

NEWSLETTER

15 October 2020



*Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.
 Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa Ki te atua-tēnā koe.
 Ki a papatuanuku – tēnā koe.
 Ki te kura/whare – tēnā koe.
 Ki te hunga matē, Ki te hunga ora. Tēnā koutou katoa.*

Kia ora koutou, nau mai haere mai and it is so good to see you all back at school, full of excitement and ready to enjoy the last term of the year. A special welcome to our newest students and to your families, we look forward to getting to know you and know that you will add to the richness of our amazing community. I have to admit that I have my fingers crossed and am hoping that we get to enjoy a full term at Alert Level One and that we get the opportunity to return to some semblance of what is 'normal' within Hukanui. I am not quite sure where the holiday break went, but we were certainly blessed with some great weather, which I know many of you took full advantage of. From a school perspective the great weather allowed us to do a lot of work around the school. This included; painting of the playgrounds, repairs to concrete surfaces, new court markings, a start to pool repairs, carpet replacement in three learning spaces and significant progress to the new building works closest to Chartwell. These are exciting times for us and it is our hope that from 28 October, progress on the new build will really start to accelerate. We also hope to get timelines for developments to Room 20, 21 and Rooms 11, 12 and will share information as it comes to hand.



A quick word of acknowledgement to our staff for your work and preparation over the last fortnight. This was genuinely appreciated and is a testament to your professionalism and care for our learners. I also appreciated all your support, good humour and work throughout Mondays fairly intensive First Aid Training day. Have a great week and 'Go the All Blacks'.

Nga mihi,
 Leo Spaans
Tumuaki
PRINCIPAL



Mr and Mrs Morris retire

On Monday afternoon our staff came together to formally farewell Fred and Olga who have served Hukanui School for 19 years. This was a very special, emotional and light hearted affair (at Olga's request) and gave our staff the opportunity to share how much they mean to us. Fred worked as our caretaker and over the years has become a bit of a legend with families, sub contractors and the wider staff for his warm personality, willingness to engage and his great stories. Olga served as our head cleaner, going above and beyond to ensure the staff were cared for and that the admin area in particular was presented to an exceptional standard. Both are now set to enjoy their retirement and are keen to catch up with whanau, spoil their grandchildren and spend some time gardening and relaxing. On behalf of the Hukanui School community, I would like to pay tribute to their commitment, professionalism and care. They touched our hearts and we look forward to their visits for a cup of tea and a catch up. Tēnā rawa atu korua.

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Assembly on Friday - Writing Competition Winners Announced

Just a quick reminder that we will be holding a full school assembly on Friday morning to welcome students and whanau back, announce the Writing Competition winners and introduce our newest learners. Please do be aware that families and whanau are welcome to attend. Seating is limited, so we encourage you to get in early!

Please note that the 'Stars of the Week' will not be presented at this assembly.



Pool Update - As you will all now be well aware, works to the pool are fully underway. The pool has been fibreglassed, new plumbing is being installed, line markings have been inserted and we appear to be on track to have the pool operational before years end. This is a massive accomplishment and only made possible through the generosity of our community and the drive of our PTA!

Gate Exits - Children who have older siblings will be released at 2.50 pm. These students are ones that either make their way home independently or there is a parent at a gate or outside a classroom to collect them at that time. Bikers, scooters and children going to after school care will be released at 2.55 pm. All other children will be released at 3 pm. Parents are welcome to come into the gates from 2.50 pm but the children will still be released to them at these aforementioned times.

Rotary Fairfield Dictionary Donation

Our sincere thanks go out to Seddon Polglase and the Fairfield Rotary group who very generously donated 140 new picture dictionaries to our school. These are incredibly valuable resources and are particularly useful for our second language learners and middle school children. It is so reassuring to know that groups like Rotary are still available to support communities and work tirelessly to support outcomes for others.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Hukanui School from Monday 19 until Thursday 22 October.

The Fair will be open from 8.20 - 9 am every morning and in the afternoon from 2.15 - 3.30 pm.

Parents are welcome to come and buy some lovely books and support our school library. A percentage of the Book Fair sales will go towards new books for Hukanui. Purchases can be made with eftpos or cash.

Community Champions

A quick note of thanks to the Hukanui Kindy for their kind morning tea shout for staff on Wednesday morning and a special mention to Caroline Nickerson, who brought a few boxes of chocolates to recognise our support staff who each day supervise gates and monitor parking. Both these gestures put a smile on the faces of our team and it's always lovely to have great work acknowledged!

Attendance and Truancy

Attendance rates are something that the school is legally required to monitor. It is also important that we keep you informed of your child's attendance rate especially as time absent here and there for various reasons can soon creep up and start to have an impact on learning. Thank you to all those parents that we have contacted that have responded so positively and have been thankful for being kept informed of their child's attendance. We are hopeful that with the warmer and drier weather there will be less illnesses that require children to be absent from school.

PTA NEWS

The PTA wishes to say a massive **thank you** to the Hukanui Community for all your support with our Pool Fundraiser! It is amazing that we have reached our goal of \$65,000 and super exciting to see the work progressing. We have our **PTA meeting tonight** (15 October) at 7.30 pm in the Staffroom, the doors will be open from 7.15pm, all are welcome!

