

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9

We have now completed three quarters of the year. Looking back we can see the many activities and challenges our students have experienced. From productions to overseas camps, the students have not had time to stop and yet every student has achieved at their own pace and level! Even for the staff, everyday is a learning experience and we are taught by our students that anything can be achieved with perseverance and effort. My thanks to all the staff who plan and execute these wonderful activities so that our students learn how to behave and act in new and unfamiliar settings. We can now look forward to warmer weather and increased outdoor activity in our final term.

**Transport:** We have been working with Go Bus to have our students arrive later at school. At present many are arriving before 8:30am and this is well before our support staff begin at 9:00am. Therefore we have asked the bus company to delay picking the students up until after 7:30am, this will then reduce the early arrival of the students. It will also reduce some of the family stresses in the morning with many parents hurrying to get their children ready. Please support us with this so that the students are safe and fully supervised while at school.

**Transition Class:** The group has returned from their Australian camp with enthusiasm and an increased confidence after completing many new challenges that are unavailable in New Zealand. The students and staff will recount their adventures and experiences for many years to come!

### Change of Law as of November 1st 2013:

As of November 1st the child restraint laws will be changing. It will be mandatory to have your child in an approved child restraint until their 7th birthday. This will mean that to continue to access learning in the community we will require your child's approved restraint at school for use during the day. The law also says you must: Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle (and if not, in any child restraint or safety belt that is available), from their 7th birthday until their 8th birthday.

Please refer to [www.nzta.govt.nz/about/media/releases/2669/news.html](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/about/media/releases/2669/news.html) for further clarification regarding the new law. We have enclosed a pamphlet for parents of students 8years and younger, regarding how to correctly restrain your child in an approved child restraint.

**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- 31<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October Teenagers- 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adam.connolly@autismnz.org.nz)

**Waikato SPCA** are holding a family fun day at the shelter, 219 Ellis Street, Frankton, Hamilton, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-4pm.

This is a day to create awareness and gain much needed resources for the impending kitten season and the continual influx of puppies. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a day filled with fun, games and raffles. There will also be a bouncy castle, face painting, miniature pony and sausage sizzle.

Please bring along a gift for the animals as entry fee.

### **Legal Issues Workshop**

Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> 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

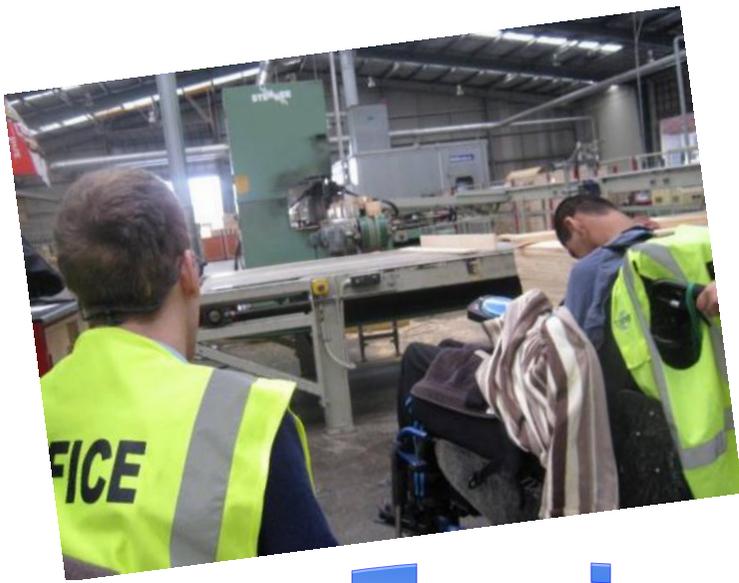
### Other Important Dates to remember

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

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

Tony Kane  
Principal





# Touring Timpack Industries

A small group of students, recently had the opportunity to learn about Timpack, a local business within the community. They were shown around the factory by Andy. They were able to see pallets, physically made and run through a machine. For some the busy and noisy environment was a clear winner.

