

Waikato Holiday Programme

When—2 weeks each school holiday period.

9am-3pm daily (excluding weekends).

Who—School aged children and youth (5–21) with an official diagnosis of Autism.

Cost—\$175 per week. Can be paid for using OSCAR subsidies or carer support.

(1/2 day carer support = 1 day at Holiday Programme)

What—Wide range of activities designed with input from children, youth, parents, caregivers and staff.

For more information and to book visit  
[www.autismnz.org.nz](http://www.autismnz.org.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

We are now halfway through the term and the heat appears to be subsiding or is that just me thinking positively! I know some students find the heat of the day very difficult and concentration takes a massive hit in the afternoons. Teachers, however, plan for this and run more hands on fun activities to keep all the students on task.

Individual Education Planning (I.E.P) meetings continue to go well and it is great to see a high attendance of parents and caregivers. Again, please remember they are a chance for you and the teacher to discuss and plan the future schooling of your child.

Coming Events

Special Olympic Swimming Sports were held today at the Te Awamutu Sports Centre with our students achieving excellent results.

Next week -Senior Camp: Taupo 7th - 11th March

SLC 4 are excitedly preparing to explore Taupo and the surrounding areas as part of their curriculum studies which are based around Social Studies, Science and Physical Education. They have been discussing plans for keeping themselves safe in unfamiliar settings as they encounter new experiences and challenges. These camps are a tremendous time for students to socialise with their friends outside of the school environment.

2016 ACTIVITY FEES have remained at \$85. Thanks to those families that have promptly paid their fees.

The Board of Trustees has recognised the pressures that families are under and have again kept the 2016 Activity Fees at \$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 varied activities for our students such as: weekly swimming, horse riding, transport to activities, community outings to local facilities and stationery. 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 2016 we are suggesting families may like to pay \$21 per term to make it easier to budget.

**SPEED coming into School: Important Safety Reminder**  
**Vehicle Speed Limit within our School carpark = 5km max**  
**(walking pace only). Road manners would also have vehicles**  
**exiting our carpark giving way to those coming in.**

Visitors to School:

All visitors must report to Reception in the first instance upon arrival to school and sign IN, then sign OUT when leaving. Thankyou.

Unwell/Absent Children:

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

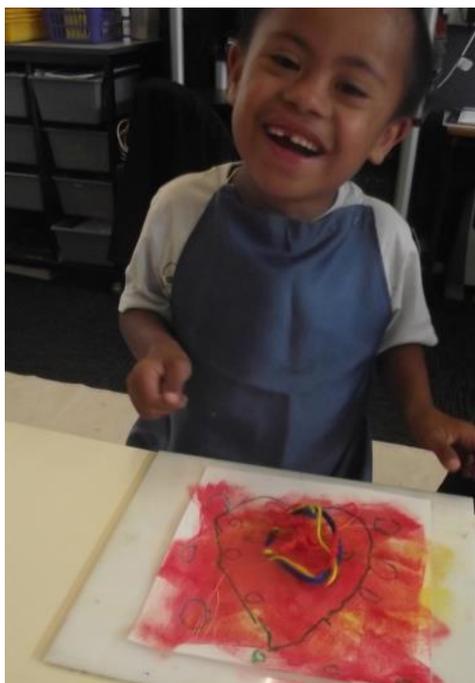
2016 Term Dates and Events:

- 3 Mar SLC @ Swim Sports Te Awamutu
- 7-11 Mar SLC 4 Taupo Camp
- 25 Mar No School (Good Friday)
- 28 Mar No School (Easter Monday)
- 29 Mar No School (Easter Tuesday)
- 4-8 Apr SLC 1, 2, 3 & 7 Papamoa Camp
- 15 Apr Term 1 ends

**Quote: ' Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.'**

Tony Kane  
Principal





## Hamilton North School has Heart!

The art studio was humming during week two to complete hearts for a mural in the school foyer. The students learnt about Jim Dine, a pop artist, who became famous for his heart paintings and sculptures. Students explored the elements of **shape, colour and texture**, using processes like **painting, printing and weaving**, to produce amazing artworks for the mural to welcome you.

