WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Jesus asked his disciples, ‘Who do you say that I am?’ Peter said to him in reply, ‘You are the Christ’.

Mark 8:27 – 35

In a busy world – full of joy, sadness, hope, despair, love and intolerance – I wonder what your response to Jesus’ question would be? How does the person and the teachings of Jesus influence your daily living?

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends,

At the end of a term filled with busy teaching and learning, numerous extracurricular activities and a few bitterly cold days – it is good to get to the holidays. Well done to all students who have fully engaged in the practice of learning during Term 3 and will be suitably proud of their journal work which is coming home with them today. Thank you also to the large number of parents who have supported the learning process in a variety of ways.

Please use the next two weeks to ensure that students are rested to resume for Term 4 which begins on Monday 5th October. These holidays are a great opportunity to restore health and general wellbeing for all – and to enjoy a few glorious sunny days!

Thanks for a great term! God bless you ☺

Jo-Anne

Early finish

A reminder that school finishes Today, Friday 18th September, at the earlier time of 2.15pm. Assembly is at 1.40pm

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER
Fri 18th End of Term 3!
Learning Journals home
Early finish @ 2.15pm

OCTOBER
Mon 5th Term 1 starts!
Mon 5th – Fri 9th
Gr 3/4 Swimming Program
Mon 12th – Tues 13th
Gr 3/4 Camp – Sovereign Hill
Mon 12th – Fri 16th
P/1/2 Swimming Program
Wed 14th P&F meeting @ 6.30pm!
Fri 16th Parish family dinner – Gr 5/6
Sat 17th Working Bee 8-10am
Mon 19th – Fri 23rd
Gr 5/6 Swimming Program
Tues 20th Hoopetime Regional – Juniors
Wed 21st School Council @ 7.00pm
Tues 27th OLSEL family night
Fri 30th P/1/2 late stay/sleepover TBC

NOVEMBER
Tues 3rd Public holiday – Melbourne Cup
Fri 6th Mission Day!
Chaplaincy permission
Several weeks ago each family was supplied with a general permission form to fill in each child’s name, sign and return to school. This permission is a requirement of the funding we receive and is not an indication that Lisa will be working individually with your child. Please sign and return to the office in the first week of next term if you haven’t already done so. Thanks for your support.

Visiting author
Patrick Guest, author of ‘That’s What Wings are for’, made quite an impression during his talk with students and staff on Wednesday. Patrick writes from the heart about children and families experiencing Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The gold coin donations from today’s casual clothes day will go to the Duchenne Foundation to support the work they do in research and working with families. For more information visit http://www.thatswhatwingsarefor.com.au/

Experience OLSEL!
Advance notice of an evening to share our learning about oral language so far this year. Staff and students will work with parents and friends to give them an experience of the OLSEL (Oral Language to Support Early Literacy) framework we use throughout the school. Come along and learn from your children on Tuesday 27th October from 7.00pm.

Uniform
Thank you for your great support of our school uniform. A reminder that our summer uniform is worn during Term 4. As the weather is usually still a bit cool at the start of the term, it is acceptable that students wear their winter uniform when they return from holidays. A date where all students must be in summer uniform will be made once we see what the weather brings. Please also note that school hats must be worn during Term 4 so students must have theirs at school for the first day.

THE WORD ON THE LEARNING STREET!
Gr 1/2
Yesterday for maths we went up to Ballarat Road and counted the colours of the cars that went past. We used tally marks to count.

Seamus Byron

The best thing this term was the Science Expo! My group did the foaming monster. Vinegar and bi-carb soda reacted together and bubbled up and the coloured foam looked amazing.

Hannah Bradbury

In sport we got to chase the Year 11’s for a warm up. Then they got to chase us! It was very cool that the Year 11 students taught us for sport. My favourite activity was jumping over a big skipping rope without touching it.

Jake Ewing

Grade 3/4
This term in Minney Beasts we have been learning about tessellations and trihexaflexagons (a six sided 3D shape that can turn into a triangle shape).

Caitlin Urquhart

This term we have been learning about good and bad emotions. Sometimes bad emotions can be warnings (anger) and sometimes they are good (nerves).

