

Attention Bikers

Hamilton North Special School

9th annual charity motorbike run - \$5 entry
Open to anyone with a motorbike.

Sunday 22nd November

at Hamilton North School, end of Warwick Ave off Sandwich Rd.

9:30am Ceremonies, tea/coffee
Breakfast and Registration Starts
10:00 Kick stands up.
12:30 Bikes returning & open to public for
gold coin donation

For Further Information Contact:

Michael ph:(07) 849 3029 or Email: michael@hamnorth.school.nz

*BBQ Breakfast and lunch. **All proceeds go towards supporting the students with special needs who attend Hamilton North School.**
*Pies *Raffles *Badges
*Soft drinks and hot drinks



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

WEEK 5

This term appears to be racing and over the next four weeks classes are working hard to complete their years work before they enjoy some planned class outings to finish off the year. This week SLC 5 and 6 are at camp in Auckland and are enjoying the weather and new challenges and experiences that have been planned for them. I have heard that everything is going very well.

SUNSMART: We are a SunSmart School and have been working with our students to discuss the benefits of wearing hats and sunblock when outside. As staff we are trying to be good role models and wear our hats when outside. To help us could you please ensure that hats and sunscreen sent to school are clearly named.

SPECIAL OLYMPIC CRICKET TOURNAMENT: This is being held at the university grounds next Thursday and we have two teams competing. The students really enjoy this day but as indicated in the information sent home, a water-bottle hat and sunscreen are really important.

REMINDER-END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING: In order to find a larger establishment to cater for a growing school roll and family base, we are moving to the Central Baptist Church in Charlemont Street, for our end of year prize-giving. Please record in your diary the 14 December 2015. Can everyone to please be seated by 10:15am - prize-giving will commence at 10:30am. This will ensure you don't miss out on this opportunity to see students acknowledged for their efforts over the year.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL: All visitors, including outside agencies and parents are to report to the School Reception upon arrival to school. Whether you are picking a sick child up or dropping anything off, you must report to reception in the first instance please. For privacy of all students please do not arrive unannounced in any classroom.

TRANSPORT REMINDERS: If you are shifting house or changing carer at anytime you will need to fill out a **NEW Transport Application** for your child. Shifting out of zone can also mean you can lose the transport so please see me at the office for this application as they do take up to two weeks to be processed by the Ministry of Education. Also, if your child is sick can you please let the bus company know on 021 314 442 Lynda (Hamilton Area), 021 747 191 Joanne (Huntly/Ngaruawahia/Waipā Areas) or 021759084 Greg (Te Awamutu Area).



Join us this Sunday, 15 Nov at 9am at JUMP North Shore & **JUMP Hamilton** for a one hour sensory session for children with disabilities and their families where we will turn down the music and dial down the distractions for the comfort of our jumpers.

Cost – JUMP Hamilton

\$10 per hour for a child under 110cm with a spectator only
\$15.00 for General Admission (with B.Y.O JUMP Branded Socks)
\$16.50 for General Admission

One carer has the option to JUMP for free with a child jumping. PLEASE NOTE: This offer is only valid during our JUMP sensory sessions. Bookings are essential! BOOK NOW on our website www.jumpwithus.co.nz and select JUMP sensory session, alternatively you can call us on 0800 JUMP WITH US. All participants should arrive 20 minutes before their scheduled jump time to get checked in and listen to the safety briefing.

Unwell/Absent Children:

If your child is going to be absent from school please phone the School Office on 07 849 3029.

Visitors to School:

All visitors must report to Reception upon arrival to school and sign IN, then sign OUT when leaving. Thank you.

2015 Term Dates and Events:

22 Nov - Charity Motorbike Run
14 Dec - Prizegiving (to be held this year at Central Baptist Church in Charlemont Street - everyone to be seated by 10:15am)

Quote: 'Readers are plentiful; thinkers are rare'.

Tony Kane
Principal



Room 16 Waipa



The students completed a topic study of sedimentary rock called limestone. We visited Waitomo Caves to get a close up look at how limestone dissolves to form caves.

All students went through a natural limestone tunnel. This tunnel is approximately 18 million years old.



The class were lucky enough to watch the training of black water rafters. Very exciting!



Inside the cave it was very dark and we needed torches to see. The students learned that carbon dioxide gas and water, helps dissolve limestone to make caves.



At the Ruakuri Reserve Cave students saw stalactites and stalagmites. We even saw some cave wetas.



The class waited outside the Discovery Centre at Waitomo Caves for the visit with 'Rich' the education officer to have a tour of the centre.



We are standing on a platform that looks down onto one of Waitomo's water falls.



The students are standing in front of one of Waitomo's many 'wet water' caves.