

NEWSLETTER

18 June 2020



Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Ōnga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa Ki te atua-tēnā koe.

Ki a papatuanuku - tēnā koe.

Ki te kura/whare - tēnā koe.

Ki te hūnga mate, Ki te hūnga ora. Tēnā koutou katoa.

Kia ora parents and whānau

We have enjoyed a solid week of quality learning, engagement and success within Hukanui and I have to share my pride in the work of our staff during yet another COVID transition phase. It has been



so reassuring to see teachers and learning support staff driving progress, reassessing where children are at, developing new programmes and striving at the same time to gain momentum post lock down. As you can well understand, in many respects our team has had to restart the year and reconnect with where your children are. It was lovely this week to wander through classes, chat to children, present awards for great work, work with our student leaders and even do a spot of teaching just for fun. My thanks to Room 13 and Room 4 for the invitation to spend some time reading, laughing with you and getting to know you better and I hope that I may have brought a smile to a few faces.

On a sadder and final note this week we do have to say a heartfelt farewell to Ngaroma, one of our incredible Learning Support team. Ngaroma is off to explore new opportunities and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Alert Level 1

Over the past fortnight Hukanui staff have been exploring opportunities to; address playground congestion, maximise learning time, reduce behaviour challenges during play breaks, continue to build learner independence and improve carpark flow and availability. We have also had a close look at what we learned during the COVID lock down process and we believe that we have now come up with a plan that will support our long term success.

So from Monday the 22nd; Gates to Hukanui School will be open at 8.20 am for children to start arriving at school. Children who arrive prior to this can be booked into St Alban's or YMCA pre-school care. From 8.20 - 8.45 am parents are able to enter the school should they choose to do so so. At 8.45 am a bell will ring so children who have arrived can move into classes and engage in quiet activity and transition into learning at 9 am. Parents will be asked to leave classrooms and the school gates at 8.45 am, unless they have a prior booking. Children arriving between 8.45 - 9 am will have to enter independently through monitored gates by Rooms 5, 1 and 22 and the carpark bike gate will continue to be open. This 15 minutes has come about after viewing our learners success, growth in independence, and a significant reduction in anxiety over the Level 2 transition. 98% of all staff strongly agreed that the quick 'Kiss and Drop' routine employed during Level 2 and the quiet entry into class had made a massive difference to learning and confidence. It is also interesting to note that many parents had agreed that the 'Kiss and Drop' routine had encouraged children to be more independent, gave them 15-30 extra minutes a day and improved traffic flow in the morning.

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

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

HUKANUI SCHOOL

We will continue with staggered play breaks and bell times. This will help us to reduce numbers in the playground. It has also helped us to increase learning time in the morning and reduce afternoon time for our youngest learners. At this stage we have grouped Year 1, 3 and 4 and Years 2, 5 and 6. This allows us to continue with sports coaching, leadership activity and keep students in collaborative year groups together.

After School Departure

In regards to pick up times, the Hukanui School Gates will be opened at 2.50 pm. It is our intention to continue the staggered departure to reduce congestion and parking issues. Senior students with younger siblings will depart at 2.50 pm. Bikers, scooters and after school care children will depart at 2.55 pm. At 3 pm all other children will be released at their designated gate. Parents are able to enter gates from 2.50 pm onwards but where possible we are still encouraging children to meet their caregivers outside the school gates at a designated point. **We are also encouraging children and siblings to keep using the same gates as they have during the COVID period.** This again will reduce car parking issues, speed up traffic flow and help develop independence and resilience. School gates will be locked at 3.20 pm.

Any visitors to our site during the school day must enter via the School Office and sign into our Vistab log as per our usual practise. Students who arrive late must also come in via the school office as all gates will be locked, with attendance registers being completed by 9 am. If your child is absent, please remember to contact our school office by phone, text or email.

We do understand that for a few days this will likely cause some minor frustration and confusion but in the long term it will make a world of difference to our learners. Thank you to all the parents who have worked to support us thus far and to those who have taken the time to share their positive feedback. Please do be aware that we still intend to promote good hygiene practice, hand washing and disinfecting hands prior to breaks.

