



*19 April 2010*

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

*Romans 15:10*

### **From the Principal**

Welcome back to all, and a special welcome to the following children who have started in Room 6 - Abigail Milburn, Madeleine van Wyngaarden and Arundhati (Aju) Nair. We hope their stay will be a very happy one.

We congratulate Paul and Rachelle Mathews on the birth of Joshua, and Lija and Benu (parents of Beslin) on the birth of their daughter.

There is plenty of activity around the school at the moment with the renovations of Rooms 1 and 2 in full swing. These classes will be held in the hall and activity rooms until at least the end of next week.

This term is 11 weeks and will be jam packed with activities, including a visit from the Education Review Office (ERO) in week 7.

Please keep your newsletter handy, so you are in the loop with all the happenings.

Have a great week

God Bless

Bev Bishop

### **Board of Trustee elections**

The closing date for nominations is this Friday - 23 April. Nominations can be posted to the school, or delivered to Tina - by noon on Friday. We currently have only 2 nominations.

Please step up to this challenge if you are thinking of serving your school. If we do not have sufficient nominations, the Ministry of Education will elect a commissioner who could elect the MOE's own Board of people with no connection to the school. We certainly do not want this to happen!

### **Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday 22 April**

5.45pm in the staff room. It is the last meeting before the elections.

### **Aspire Scholarships**

This scholarship is for students from low-medium income families who would like to attend a NZ private secondary school. Students are eligible if they will be in year 9 next year.

Applications MUST be received at the MOE National Office in Wellington by 5pm on 17 May 2010 to be considered for selection.

See [www.minedu.govt.nz/aspire](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/aspire) for further information or to download an application form. These are also available from the office.

There are 50 year 9 scholarships available across the country for 2011.

### **Meeting for year 7/8 parents (and other interested parties)**

Thursday 29 April 7pm - Activity room.

Martin Keast, Principal of Hamilton Christian School will be sharing with our parents about Hamilton Christian School, especially with regards to secondary schooling. There will be a time for questions and discussion.

Please indicate your interest on the reply slip (at bottom of newsletter) and return to the office asap.

**Prayer meetings**

Come and join us to pray for the school, and your children. This term we will meet on -  
April 26th  
May 3rd  
May 17th  
June 7th  
June 21st  
We meet in the library from 8.30 - 9.15am.

**Class Trips Rooms 1 & 2**

Room 1 will be on a trip tomorrow (Tuesday) and Room 2 will be on a trip on Wednesday. Please ensure that your reply slips have been sent in to the office. Some children did not receive their letter regarding the trip on the last day of term, so are receiving a replacement today.

**Uniform - Bulk orders**

As we are no longer stocking uniform (only samples for sizing) please take note of this terms bulk order days so you can have your order in on time and are not disappointed.  
Monday 3 May 9.15am  
Monday 21 June 9.15am  
Please make sure your order is in on time or you will have to wait until the next bulk order date.

**Keeping Ourselves Safe**

All classes will be participating in this Health programme for the next 3 weeks. There will be parents notices and "homework" sent home to do with your child. Please chat to the class teacher if you have any queries in this regard.

**PTA News**

Entertainment books are available for the office. These cost \$55 each and are great value.

**Kids in Turkey (Milk and Cookies sale)**

This Friday 23 April, we will be selling ANZAC cookies and chocolate milk (as a pack) for \$2.50. There will be options for gluten free/dairy/egg free chocolate slice, and a juice for non-milk drinkers. The proceeds from the sale of these items will be used to help get a Turkish Child to camp (in Turkey).

Please fill in the pre-order/pre pay form and have all orders to the office by Thursday 10am.

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**Kids in Turkey (Milk and Cookies sale) order form**

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Room/s: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Anzac biscuit and milk @ \$2.50each

*Special dietary options. (\$2.50 each)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Anzac biscuit and juice

\_\_\_\_\_ Gluten free chocolate slice and milk

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**Meeting with Martin Keast - Principal of Hamilton Christian School**

\_\_\_\_\_ (name/s)  
will attend the meeting with Martin Keast (HCS) on Thursday 29 April.