### **Important Term 1 Dates**

March 23-27: Camp at Orewa (SLC 1,2,& 7)

### **2015 Term Dates**

Term 1 - Tues 3rd Feb to Thurs 2nd Apr

Term 2 - Mon 20th Apr to Fri 3rd July

Term 3 - Mon 20th July to Fri 25th Sept

Term 4 - Mon 13th Oct to Wed 16th Dec



# "NEGOTIATING WHAT I WANT"

PRACTICAL SKILLS TO INCREASE THE CHANCE
YOU ARE UNDERSTOOD AND CAN GET WHAT YOU ARE WANTING

New approaches require disabled people and families to identify what they want and negotiate for what they want. This course will enable you to develop and refine skills that will increase your communication and negotiation skills









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## Hamilton North School

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

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Principal's Corner

### Welcome to week 5!

The term is flying by and our new Sensory/Administration building continues to take shape daily, with the roof almost completed and the exterior cladding being commenced. This building will house the Hamilton North, Management and Administration staff along with Kelston (Deaf Education) and BLENNZ (Blind Education) staff who work as itinerant teachers throughout the Waikato Region. Our students and staff will benefit greatly from the close liaison we will have with these organisations. Completion date is May 25th, 2015, and then the Base School modernisation can begin. By the end of the year we will have completed modern learning environments.

#### **Events:**

<u>Special Olympic Swimming Sports</u> were held yesterday at the Te Awamutu Sports Centre with our students achieving excellent results.

<u>Senior Camp: Orewa</u> is underway this week and by all accounts the students are having a great time and today they were visiting 'Snow Planet' after being at Goat Island snorkeling yesterday.

2015 ACTIVITY FEES have increased to \$85: The Board of Trustees has recognised the pressures that families are under and have kept the fee increase to \$5 making the years fee \$85. 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. We are again suggesting families may like to pay \$21.25 per term to make it easier to budget.

<u>DECILE FUNDING REVIEW</u>: Attached is a coloured insert asking for information that will help review why our Decile Rating changed, as we believe it does not accurately reflect our school community. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Quote: "Pursue the highest ideals. If you must submit, let it be only to the loftiest mountain"

Tony Kane
Principal











SLC 7 Health and Physical Education

### HORSE RIDING

Qualified and experienced instructors work with our students. The safety and needs of each student is matched to a suitable pony in order to provide the rider the most productive stimulation and a safe therapeutic ride.