ICAS details will be sent home at this end of this week giving details of how to enter.

Three Way Conference Reminder

Student led conferences are scheduled for Wednesday 1 July and Thursday 2 July from 1.15 to 7 pm. These conferences will look slightly different this year due to the impact of the COVID lockdown. Students will be sharing what they have been working on for reading, writing and maths and also some personal goals. Teachers will not be sharing formal assessments, and data continuums will not form part of this report.

This year there is an option to select a face to face meeting with the teacher as normal on site, or there is also the option to have a zoom online meeting with the classroom teacher if you would like to do this off site. This will be a great opportunity for you to learn how your child has settled back into school and their learning routines. Conferences are open for bookings and the school code is **eama7**. Simply enter this code in the School Conferences tab on the school website.

*** Please note that the school will be closing early on both these days at 1 pm.**



Kind regards,
Leo Spaans
Tumuaki
PRINCIPAL

PTA NEWS

Unfortunately due to recent events, the PTA has made the tough decision to cancel this year's Gala. We will revisit the idea for 2021.

The next PTA uniform sale will be on Friday 26 June in Room 25. If you have any items you could donate, please drop them into the school office. We are very low on size 8, 10 and 12 items in particular.

Yummy Sticker collection sheets are now up in each classroom. You can keep collecting these at home or feel free to bring them into school!

SPORTS NEWS

If your child is interested in playing Miniball in Term 3 please go to this link <https://forms.gle/VT-SN1F2Sz3HLGKry6> or the school website under the Team Sports Page.

Netball, Hockey and Miniball teams will be completed next week and notified by email.



STARS OF THE WEEK




Room 1	Annabelle Molenaar-Ware	Room 2	Lily Martyn
Room 3	Kahvarna Tulaniu	Room 4	Anushree Sharma
Room 5	Mason Goodman	Room 6	Ben Fitness
Room 7	Melia Giles	Room 8	Aria Jones
Room 9	Eeshika Nawani	Room 10	Blake Taylor
Room 11	Jack Mitchell	Room 12	Jazmin Young
Room 13	Matthew McClinchy & Lucy McGee		
Room 14	Daniella Poynton	Room 15	Caleb Jefferson
Room 16	Heidi Ashton	Room 17	Nicolas Huo
Room 18	Charlie Dunn	Room 19	Noah Richter
Room 20	Mason Murray	Room 21	Anya Wu
Room 22	Junho Lee	Room 23	Kyah Tooley
Room 24	Myra Ram	Room 26	Yiyao Hong
Room 27	Chloe Eyes	Room 28	Cohen Harris
Room 30	Sam Richardson	Reception	Umed Momand


CHILDREN'S WRITING



The Senior ESOL class visited the Living Room recently to interview Mrs White and find out about the history of this special room. They had lots of questions and shared some writing with us this week.



The Living Room



Yesterday we were at the Living Room, it was amazing. I learned a lot of things about this place. Mrs. White answered questions that we asked her. Well now I know more about the Living Room.

Starting from the very beginning, in 2005 children, with an architect, began to plan what the Living room, then called the ECO CLASS, would look like. For 3 years they planned and chose the best place to build that special room for the environment place. When they chose the best place they built a cardboard model of the building to see what it would look like. In 2009 they finished building the Living room.


Now it looks amazing. Inside, the entire building has wooden walls, a ceiling and a wooden roof. Mrs. White told us that the floor is made of stones called concrete. On the right from the entrance is a clay wall with a small, black chimney. The chimney is behind the clay wall because this retains heat from the chimney. There are glass bottles in the wall that give light from the outside. I did not mention that the clay wall also has two parts. On the other side there are also glass bottles in the wall, but with artificial light. The chimney heats the entire room, especially in the winter when it is cold. The Living Room also has many other interesting things like this.

One of my favourite things in the Living room was the glass windows in the floor, so that you can see what is underground. There is also a fridge where the students put the things (food) that they cook.

