

NEWSLETTER



2 February 2012

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nga mihi kia koutou katoa.

Welcome back everyone and a big welcome to all the new families who have joined our Hukanui community. Well here we are again at the start of another school year full of expectation. We have many exciting learning activities and outdoor events planned for this term. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child enjoys school and makes the learning progress expected of them.

We do our best to keep you informed of what is happening in the school, so please read our weekly newsletter, check the online calendar on our school webpage www.hukanui.school.nz or follow us on Facebook by clicking on the link on our webpage. Remember pink newsletters require a return back to school. You can save paper by downloading the newsletter from the webpage every Thursday or notifying the office



Left - Room 22 new entrants with Miss Sattler and below,

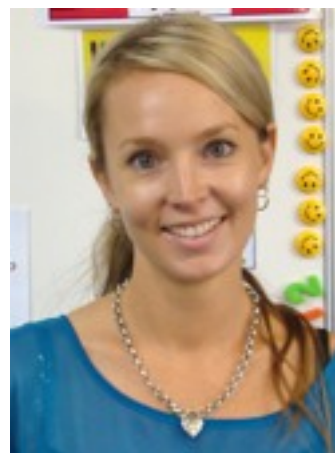
Room 21 new entrants with Miss Nielsen.



if you would prefer an email copy. These don't get squashed and left in school bags! Have your contact details changed? If so please inform the office a.s.a.p. office@hukanui.school.nz

NEW STAFF

Finally we also welcome three new teachers to our staff in 2012. They have all been here working hard getting to know our school and getting prepared to teach their new classes this year. Thank you to those people who have already made them feel welcome.



Clockwise from top left:

Miss Justine Brydon, Room 15 and Year 2 team leader,

Miss Briar Imber, Room 8 and

Miss Mary de France, Room 20

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HUKANUI VALUES:
Respect, Excellence, Co-operation,
Integrity, Individuality.

VISION STATEMENT: "A LEADING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT MAXIMISING PEOPLE'S POTENTIAL"

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to:

* Mrs Bird who has been awarded a scholarship to pursue further University study in 2012. She will be on study leave from week 5 and Mrs Stent will be Acting Deputy Principal for 2012.

* Mr and Mrs Mitchell on the birth of their son Jack during the holidays.

* Miss Briggs on her recent engagement.

* Mrs Mould on her successful University study in China during our holidays.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform is now being made and retailed by NZ Uniforms from their shop on Tristram Street. As they have just recently taken over as our supplier they may run low on some stock this term, e.g. polo tops. Please be understanding, new stock is due by the end of term. A reminder that the official school uniform is compulsory for all students. If your child is unable to wear the uniform due to an emergency situation such as unavailability of some items in the store then please write a signed note to your child's teacher explaining the situation.

NEW OUTSIDE TABLES

Thanks to the Bickford-Smith and Park families for donating this neat table as a departing gift to the school. Thank you also to all the graduating students from last year who used the money they raised from their pizza lunches to buy a macrocarpa picnic table. Both of these tables will be put to good use in the area around the Living Room.



Katriona and McKenzie Park and Joshua Bickford-Smith enjoying our new picnic table

PROPERTY NEWS

It is exciting to see good progress on a number of property projects over the holidays that will enhance our school environment. We have had classroom wall cladding replaced where it was rotting, the memory garden improved by adding a pathway and a new seat to the quieter side of the garden. The senior playground funded by the PTA has been completed and the Year 5 and 6 children have enjoyed their first week on it. Finally the work on the staff carpark has started with the contract awarded to Schick Construction Company.



Work progressing on our new senior playground



The finished product, eagerly trialled by our senior pupils

SMART SWAP #1

Welcome back to the new year with Energize! This term we are looking at 'smart swaps' – simple and easy ways to make food taste great while also being healthy.

HOMEMADE WEDGES
An easy, tasty, cheap and healthy alternative to deep-fried chips.

Preheat oven to 200C.
Scrub potatoes and cut into wedges.
Briefly heat 1T oil in oven, add potatoes and bake for 20-30 minutes, turning once during cooking.

POLICE VETTING

Remember if you wish to assist teachers in the classroom or become involved in school trips and camps you must be POLICE VETTED. Contact the school office now for details, don't leave it until the last minute.

INLINE HOCKEY

If your child is interested in playing Inline Hockey this term, please pick up a form from the school office. These forms must be **returned by Wednesday 8 February**.

TOUCH TERM 1

If you are interested in playing touch this term please collect a notice from the office. If you have already returned a slip in Term 4 you do not need to fill in another one. Games will be at Flagstaff Park on Monday nights. There will be no fees as these are covered from last season. Please **return notices** back to the office by **Tuesday 7 February**. Any enquiries come and see Miss McGinity, Room 6.

