

Dear students, family and whanau,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who were able to find the time to complete and return your parent questionnaires. We had a pleasing 30% return rate and learned some valuable information. As a result we now have a great list of things that you would like to see available via our school and we will be working to make this happen.

The first of our tasks is to provide a comprehensive list of other services available outside the school. We will let you know as soon as this is available to you.

Also for those of you who requested a parent support group, I would like to let you know that the next group is to be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August between 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the meeting room opposite the front office. Please send Shelley a quick text on 021 160 5041 if you will be attending. I know that people have also requested an evening group which we are in the process of considering once we get the daytime one up and running.

Thanks, Your BOT representatives

### SPEED coming into School:

### Important Safety Reminder

Road manners would also have vehicles exiting our carpark giving way to those coming in.



### Please remember:

#### Parents & Visitors:

All parents/visitors report to Reception in the first instance upon arrival to school to SIGN IN, then SIGN OUT again before leaving.

#### Unwell/Absent Children:

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

### 2016 Term Dates and Events:

- 25 July Term 3 starts
- 3 Aug Junior School TWSO performance
- 13 Sept Waikato SS Basketball
- 23 Sept Term 3 ends



# 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



It's great to see everyone back for another exciting term! It's so neat to see so many smiling and happy students, staff and families. I know teachers have got many interesting things planned as part of our curriculum this term.

I would especially like to welcome the following:

Teacher: Mike Buckley - in Base 6, and Occupational Therapist: Anna Wilson. We look forward to having them working in our school.

New Students: Dane Leathem in Te Totara Rm 5, Austin Leathem in Base 1&2, Harley Elvy, Nave Smith and Jnr Aasa who have joined Base 4 and Cheyenne Taylor who will be joining SLC 5/6. **We welcome them and their families to our school and wish them well for their time with us.**

Health and Safety: Our students are all taught to keep to the **RED PATH** when near the car park. Could parents/caregivers please do the same and model the behaviours we are trying to instil in our students. This will also assist in improving safety in and around the car park.

Transport: Please if you are moving addresses a new Transport Application is required to be filled out. The turn around for these can be up to two weeks so getting them completed early greatly helps.

Reminder- The Achievement Target for 2016: We aim to enlarge on the 2015 target as we strive to further develop our ideas and resources based on our growing knowledge and understanding of the fundamental skills, that we see as imperative for our students to learn and develop. This will allow the Foundation Skills to become embedded into the Hamilton North School teaching philosophies, identifying and establishing programmes that address the deficiencies of students throughout the school.

### THE FOUNDATION SKILLS FOR LEARNING

*To improve students' ability to engage successfully in learning by identifying and promoting growth around their deficiencies in the fundamental skills.*

**Quote: 'Don't follow your dreams, chase them'**

Tony Kane  
Principal



Dear families of Hamilton North School,

My name is Pam Robson and I have a grandson who has attended Hamilton North school for eight years now.

I would really like to coordinate a new initiative to help the school families when there is a time of need. I know that having a special needs child can sometimes put strain on a family, and when there is a serious illness, hospitalisation ( of a child or parent ) or death within a family, that adds even more trauma for the family to cope with.

I have the permission of the school Principal and Board of Trustees to go ahead with my initiative, however it will be organised as a separate operation from the school as we do not want to cause added responsibility to the school staff.

My proposal is to have a small group of volunteers who I will organise and call upon to arrange weekday evening meals for a family experiencing any of the above difficulties. I would have these people rostered ( including myself ) to prepare an evening meal which will be delivered to the family for the period needed.

Initially a parent/caregiver will be required to contact the school office if they would like this assistance, and will then be referred to myself so I can establish how many family members we would be catering for and identify any likes / dislikes foodwise that the family have. If necessary I would personally pick up and deliver, or if feasible meals could be dropped off at school to be taken home by a pupil or friend of the family. I will arrange all the logistics involved for each occasion.

I already have some friends who are willing to volunteer as helpers for this initiative, however, there may be other people who feel they could volunteer as well. I would love to hear from them.

I can assure that the privacy of any family receiving this help would be respected, and the nature of their difficulty would not be revealed to any of my helpers. I have been involved in voluntary work most of my life and have recently completed 20 years of volunteering with police related work.

Let's get this scheme up and running!

Please make contact with the school office if we can be of assistance to your family in a time of need. We would love to help.



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confident  
& resilient  
children** with  
**John  
Cowan**

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**Wednesday 7 September 2016**  
Hamilton Central Baptist Church  
33 Charlemont St, Whitiora, Hamilton

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**Resilient, confident children deflect trouble, resist pressure, handle stress and recover from set-backs and trauma. All children can be helped to tackle life and grow up to have a 'can-do' attitude!**

6.30pm - Doors open  
7.00 - 8.30pm - John's presentation  
\$10 per person / \$15 double  
light refreshments available

For further information please contact Brian Winslade at [reception@hcbc.nz](mailto:reception@hcbc.nz)  
021 419 521 / 07 838 0375

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### Reminder about upcoming Parent to Parent coffee group meeting

Does your child/teenager/young adult have a disability, special need or health impairment? Would you like to meet other parents? Share experiences? Access information? Get support and meet new friends? Then come and have a coffee on us!

Please RSVP if you intend to come along to give us an idea of numbers via phone 07 848 1362, or freephone 0508 236 236. Hamilton Coffee Group, Tuesday 23rd August, Where: Parent to Parent Waikato Office, Unit 3B, 99 Greenwood St, Hamilton, (Plenty of free parking in rear carpark), Time: 10.00am,. Come and join Carol for coffee and cake!