

## HAMILTON NORTH SCHOOL PARENT/CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

As part of the services this school provides, your Board of Trustees has initiated a support group / get together / information session for anyone interested in attending. The purpose of this meeting is to give parents / caregivers within the school a place where they can meet fellow peers of their children / young adults. The group will initially take shape as a casual get together one afternoon a term but may develop into information giving / sharing sessions if the interest is there. Ultimately this meeting has been set up to meet your needs / wants whatever they may be. The first meeting will be held in the Sensory Resource Meeting Room in the new building at Hamilton North School on Wednesday 6 April 2016. We have set the time for 12noon to 2.30pm in the hope that people who are working may pop in during their lunch hour. An RSVP by text to Shelley on 021 160 5041 would be appreciated so we can gauge interested numbers.

See you there, Shelley Campbell

Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Hamilton North Specialist School

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

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Principal's Corner

### Week 7

We have been lucky to be part of the "Balloons over Waikato" by hosting a balloon in the school today, that allows students to walk through the inside. We are very privileged to have this tremendous experience for our students. Our Te Totara Satellite Class yesterday morning were up early and visited the Hamilton Lake to witness first-hand the mass launch. Unfortunately, the weather prevented the launch but many Hot Air Balloons were tethered and the students were able to be involved in the opening day.

### Coming Events

#### Junior Camp: Papamoa - week 10, 4th to 8th April

SLC1,2,3,and 7 students are busy discussing plans for keeping themselves safe in unfamiliar settings as they encounter new experiences and challenges. These are their Safety Action Plans for their camp at Papamoa. The students are really getting excited as these camps are a tremendous time for students to socialise with their friends outside of the school environment.

The Senior Camp in Taupo last week was a great success with all the students facing new challenges. Thanks to Leonie Matthews and the rest of the staff for ensuring a well planned and exciting time was had by all.

#### Final reminder-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.

Easter begins next Friday with the students away from school until Wednesday 30 March.

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

Tony Kane  
Principal



### Waikato Holiday Programme.

School aged children and youth (5-21) with an official diagnosis of Autism. Cost \$175 per week. Can be paid using OSCAR subsidies or carer support. For more information and to book visit [www.autismnz.org.nz](http://www.autismnz.org.nz) or contact the Holiday Programme Coordinator ph 07 849 2899 or mobile 022 183 1530.



**SPEED coming into School: Important Safety Reminder**  
**Vehicle Speed Limit within our School carpark = 5kph 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 to SIGN IN upon arrival to school, then SIGN OUT again before 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:

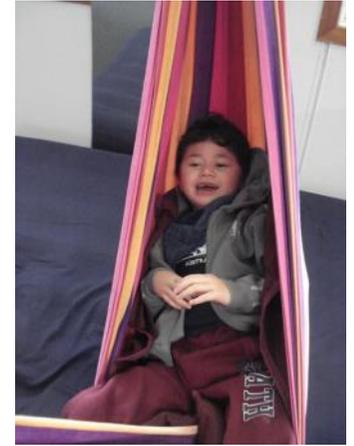
**25 Mar** No School (Good Friday)  
**28 Mar** No School (Easter Monday)  
**29 Mar** No School (Easter Tuesday)  
**4-8 Apr** SLC 1, 2, 3 & 7 Papamoa Camp  
**15 Apr** Term 1 ends



Twirling in the big orange dish



Reading a story about the beach and exploring the shells and sand.



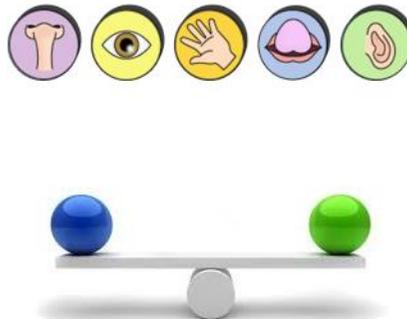
Swinging in the hammock

## Base 1 & 2

**In the classroom, a multi-sensory approach is used to support student learning. The activities stimulate senses such as touch, smell, taste, sight, hearing and balance. In this way, students are able to play, create, investigate and explore their environment.**



Feeling, moving and popping the water balloons with our feet.



Listening to the jingling balloons and enjoying the feeling of moving the balloons.