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Board of Trustees Newsletter



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Dear Parents

This is our first newsletter as a new Board and firstly we want to thank you for your vote of support. We are all very keen that our school keeps moving forward and we look forward to working with you, and with the school management and staff to ensure this happens. In this newsletter we want to update you on what is happening in the school and share some exciting learning data from our children's recent assessments.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT and LEARNING

National Standards

As our staff already report against achievement expectations the alignment to National Standards this year has been a minor one. Our achievement continuums have already been revised, and parents will receive a written copy of progress at the learning conferences. The staff also have ongoing professional development discussing standards in curriculum staff meetings making sure results are moderated and consistent throughout the school. Further information on any changes in national standards and how they impact our reporting will be shared later this year.

Mathematics

Recently the year 4, 5 and 6 students sat P.A.T. mathematics tests. This test covers all the strands, not just number, and compares our children to their New Zealand year group. We were encouraged to see that our children are performing strongly in all areas. Multiplication and division are the next learning steps teachers

will be concentrating on in the next two terms. We think the ability class system for maths, along with the in class support from Shirley Tyson and targeted teaching from the staff is working. It also endorses our decision to fund a maths support teacher for the lower ability classes over the last term. We will continue this for the rest of the year to make sure all children progress as expected.

PEOPLE

A new Year One class starts in Room 26 next term. It is interesting that with careful management we have managed to keep the roll the same as last year at this stage. We will continue to keep class numbers down so our children have the best classroom conditions for learning.

ENVIRONMENT

(a) Property

The following projects have been completed this year.

- The Living Room (eco classroom)
- Classroom computers \$20,000
- 8 Interactive whiteboards \$30,000
- Security cameras
- A new PE shed under Room 11
- Security lighting - hall carpark
- Caretakers shed built

The following projects are currently in progress

- Staff carpark on Hukanui Road, currently going through a long process with Hamilton City Council. Approximate projected cost to the Board \$150,000.
- 10 heatpumps for classrooms (installed these holidays) \$40,000
- Heating upgrade and entranceway blinds for the hall. Gone to tender.

(b) Maintenance

We have ongoing maintenance projects. We also receive a monthly health and safety report from the staff and student representatives. Where possible we act promptly to address any issues.

COMMUNITY

Communication: Our school tries really hard to keep you informed through weekly written and emailed newsletters, an exciting webpage and lots of sharing learning and fun events. We will again be consulting with every family by way of a survey in Term 3 as this has continually provided us with feedback from the highest number of families.

PTA: Hukanui School has a hardworking PTA who fundraise for the school. Please support them, they meet the first Wednesday of every month in the staffroom. They have pledged \$20,000 this year towards the installation of classroom heatpumps.

Maori Whanau: A very successful Poi party was held in the new Eco classroom at the end of term one. The focus was on supporting our tamariki and also to support in practical ways our very keen Kapa haka group. Thanks to Nadine Malcolm-Cant and her team for leading this event.

POLICIES and PROCEDURES

Along with school management we continually review our policies and procedures. Please feel free to view our Policy folder in the school foyer. It contains all our Policies under the National Guidelines.

1. Curriculum Delivery
2. Planning, school reviews and reporting
3. Personnel
4. Finance and Property
5. Health and Safety
6. Legislative requirements
7. Treaty of Waitangi

LOOKING AHEAD

Board meetings are held at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Dates are published in the newsletter. Remember any members of the school community are welcome.

As a new Board we are excited about the future of learning at Hukanui. We want to do our governance role well so that our children’s learning continues to reach high achievement standards. To do this we look forward to a positive partnership with parents, school leadership, staff and students so that our school remains, ‘a leading learning environment maximising people’s potential’.

Raewyn Shackleton
Chairperson

