form asking for those able to assist. Please fill in and return this to school. We have had a number of people keen to help already. For many of those who couldn't help with selling, they offered to keep their children at home so that support staff were freed up to help at Fieldays with the selling of programmes.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION DECLARATION OF PARENT ELECTION RESULTS

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

PARENT REPRESENTATION:

DON BRIGHT

JANET HODGSON

SHELLEY CAMPBELL

CHRIS HARVEY

KARA LOCKHART

Martin Harris
Returning Officer

Quote: "It's not how much you do but the effort you put in to doing it."

Tony Kane
Principal



Building a Good Life—Hamilton Workshops for Family/Whanau

For over three decades SAMS, an independent family governed Trust, has provided family members and caregivers with an opportunity to meet with other families and share helpful ideas and access information about disability services. Currently, there are a number of new approaches like Individualised Funding (IF), Whanau Ora, Local Area Co-ordination (LAC), Enabling Good Lives and Transition services. All of these initiatives rely on informed and skilled families to be successful. SAMS believes it is critical for families to be able to access independent family facilitated education and support. SAMS are facilitating workshops in Hamilton that enable family/Whanau to be informed and effective contributors to planning and designing supports.

The workshops are open to any family member. However, these events will be of particular relevance and value to families with a family member about to transition from school or families who may be potentially associated with Enabling Good Lives (i.e. families who have a family member using existing vocational or day services).

Course are: Free to participants and limited to between nine and fourteen participants for each of the four sessions. Sessions will build on content from previous workshops. Attending all workshops is recommended (although not essential).

Venue: The Rotary Lounge at Hamilton Gardens Pavillion (off Cobham Drive, off Hungerford Crescent)

Times: Workshops start 9:30am and finish 2:30pm

Dates: 15 May 2013, 19 June 2013, 14 August 2013 and 16 October 2013

Refreshments: Tea and Coffee will be provided (please bring your own lunch)

Content of workshops will be negotiated with participants. Some options may include:

“Enabling Good Lives” / Rights / Service design options / Partnership techniques / Innovations in New Zealand / Aspiration based planning / Negotiation-Conflict strategies / Developing personal networks.

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Or

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School Dates 2013:

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:

Queen's Birthday - Mon 3 June

Labour Day - Mon 28 October

Class/Individual & Sports teams photos - Change of Date:

School class and individual photos will now be taken in Term 2, Fri 21st June 2013.