Charles SanBa

Lanscaping Committee
A group of enthusiastic parents and staff have kindly agreed to work on a plan for projects for our outside areas to be completed over the next 12 months. In order to maximise the amount of work that can be undertaken it is hoped that some family support through working bees will make a wonderful difference. A working bee will be held on Saturday 17th October from 8.00 – 10.00am. If you could mark this in your calendars your assistance for all or part of this time would be very much appreciated. More details next term.

Cybersafety
GAMES, APPS AND SOCIAL NETWORKING
This week we have a quick link to popular social media sites and apps. There is a video explaining how some of these apps work and then links to popular apps with some FAQ.
This week is a link to another cybersafety game, this time aimed at 8+ years

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ICAS

Four students participated in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools – Writing this year.
Many of these students are involved in all of the competitions that are run, so it is pleasing to see them continuing to undertake the challenges provided. Congratulations to these students for their participation and final results.
Well done to Genevieve Trotter, Oliver Hayes and Ayva Jones who have earned a Participation certificate.
Congratulations also to Edward de Salis who has received a Merit certificate.
Chris Minney

PASTORAL CARE

From Lisa Gonnet Pastoral Care Worker

Hello again everyone,
As this is the last week of term I just wanted to inform you all that I am, generally, available during school holidays on my given work days. As the schools are shut I work from the Centacare office based at the Mary Knoll centre in Hamilton. However, these holidays I will be away myself for the first week and due to having to attend a Centacare chaplaincy meeting in Ballarat on Thursday and Friday the 2nd October having been made a public holiday I will only be available on Wednesday 30th September. I apologise for this.
I will return on Wednesday 7th October refreshed and looking forward to what I expect will be a busy fourth term.
I hope you manage to have some enjoyable family time over the holidays.
Kind regards
Lisa Gonnet
Pastoral Care Worker.

Parents and Friends

Canteen Roster Term 3

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Please put your name down if you can help on a Wednesday for Canteen for Term 4. You wouldn’t have to do it on your own, the girls are happy to teach anyone who would like to assist.

NEXT P&F MEETING

All parents and friends are invited to come to our next P&F meeting on Wednesday 14th October @ 6.30pm.
Pizza and wine night!
The general business for this meeting will be planning social and fundraising activities for 2016.
Come along with a friend to be eligible for the lucky draw!!!

Expo News!

Keep in mind the following items will be coming home to each family early 4th term. Your support of our Expo is greatly appreciated.
- Gift Boxes
- Raffle Books
- Volunteer Forms

SECOND-HAND BOOKS

Ah holidays. A time for sleeping in, recharging the batteries, and putting aside all those quality but no longer needed books ready for the St Mary’s Christmas Expo second hand book stall. All donations gratefully accepted at the school office from Term 4.

Thanks – Naomi Turner

AFL Legends

Jonathan Brown & Paul Chapman will be in Hamilton at Taylor Toyota on Wednesday the 23rd between 12:45 & 2:15.
MILO in2CRICKET
Register Now!

Hamilton Cricket Club is once again running a MILO in2CRICKET program. MILO in2CRICKET is an introductory Cricket program for 5 - 10 year old girls and boys. Kids learn the basics of the game through fun, skill based game activities. The program is a great way for children to get active, make friends and learn about Australia’s National Sport.

The program will run for 8 weeks, beginning Sunday October 25th at 11am – 12.15pm. This will be for the first five weeks then it will be held on Friday nights 5-6pm, starting from Nov 27th & finishing Friday 11th Dec. Participants will have lots of fun playing cricket with their friends and also receive a MILO in2CRICKET participant pack, all this for $70.

Registration Day October 25th at the Hamilton Cricket Clubrooms, Palmer Street, Hamilton.
Contact: Colin Millard 0408 521 59

Hamilton Community House Inc.
School Holiday Activities
Thursday 24th Sept-Pom Pom Pets 1.30pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 29th Sept-Funky Food Treats 1.30pm-3.30pm
Bookings a MUST
Call Debra on :- 55719780

Art show 2015!!

Bookings and information:
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Email: fhcc@wdhs.net