



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



This whole year has moved incredibly fast and we are now into the final term of the year. There is a lot happening throughout this term so please continue to read these newsletters at home. This way you will be aware of exactly what is happening and will not miss out sharing some of the experiences with your child.

Construction Work: After a long wait builders have finally begun redeveloping the Base School Ablution Block that will see new toilet, bathroom and laundry facilities renewed and extra storage added. In the mean time please be aware that we have tradesmen entering and leaving the school when you visit. More developments are on the way and I will keep you updated as the final planning stages occur.

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.

Reminder-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 for further clarification regarding the new law. We have enclosed a pamphlet for parents of students 8yrs and younger, regarding how to correctly restrain your child in an approved child restraint.

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

Tony Kane
Principal



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.



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 4: Mon 14 Oct to Fri 13 Dec

18th Oct. Rugby Match Vs. Mt. Richmond School in Auckland

22nd Oct. Cricket Competition for senior school

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

31 Oct. Special Olympics Athletic Day at Porritt Stadium

1 Nov. Hamilton North School Spring Ball

1-3 Nov. Waikato A & P Show

4 Nov. BOT Meeting

11-15 Nov. SLC5/6 School Camp

24 Nov. Annual Charity Bike Run

2 Dec. BOT Meeting

11 Dec. School Prize Giving & SLC classes finish

13 Dec. Base & Waipa classes finish

18 Dec. Crawshaw classes finish