In my opinion, the Living room is a friendly place for the environment and you can find many interesting things there. Personally, I really enjoyed it there. It has a nice atmosphere and a wonderful garden which makes more and more students want to come there.

I really like this place!!!

By Maja Byczek



I LEARNED ABOUT THE LIVING ROOM. THE LIVING ROOM IS A SPECIAL PLACE FOR HUKANUI STUDENTS. IT TOOK FIVE YEARS TO MAKE THE LIVING ROOM. THE PLANNING STARTED IN 2005 AND FINISHED IN 2009. IT ALSO TOOK ONE YEAR TO BUILD THE LIVING ROOM.

THEY HAVE A CLAY WALL TO PROTECT THE ROOM FROM THE FIRE. THEY ALSO HAVE GLASS BOTTLES IN THE CLAY WALL. THE WOOD THEY USED WAS MACROCARPA AND POPLAR. THE FLOOR WAS RECYCLED CONCRETE. IT WAS SO THICK AND WARM.

THERE ARE ALSO CHICKENS IN THE GARDEN. THERE WERE BEES TO.

MRS WHITE WAS THE LEADER OF THE ENVIRO GROUP IN THE SCHOOL. MY FEELING ABOUT THE LIVING ROOM IS THAT IT IS THE BEST PLACE IN THE SCHOOL.

The Living Room

By Jun

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Situations Vacant
ESOL Learning Assistant**

We are looking for a Learning Assistant to support our English Language Learners at Hukanui School. We are a multi-cultural school with children who are able to speak a variety of languages. This person would have the following attributes:

- Experience working with children learning English. A qualification in teaching English as a second language would be ideal.
- Plan and execute lessons and programmes for ELL students
- The ability to work as part of a team.
- Flexibility
- Patience
- Empathy and understanding of different cultures.
- A sense of humour.

Please email Susan Johnson, susanj@hukanui.school.nz by 5 pm Friday 26 June, with your CV if you think that you are the right person for this position.

Rototuna Junior High School. The online enrolment applications open on Monday 29 June and close on Friday 28 August. Please see below for further information.

Hamilton City Gymnastics Holiday Programme. For children aged 5 - 13. Based in Te Rapa. Further details email office@hamcitygymsports.co.nz or hamcitygym.com or facebook.com/hcggfa

Hamilton BMX Club. 75% discount for 2020 memberships for new riders. Email hamiltonbmx@xtra.co.nz www.hamiltonbmx.co.nz or phone 027 2733169.

**Calendar of Events
for the Coming
Weeks**

1 July

- 3 way conferences, school closes early 1 pm

- Board of Trustees meeting

2 July

- 3 way conferences, school closes early 1 pm

- PTA meeting 7.30 pm in our Staffroom. All welcome.

3 July

- Last day of Term 2

20 July

- School resumes for Term 3, 9 am

**For our full school calendar
of events go to our website
www.hukanui.school.nz**

Call Ray
021 990413
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**TAEKIDOKAI
MARTIAL ARTS**

Martial Arts in the Hukanui School Hall
Friday evenings - *First class free*
Juniors and seniors: 6.30 to 7.30pm.

ENROLLING NEW STUDENTS NOW

Visit www.grabone.co.nz search "Waikato", "Taekidokai" for discounted training for a month – valid for new students only

Contact Marie
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TE KURA NUI O
ROTOTUNA
HIGH SCHOOLS
2021

OPEN DAY

TUESDAY
4th AUGUST, 2020

TOURS BEGINNING AT:
9:45 AM / 2:00PM* / 5:30PM*

PRE-ENROLMENT INFORMATION
SEEING LEARNING IN ACTION
*2:00 PM & 5:30PM WILL BE JUNIOR HIGH ONLY

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & WHĀNAU
ARE ALL WELCOME

*INCLUDING CURRENT RSHS STUDENTS & WHĀNAU PLANNING ON ATTENDING RSHS

We will begin in Te Rangimārecura (Large Theatre) with the Principals' address followed by a tour of the school.