Calendar Art - We are running a final order which must be placed by 3 pm Friday 30 October. You can order on www.ezlunch.co.nz (Note: you don't need a form for EZ lunch orders) or pick up a hard copy order and make payment (cash or Eftpos) at the school office.

Coffee Morning - Please join us across the road at Coffee Club in Chartwell Mall on Monday 19 October from 8:30-10am for a free coffee and a chat!

Save the date for the **School Disco - 30 October**.

We are still selling **\$25 WOF's**. Please email the PTA at hukanuischoolpta@gmail.com if you would like to buy one. More details are on the PTA Facebook page.

SPORTS NEWS

HOCKEY

Dynamos vs Silverdale. Francesca Nickerson

Strikers vs Te Rapa. Lachie Stent

Quicksticks. Brax Frederick-Bishop & Marcus Yuen

Tacklers. Grace Little, Eden Richardson & Daniella Poynton

Blasters 3 Pukete 2. Luke Lockwood Chloe Strange

Whistlers 1 Pukete 5. The Whole team

Trappers 4 Hillcrest 1. The Whole team

Summer Sports - Cricket, Touch, Hockey & Miniball

teams. If you have registered for the above sports you will receive an email with the relevant information by the end of the week.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Thank you to Smith & McKenzie for sponsoring our Stars of the Week

Room 1	Luca Murray	Room 2	Sophia Wright
Room 3	Krishh Grover	Room 4	Tristan Stretch
Room 5	Jermaine Holifield	Room 6	Harrison Fenwick
Room 7	Seoyeon Bae & Luke Howard	Room 8	Alex Wu
Room 9	Alice Hill	Room 10	Angus Ma
Room 11	Sofia Ramduny	Room 12	Marshall Pakinga
Room 13	Malachi McQuilkin	Room 14	Andy Lin
Room 15	Quintin Nikoro	Room 16	Rosina Jones
Room 17	Isabella Rautenbach	Room 18	Lily Ritchie
Room 19	Karys Jones	Room 20	Macy Cathcart Broderson
Room 21	Daryl Simm	Room 22	Max Wilkinson
Room 23	Annabel Stent	Room 24	James MacCarthy
Room 25	Janelle Gouws	Room 26	Claire Peng
Room 27	Aliza Farooqui	Room 28	Jia-Hua Yang
Room 30	Cecelia Nak	Reception	Amber Song

CHILDREN'S WRITING

I had the BEST holiday
Amazing, I had the most relaxing holiday I have ever had in my whole entire life! I travelled through the countryside, had a break at Waihi town and up the hill directing me to Waihi beach. The sand had a silky and soft feeling in between my toes. I remember the waves crashing and the sparkly salt water reflecting into my eyes making them shine like a diamond. It had been so nice, every single meal was yummy, my mouth was watering while dinner was served. The hot and delicious pizza danced at the top of my tongue, and I enjoyed the beautiful view of Waihi Beach.
By Isabella Oliphant, Room 10

I had the BEST holiday
Surprisingly, I had the best holiday ever! On the 6th of October, a trip to the Hamilton Gardens was a really good idea. I spied some new sections they made. They were spectacular. The gorgeous plants that were growing beautifully, the moving trees that were as tall as giants. My favourite part of this beautiful place was the Tropical Garden. It was filled with beauty, tropicalness and a magnificent glass blue river, flowed under the lush green bridge. To my amazement, somewhere in this maze of gardens I saw some soft, silky sand pouring out of this huge tube on the other side of the maze.
By Zainab Jahanzaib, Room 10

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Gully Working Bee

Saturday, 17th October, 9 - 11am



All parents please meet down at the school gully boardwalk at the bridge end. For further information please contact Rochelle on 021 299 5519.

Saturday music classes. Enrolments are open for Term Four at the Waikato Community School of Music. The first session is on Saturday 17 October. The school caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels Classes are held on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Contact us via our website Waikato Community School of Music or on 07 838 4611.

Advertisement for Dan Edgcombe, Property Ventures Real Estate. Includes photo of Dan Edgcombe, contact number 021 827 222, and email dan@propertyventures.co.nz.

Advertisement for Jamie Strange, List MP based in Hamilton. Includes photo of Jamie Strange, contact number 07 839 6803, and Labour Party logo.

Advertisement for Harcourts, featuring the text 'Call Ray 021 990413' and a photo of a man in a suit.

Calendar of Events for the Coming Weeks

15 October

- ICAS English Exam 3.30 pm

- PTA Meeting, 7.30 pm in our staffroom. All welcome

16 October

- Whole School Assembly and Writing Competition winners announced, 9.15 am

17 October

- Gully Working Bee, see notice top left column 9 - 11 am

- General Election Day

19 - 22 October

- Book Fair. Please come along and support our Library.

- Year 4 Kids on Bikes

20 October

- Accelerate testing for Fairfield Intermediate

- ICAS Spelling Exam 3.30 pm

21 October

- Lit Quiz

22 October

- ICAS Maths Exam 3.30 pm

For our full school calendar of events go to our website

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