

SPRING BALL

Hamilton North School is hosting their bi annual Ball for students and adults with special needs, **aged 15 years and over**, from all over the Waikato Region.

WHEN: Friday 1st November 2013 **TIME:** 7:30 - till midnight

WHERE: VARDON SCHOOL HALL, 36 Cunningham Road, Hamilton

COST: Tickets \$20.00 (Pre-sold from Hamilton North School Office).

DRESS CODE: strictly **FORMAL**

Supper provided and snacks available for purchase.

For all enquiries and ticket sales please phone the Hamilton North School office on Ph: 849 3029 or visit our school office between 8:30am—2:30pm Monday to Friday.



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 7

We now have 3 weeks before the end of term and there are a number of competitions and activities occurring. This week has seen the presentation of the Junior School Production at the Church of the Latter Day Saints (who we wish to thank for allowing Base to use their hall) and also the Transition Class leave on their Australian Camp. So a week of high excitement all round and not only for the students! I must thank the Staff (Teaching and Support) who have dedicated themselves to ensuring that these activities are a huge success. Just by seeing the many family and friends supporting our students indicates the pride that the students bring to us all.

BASE Production-What a fantastic presentation and it's so good to see many families and friends there to encourage and support our children. My thanks to Jackie and Michele for their ideas and direction and to the rest of the staff for their dedication, encouragement and support. A true team effort that showcased our students abilities to have a go and be involved.

Transport - Reminder

If your child is to be away from school or your child is experiencing a problem on the bus could you please contact **Go Bus**; for Hamilton ph:021 314 442, Huntly ph:021 747 191 or Te Awamutu ph:021 759 084. This means the drivers can be notified early of absences and issues.

Phone Calls to School - Reminder

Can I please ask parents and caregivers to leave a message at the office rather than disturbing classrooms during class times (9am—2:30pm). Either Martin or Tracy will record your message and pass it on at the first break. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Head Lice

As you all know, head lice (nits, kutu bugs) are a continuing problem in schools. We appear to be having such a problem at present and are asking all parents/caregivers to check their child's heads and treat as necessary. During outbreaks continue to check your child's head daily after live headlice are found and treated. If LIVE lice or eggs are found, check everyone in the house and treat all affected family members at the same time as well as bedding and soft toys.

Sports: The Special Olympics Basketball Competition is taking place next Tuesday 17 September at the Fraser High School gym. We have our Junior A and B (SLC 2/3/7) Teams competing. The day begins at 9:30 am with skills sessions before competitive games begin.

Autism NZ Waikato Branch Holiday Programme for children on the Autism Spectrum.

Programme is a chance for the children to come along and have fun during the term holidays.

The Holiday Programme is split into two different groups. Week one is Kids Club (5-12) and week two is Teenagers (12-20). Our daily schedule starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm.

Details of our next programme- October Holidays Kids Club- 31st September – 4th October

Teenagers- 7th – 11th October. We are OSCAR approved and Carer Support is able to be used as payment for our Holiday Programme. For further information please contact the Waikato Branch on 07 849 2896 or email Adam on adam.connolly@autismnz.org.nz

Using Individualised Funding to Create a Good Life – Forum by Imagine Better

Tony McLean from Imagine Better is facilitating regional forums on 'Using IF/EIF to create a good life'. The forums are a response to many conversations around how to get the best use out of Individualised Funding and aim to address this issue. Given the sessions are only 90 minutes, we will cover 5 key elements that really seem to make an impact when they are understood and implemented. Hamilton Forum is

Wednesday 18th September 7.30pm – 9pm at Parent to Parent Office, 8 Liverpool Street, Hamilton

See attached flyer. To find out more or register contact Tony McLean tony@imaginebetter.co.nz or 0800 787 587.

Legal Issues Workshop

Thursday October 24th from 1pm to 2:30pm

- Welfare guardianship
- Powers of attorney
- Property management
- Other legal issues around special needs and the transition to adulthood

Facilitated by Nan Jensen
(barrister and solicitor)

At Hamilton North School (*everyone welcome*)



School Dates to remember 2013:

Term 3: Mon 29 July to Fri 27 Sept

Term 4: Mon 14 Oct to Fri 13 Dec

Other Important Dates to remember

Labour Day Mon 28th October - Public Holiday (**No school this day**)

Quote: "If you do good things, then good things will eventually happen to you.."

Tony Kane
Principal



Base Production



First we read our Circus Story and then we practised and practised



Spinning Plates



Walking the beam



and then TA DAAA - **Our Production**

