

8 February

Focus for the Week:

Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with him. Keep your roots deep in him, build your lives on him, and become stronger in your faith, as you were taught. And be filled with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Principal's Platform

A very special welcome back to the school year, in particular welcome to the seventy new students who started this week and to the new families who have joined our school community.

Welcome also to the following staff that have joined us today, Mrs Letford (Teacher Aide), Mrs Montgomery (Teacher Rm 12) and Mr Jordan (Additional teacher Year 7 & 8 for six weeks) and Mrs Jane Moroney who will teach Room 5 for the next few weeks while Mrs Fong is recovering from surgery.

Now that the year is underway there is a real buzz around the classrooms with happy children sharing their holiday experiences. A school is nothing without the sound of the children and I am happy to have them back safely. You may have noticed the many changes around the school since the end of last year, these include a shade sail over the junior sandpit (funded by the Lion Foundation), a new middle school playground with safety surface (Funded by the PTFA and BOT), a new safety surface under the Marist playground (funded by the Perry Foundation and BOT) and the paving and landscaping in the senior school (Funded by the Board of Trustees).

On Friday 17 February, Bishop Dennis Browne will be visiting the school as part of a visit to the parish. The Education Review Office will visit the school as part of the three yearly review cycle during the week of 20-24 February. ERO are very keen to meet with members of the parent community on Monday 20 February at 2.30 p.m. to find out your views on the school. In particular they will look closely at how the different learning needs of students are being met and how well the school communicates with you the progress of your child. I encourage you to attend this meeting.

As the year progresses, please feel welcome to come and see me if there is ever an issue causing you concern.

Monday Morning Prayer: Starting this Monday, the school will assemble in the church at 9 a.m. for a 15 minute prayer assembly. It is important that children are in class at the 8.55 a.m. bell on a Monday. If for some reason your child arrives late, i.e. 9 to 9.15 a.m. please take them directly to the church.

Bereavement:

We offer our deepest sympathy to Yvonne & Dave Vosper and their children, Thomas and Sophie on the death of a much loved father and grandfather. May he rest in peace.

PTFA AGM will be held on Tuesday 21 February at 7:30pm in Te Whare Taonga. All welcome.

PTFA Fish 'n Chip Night: Come along this Friday night with your fish 'n chips and have a natter. Nothing formal, just a get together from 6pm. A great chance to meet new families. Meet by junior playground.

To all New Migrant Families: Come and join me in Te Whare Taonga for a cuppa to meet some of your new school community. This is just a social get together Tuesday 14 February from 2pm – 3pm English for Speakers of Other Languages – courses now available. – see Martha

Vision & Hearing Testing for New Entrants who have enrolled since 18 October 05, will be held on 16 March. If your child is under specialist care and/or you do not wish your child to be tested, please send a note to the class teacher or the school office.

Library News: Would you like to empower children with their research and library skills during their class library time? We would welcome your help, especially with Years 1-4 level. Please see Mrs Brown for times to suit.

Cricket Notices and Flippa Ball notices have been sent home. If your child missed out on a notice, please collect one from the school office or from Liz Walker Rm 18.

Touch & Waterpolo: These notices will be issued in the next couple of days.

Firth St Cul-de-Sac: Parents are not to use this entrance as a pick-up or drop-off area. Please use the church car-park or park in Clyde St. (Staff parking only)

Second Hand Uniforms: If you are in need and require uniforms, please see Maureen Wiles any Thursday 2pm – 3pm at the office.
Martha

Free to a good Home! School desks available. Please see John Groufsky.

For Sale: Rabbit Hutch and accessories \$40.00,
Rabbit carry case \$20.00
Please phone Caroline 858 3655 or 021 521 886

For Sale: Size 14 Skirt in ex condition. Size 10 PE top and school summer top. Phone Patsy 027 309 7670

Hamilton Wado-Kai Karate Club: New Classes for all ages commencing now. Classes are held at 360 Dey St. Please call Robbie Smith 850 9390 or 021 365 677 for more details or enrolment. See school notice board for more information.

Hamilton Community Music Classes – Held Saturday mornings at Hamilton Boys High School. Classes commence 18 February. We offer, brass, strings, guitar, woodwind, keyboard, percussion and recorder. For more details phone or fax 856 0054 or see the school notice board.

Tennis Coaching – St Peters Tennis Club, Palmerston St Hamilton. Coaching commences 13 February. Please phone 853 3017 for vacancies in Term 1.

Piano Tuition: Vacancies available for piano tuition with an experienced teacher. For children aged 8yrs and over, and adult beginners, or those who would like to start again!
Phone Robyn Smith 856 1404 or email robyns_49@yahoo.co.nz

Soccer Season/FUTSAL: Brazilian Futsal School brings to you FUTSAL, the only 5-a-side indoor soccer endorsed by FIFA. Come and learn the Brazilian way to play soccer with Carlos Farias. Beginners 5-9yrs 5:30 to 7pm on Tuesdays.

Intermediate classes (10-14yrs) 7pm – 8:30pm on Tuesdays at Fraser High School.
Term 1 starts 14 February. For more details, contact Carlos 021 18 94 915 or 07-827 4732.

Term Dates 2006

Term 1: Tues 7 Feb to Thurs 13 April
Term 2: Wed 26 April to Fri 30 June
Term 3: Mon 17 July to Fri 22 Sept
Term 4: Mon 9 Oct to Wed 20 Dec

Sausage Sizzle: There will be no sausage sizzle this week. This will commence on Friday next week.

Yours faithfully

John Coulam
Principal

School Lunches Menu: Monday – Thursday

Filled roll (<i>ham, chicken, vegetarian</i>)	\$2.50
<i>Vogel salad sandwich</i> – (ham, chicken or vegetarian) -	\$2.50
Mince pie -	\$2.00
Mince & cheese pie - ...	\$2.00
Potato top pie ...	\$2.00
Pizza	\$2.00
Sausage roll	\$1.50
Bacon and egg mini pie ...	\$1.70
Muffin	\$1.50
Jumbo cookie ...	\$1.20
Fresh fruit50c
Fresh milk chocolate	\$1.50
Fresh milk strawberry ...	\$1.50
CalciYum chocolate ...	\$1.50
CalciYum caramel	\$1.50
Juice	\$1.20
Snack pack ...	\$2.00
Popcorn50c

Parent help is urgently needed to take lunch orders in the mornings from 8.30-9am Monday to Thursday. If you can help please contact the office as soon as possible.

YES, I CAN HELP WITH LUNCH ORDERS

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Preferred Day M T W Th

Flyers

- Out of School Music
- Ink Post