

## 2014 School Term Dates

Term 3 - Monday 21st July to Friday 26th September

Term 4 - Monday 13th Oct to Friday 12th December



### ATHLETICS – DRAMA & SPEED

**USAIN BOLT** – Jamaica. Triple Olympic Champion and World Record holder. 100m in 9.58s!

A great vegetable and secret weapon for speed is... yams! They're packed with vitamins and natural energy. Other great energy foods: breads, cereals, potatoes, bananas, pasta and rice.



### GYMNASTICS – STRENGTH & GRACE

Both artistic and rhythmic gymnasts need to fuel their body and mind with long lasting energy.

Porridge, wholegrain cereals and breads are a great start to an athlete's day!



## AUTISM NZ - Waikato

### Coffee Group - Come visit our branch!

We would love to meet some of our local families, and invite new members, supporters, and friends who may be interested to learn more about our courses and what our Waikato branch has to offer. We are also interested in ideas and suggestions you may have about developing our services. Sharing is good! So do come along (on our new regular coffee morning date of the second Tuesday in the month) the next being Tuesday 2nd September - 10.30am at our place, 57 Sunshine Avenue, Te Rapa. Entrance is left past the Te Rapa Tavern down a long driveway. Plenty of parking outside.

We look forward to meeting you.

### Holiday Programme Sept/October

Planning has begun for the September/October Holiday Programme. The Holiday Programme will run from Monday 29th of September to Friday 10th of October.

It is an exciting time for us with a new venue confirmed which we are sure both students and staff will enjoy. The new venue is at the Hamilton Christian School, North City Road.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Joelle Walker and I am very happy to be the new Holiday Programme co-ordinator. My background is Teaching and Support Work. I have a passion for working with young people and organising fun events. I am excited by my new role and look forward to meeting many of you in the near future.

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## 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 TERM 3 - WEEK 5

On August 7 we had an unexpected visitor to the school in the form of Commonwealth Gold Medal Boxing winner David Nyika. His mother Susie is our physiotherapist and decided to bring David to school to meet our students and staff. (Barely 4 hours after arriving back in the country!!) What a fantastic role for one so young. Our students were very impressed with the medal and had numerous photos taken with David. You can see some of these on the inside pages.

### TEACHER DEVELOPMENT DAY- NO SLC CLASSES Friday 12th September

Due to Hamilton's Junior High School holding a Professional Development day on 12th September there will be no school for all SLC students. This allows our teaching staff to have Professional Development on this day.

**Reminder our targets for Improving Student Achievement 2014 laid out in the school's Charter are as follows:** Throughout the year classes will be developing their understanding and knowledge in these two areas;

#### 1. **English (Literacy)** For students to develop confidence in sharing literature with others.

As a school we are working hard to improve the following aspects-

- Independence therefore giving students more control over their choices.
- Students to improve care and appropriate handling of books.
- Foster a love of reading.
- Sustain focus on reading participation.
- Immerse students at appropriate levels and interests of material.
- All students in Year 1-8 with a reading / writing goal included in their IEP.

**2. Science and Technology** To collect data that identifies student achievement in science and technology. The students' knowledge, skills and understanding of how a resource becomes a product they use.

*"We don't achieve literacy and then give students literature; we achieve literacy through literature".*

Tony Kane  
Principal





We were privileged to have 2014 Commonwealth Games NZ Boxing Gold Medallist, David Nyika, visit Hamilton North School on Thursday 7th August. A surprise morning tea had been put on for his mother, Susie Nyika, who is the physiotherapist working with some of our students. Susie in return surprised us by having David come in and share his experience in Glasgow and the thrill of representing NZ to win “Gold”. This was an experience that our students will remember for a long time.

