

2017 TERM ONE DATES AND EVENTS:

2 Apr Daylight Saving Ends (clocks back 1 hour)
13 Apr Term 1 Ends (Thursday) 14-17 Apr Easter weekend
1 May Term 2 Starts 5 June Queens Birthday - No School

Absent Students:

If your child is going to be absent for the day or late to school, please phone the School Office on 849 3029 so correct attendance can be recorded.

Visiting/picking up/dropping off students during school hours:

All parents and visitors are required to report to Reception in the first instance upon arrival to school.

Registrations for the [Autism New Zealand Waikato Holiday Programmes](#) is open! Registrations close on Friday March 24th.

When:

Tue April 18th to Friday April 21st – High Functioning Holiday Programme, (10 – 21) and Holiday Programme (5-21)

Mon April 24th and Wednesday April 26th – Friday April 28th Holiday Programme (5-21) 9 am – 3 pm daily

Who: Children and young people with an official diagnosis of Autism or Aspergers syndrome.

Where: Holiday Programme – Hamilton Christian School, and High Functioning Holiday Programme – Chapel Hill Community Church

Cost: \$190 per week for 1:4 support. This can be paid for a number of ways including using carer support or OSCAR subsidies. To find out more please visit

www.autismnz.org.nz or contact the Holiday Programme Coordinator at the Waikato Branch, Joelle Walker, Autism NZ Waikato Branch

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

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Principal's Corner

Welcome to Week 7

The fantastic weather may be about to change but classes have continued to work on their physical fitness in the local community enjoying walks and sporting activities.

Exciting News: Hamilton North School after a number of negotiations has been gifted a **Liberty Swing** that was previously in Cambridge. The initial fundraisers felt that the swing would be better utilised at Hamilton North School by being used on a daily basis. We are at present readying the site in the SLC5/6 enclosure. Hopefully, by the beginning of Term 2 the swing will be ready to be used.

Camp: SLC 5/6 students are looking forward to their camp in Papamoa next week. Families have been busily packing bags and these are being delivered to school in readiness for next week. I know the students really look forward to time together with their friends and class mates facing new challenges together. For some the memories last for many years and the stories grow longer!

Needing a time to raise concerns regarding your child?

If so, please phone to make an appointment to see one of the leaders rather than turning up unannounced at the Satellite Classes or Base School. This way we can address the concern without disturbing the class teacher in their lesson delivery or other class activities. Phone 07 849 3029 and talk to Tracy about a meeting time.

2017 ACTIVITY FEES Remain at \$85: The Board of Trustees has recognised the pressures that families are under and have kept the 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 and varied activities for students such as: Weekly swimming, horse riding, transport to activities and community outings to local facilities. 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. We are again suggesting families may like to pay \$21.30 per term to make it easier to budget.

Signing In and Out: Parents please remember to sign your child in or out at the office when you bring them in late or take them home early.

Absences: Reminder to all parents/caregivers to please phone into the school office before 9.30am if your child is going to be absent for the day.



Quote: ' Nothing happens unless first we DREAM''

Tony Kane
Principal





I like watching the colours change.



“Peel me a grape”. I love the vibrations and water on my feet.



Squiggly worms through my fingers.



“Duck quacking!”
There it is.

BASE 1 & 2

Students participate in sensory programmes which include auditory, tactile, visual, smell and vestibular activities.



Bring that closer. I like that scent.



“I can feel that brush”.



Everyone enjoys the swing at the lake.