

2016 END OF YEAR TERM DATES AND EVENTS:

- 30 Nov** Parent Meeting 12:30pm at school
12 Dec **End of Year Prize Giving, starting promptly @ 10am** (Central Baptist Church, Charlemont St - everyone to please be seated by 9:45am)
14 Dec **SLC classes finish @ 2:30pm** for the school year.
16 Dec **Base & satellite classes @ Crawshaw, Te Totara & Waipa finish @ 12:30pm** for the school year - parents to arrange for someone to be home at the earlier drop off time.



RURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

School Based Immunisations

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Public health nurses will be delivering two school-based immunisation programmes in your child's school next year.

Year Seven Students

These students will be offered the Boostrix vaccine which is a booster for their early childhood immunisations of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). This is the same vaccination that would have been given to your child at 4 years age if you consented. Information about the year seven programme will be given to students at school and this session may include watching the Ministry of Health Presentation on Year Seven Immunisations and is designed specifically for this age group. At this information session, your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to read and choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school. Whether you choose to immunise or not, the form needs to be returned to school.

Year Eight Students

From 1 January 2017, Males and Females aged 9 to 26 inclusive (i.e. under 27 years) will be eligible for HPV (Human Papillomavirus) immunisation. The focus has historically been on cervical cancer prevention for women but increasing evidence has emerged of the impact of other HPV related cancers on men so both groups will now be offered this vaccine free of charge. This vaccine will be given in two doses 6 months apart. Information will be given to the students about the HPV vaccination programme at school. This may include viewing the Ministry of Health presentation about the *HPV Vaccine Information and is* for the year 8 age group.

Your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether or not to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school. Information on the immunisations is included on the consent form which will be given to your son / daughter at the information session. Please complete the consent form and answer all the questions and return the form to school. If your child is not being vaccinated at school you still need to fill in the section with your child's name and details on it. Please check with your doctor or practice nurse if you are unsure if your child has had a tetanus injection in the last two years.

For further information on these vaccines phone **0800 IMMUNE (466 863)**

Public Health Nurse Vicki Patrick Ph 07 838 3565 ext 22136



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Principal's Corner



We are now in the run down to the end of the year! But an extremely busy time for teaching staff and Management as we finalise staffing and student placements for 2017. With the opening of our Rototuna Satellite complex due to open on the 3rd of February we are having to move students and staff in order to maximise teacher strengths. For this reason many classes will have new teachers in 2017. Our intention is to notify all parents of this well before the end of the year.

SLC 5/6 Camp: This was a tremendous camp even though many of the activities were affected by the weather. All the students gained from their experiences and really enjoyed the company of their fellow students and staff. Thanks to Maria Augustyn and Leonie Matthews for their organisation and planning to make the camp at Taupo such a wonderful occasion.

Reminder: November 30th - Parent Meeting 12:30pm at Hamilton North School:

We are very lucky to have Nan Jensen coming to us to share and answer those pressing questions you all have. Nan is a local Barrister and Solicitor who has been involved in the disability sector since 1998, in governance, advisory, support parent, advocacy and employee capacities.

Reminder-End of Year Prizegiving:

We are again using the Central Baptist Church in Charlemont Street, for our end of year prize-giving. Please record in your diary **Monday 12 December**. Can everyone please be seated by 9:45am as prize-giving will commence at 10:00am. This will ensure you don't miss out on this opportunity to see students acknowledged for their efforts over the year.

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/Waipua Areas) or 021759084 Greg (Te Awamutu Area).

Charity Motorbike Run: Thanks to all those family and friends who supported this special fundraising day. Michael reports that we had 55 bikes in the rally and all the riders found the route a challenge due to the wind but very enjoyable. Thanks to Michael for his time and effort in organising this event and his band of supporters.

Quote: 'Nothing ventured, nothing gained.'

Tony Kane
Principal



On Sunday 20th November we had our 10th Annual Motorcycle Charity Run which was a huge success! Although a bit windy, the sun was shining and we had a large number of bikes attend, which included people from Clubs around the Waikato and from Auckland.



The success of this event would not be possible without the support from all the people involved. A very big thank you goes out to the bikers themselves and the many organisations that have supported us with donations for raffles and sales, and the staff that kept the day running smoothly.

