

## 2014 School Term Dates

Term 1 - Thurs 30th Jan to Thurs 17th April

Term 3 - Mon 21st July to Fri 26th Sept

Term 2 - Mon 5th May to Fri 4th July

Term 4 - Mon 13th Oct to Fri 12th Dec

## Parent to Parent - upcoming events

**"Tips for Autism"** - is a course where a team of people dedicates three days to learning about and developing interventions and plans to support their child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). The course is free for participants and available nationwide for teams supporting school-aged children with ASD. Upcoming course in Hamilton - Te Rapa Racecourse, Ken Brown Drive, Hamilton.

When: 13-15 May 2014. For more information or to register please go to [www.tipsforautism.org.nz](http://www.tipsforautism.org.nz)

**Dinsdale Lions 18th Annual Zoo Day** - A day of fun at Hamilton Zoo for people with disabilities and **immediate** family/caregiver. When: Sunday 16th March 2014. Time: 10am—2pm. Entry: Free for people with disabilities and their **immediate** family/caregiver. Entertainment with the Art Gecko Band. Sausage Sizzle, Soft Drinks, Ice Blocks will be provided. Dinsdale Lion contacts are; Graeme Opie 07 825 2005 and Roger Bell 027 440 0370.

## Important Term 1 Dates

- March 12th Special Olympics Swimming Sports at Te Awamutu.
- March 17-21 Camp at Rotorua (SLC 3,4,&7)
- March 26th Hot Air Balloons

## FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK - SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

### AWESOME SPOT PRIZES, FOOD & FAMILY FUN!

Your \$2 gold coin donation to enter will go to The Gift of Knowledge. Funds raised will be used to help create awareness about hereditary breast, ovarian & prostate cancer and support those impacted by it.

**WHEN:** 8:30am registration for 9am start, Sun 16th March 2014.  
**WHERE:** Meet at the Lake edge of Innes Common, Hamilton  
**FOLLOW:** [www.facebook.com/hamiltonlakeoop](http://www.facebook.com/hamiltonlakeoop) for map and updates.

RAISING FUNDS FOR:



Hamilton lake loop logo & flyer by [www.c-creative.co.nz](http://www.c-creative.co.nz)

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

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Principal's Corner

## Week 5

This morning I received a letter from **The Ministry of Health** asking that we pass on to you the attached letter from the Director of Public Health, Dr Darren Hunt, concerning the measles outbreaks. A copy of this letter has been included as an insert for you to read. Please read it carefully and ring the school office if you require clarification on any aspects.

The continued spell of dry weather has enabled our classes to be physically active in the local community enjoying walks and sporting activities.

There are a number of important dates to be aware of and they are as follows:

**Special Olympic Swimming Sports** will be held on Wednesday March 12 at the Te Awamutu Sports Centre beginning at 10:00am. We wish all our students well and know they will acquit themselves well in their races.

**Camp** - SLC 3,4 and 7 are going to Rotorua from the 17 to 21 March. This is an exciting time for the students as they learn to socialise and work together.

## 2014 ACTIVITY FEES have remained at \$80

The Board of Trustees has recognised the pressures that families are under and have again kept the 2014 fees at \$80. Unfortunately, with many price increases we are finding it difficult to fully fund all our activities. I can honestly say that Hamilton North's activity fees go towards covering the many costs that the school incurs in providing the many and varied activities for students such as: Weekly swimming, horse riding, transport to activities and community outings to local facilities. Student ORS funding only covers Therapy and Para Professionals (Teacher Aides). The activity costs are met from activity fees and fundraising. As costs continue to increase your assistance by paying the activity fee is appreciated. So for 2014 we are suggesting families may like to pay \$20 per term to make it easier to budget.

**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



# Painting Portraits in the Art Studio



We are learning to use a stencil to help us get a nice big head shape for our portrait.



We added our facial features ....



..... and chose bright coloured paints for our t-shirts and background.



Working with care, we finished our portraits by painting our faces and hair and decorating the t-shirt with paper collage.