CRICKET

If your child is interested in playing cricket (hardball Years 5 and 6 and participation Year 2 to Year 4) please collect a note from Mr Laird in Room 12 or the school office. These forms must be **returned by Tuesday 7 February**.

WAIKATO ACADEMY OF MUSIC - KEYBOARD AND PIANO

Tutor: Gill Earwaker (Kelly) ATCL AIRMT The Waikato Academy of Music is offering keyboard lessons at Hukanui School again this year for students age 8 years and older. These are group lessons of approx. 4 students, held at school during the school day. The cost is \$15.95 + GST per lesson. Additional costs include: - Music tutor book \$30 - \$45 (approx) and an annual surcharge of \$35. This covers any maintenance and replacement costs of the Academy keyboards which are used for lessons. Students do not need to bring their keyboards for lessons.

Before keyboard lessons can commence it is essential for students to have a keyboard at home for regular practice; the Academy does have a limited number for hire. Contact Gill Earwaker, details below.

Individual piano lessons are available during the school day and arranged to suit the requirements of you and your child. The cost is \$22.00 per lesson. Additional costs include: Music tutor and theory workbook (costs vary depending on level of student) Music library. Buying music can be very expensive so to help keep costs down I offer a music book library service at \$5.00 per term. It is essential for students to have a piano at home. For all enquiries regarding both keyboard and piano lessons please contact the tutor: Gill Earwaker (ATCL, AIRMT) Phone: 07 870 4281, Mob: 027 570 4281, Email: soundzofmusic@clear.net.nz

VISION AND HEARING TESTING

The technician will be visiting our school on Wednesday 29 February. If you would like to have your child tested please contact the school office. All new entrant children will be routinely tested unless you request otherwise, or if your child is currently under specialist care for a hearing or vision defect.

SUBWAY LUNCHES NOW \$5 - NOTE THE PRICE INCREASE

Please note that this year the price for Subway lunches is now

\$5 (Exact money please, no change given)

Subway starts tomorrow. Turkey, beef, ham or vegetarian. Please place \$5 into an envelope clearly marked with name, class and Subway choice.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHARTWELL SCOUT GROUP. Welcome Back and Registration Night, Thursday 2 February 6.30 pm.

New members welcome. Chartwell Scout Hall, Belmont Avenue, Chartwell (behind St. Albans Church). Any queries phone Toni 8549105.

HAMILTON ROLLER SKATING CLUB are running the following sessions this term in their newly enclosed Facility on Melville Park.

Sunday Morning 10 am to 12 noon. Mums and Dads skate free kids \$2.00 each. \$2.00 for all Hire Skates. Monday 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm Learn to Skate Class including skate hire \$25.00 per term, or \$3.00 per night starting 6 February. Tuesday 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm Speed skating \$2.00 each Thursday 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm Speed skating \$2.00 each. Thursday Night Twilight Skate 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm \$3.00 each and \$1.00 for skate hire. Further information please ring Kathy Moody on 8552523 or Pearl Best on 8474527

MUSIC LESSONS

Linda Bell. Piano and keyboard lessons. Ages 6 to adult. Introductory lesson free. For further details phone 8539176

Amber Evemy. DipABRSM, Music Teacher: Singing, Piano, Flute and Theory for all ages. Phone 021 205 1686 ocean@hnpl.net

Catherine Wallace. Flute, recorder, music theory and ear test tuition available from a friendly, experienced and qualified teacher. Free first lesson. All enquiries from children and adults are welcome. Phone Catherine on 850 4998 or email cwallace@orcon.net.nz

4Front School of Guitar and AllStar Band have now merged under the name MusiqHub. The name MusiqHub reflects the proven link that playing a musical instrument can increase academic achievement and IQ. Your local MusiqHub is Malcolm Hart on cell: 021 229 8820 or email: malcolm.hart@musiqhub.co.nz, or go to our site www.musiqhub.co.nz



WAREHOUSE STATIONERY - FUNDRAISER

If you are purchasing any stationery from Warehouse Stationery just quote the following number:

BYSJ3K9

We receive Bluebiz points which we can use to purchase resources for our School.

Kind regards David Mossop Tumuaki



Drivers must not pass other vehicles that have slowed or stopped at school crossing points.



Calender of Events

February 3 School Assembly Music Testing day

February 6 Waitangi Day - no school today

February 7 Year 4 Camp parents meeting 5.30 pm

February 8 Years 5 & 6 Camp parents meeting 5.30 pm

February 13 Year 4 Raglan Camp commences

February 14 Year 5 & 6 Kiwi Corral Camp 1 commences for Rooms 1, 2, 4 & 5

February 15 Year 4 Raglan Camp returns

February 17 Year 5 & 6 Camp 1 returns

February 21 Year 5 & 6 Kiwi Corral Camp 2 commences for Rooms 3, 12 & 13

February 24 Year 5 & 6 Camp 2 returns

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