

NEWSLETTER

19 November 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 matu, Ki te hunga ora. Tēnā koutou katoa.*

Kia ora parents and whānau
I wanted to start this week acknowledging our entire Hukanui staff for their efforts across the board. As you can all appreciate, the end of year is never an easy time as we; assess children's progress, work on reports, facilitate daily teaching, look at 2021 organisation, review budgets and staffing, run day trips and excursions, manage daily life in classrooms, and engage with community groups through service activity. Our team does this all with smiles on their faces, with great professionalism and poise. I couldn't be more proud and despite all 2020 and COVID have thrown at them, they all stand tall. I really do encourage our parent community to take five minutes over the next few days to send a small note of thanks to a teacher, learning assistant or admin worker sharing your appreciation.

Over the past few weeks I have had the privilege of participating in a few of the Year 6 EOTC options, which have been a great deal of fun and source of



much laughter and celebration. The opportunity to take a few brave staff members and 20 very excited students on a fishing excursion lets you observe children take risks, explore new activities, engage with adults and learn outside the classroom. What was probably the most satisfying element was watching children who have never been on a boat, or have never caught a fish, suddenly achieve their goals. The huge smiles and ever developing 'fishy stories' are totally priceless. Thanks to Mrs Susan Johnson and the staff for their organisation of these events.

Outdoor Education Camps in 2021

Camps have been an important feature of learning in the outdoors at Hukanui for many years. Please note they are not compulsory but we do recommend children attend as we believe they provide really exciting learning opportunities.

In order for us to confirm bookings and pay camp deposits which are due before the end of 2020, we need to know accurate numbers of students attending camps in 2021. We ask that parents commit to covering the costs for their child if they choose to attend. These costs have already been significantly reduced by the board subsidies. If you have any problems contributing to your child's camp costs, please contact the Executive Officer who will discuss ways the school can support your child to attend.

This week, you will have received information regarding 2021 camps. Please read them carefully and respond by the deadlines given so we know who is going and we can make accurate bookings and deposit payments.

The vetting process takes some weeks so if you wish to be considered as a helper for any of the camps and your vetting requires updating, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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Respect, Excellence, Co-operation,
Integrity, Individuality.

Year 6 Graduation

This special night celebrating our Year 6 students will be held on Thursday 10 December at 7 pm. As space in our hall is limited and to be fair on everyone, we will be sending home three tickets for each family. If you are not going to use all your tickets, please send them back to the school office so others can take advantage of them. Thank you for your understanding.

Whanau Hui

Our sincere thanks to the wonderful whanau and community members who attended our hui on Friday. Your willingness to support was greatly appreciated and it is our hope that opportunities of this nature will become more frequent in future. We also have to acknowledge the Kapa Haka team for allowing us to watch their practice sessions and for entertaining us in the afternoon. Please do remember that if you have local contacts that you think may assist in the development of our curriculum or have stories of the Hukanui area that are worth sharing, please do pop in for a chat or send us an email.

Hukanui News Update

Last week we shared with you a few announcements relating to staff changes for 2021 and this week we have a few more to add. Recently, we learned that Mrs Judi Mossop has decided to retire and join her husband David on the East Coast of the Coromandel. Judi has led Hukanui International Programmes and been a pivotal member of the ESOL team for some years. We will also say farewell to Mrs Aman Virk who is heading off to Auckland with her family and to a new permanent position as a New Entrant teacher. And finally this week we would like to congratulate Ms Nikita Hannam on her recent engagement to her partner Troy. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing them all the very best.

Kind regards,

Leo Spaans

**Tumuaki
PRINCIPAL**



Ex Hukanui students' achievements!

It is always nice to hear how well our students are doing as they move to intermediate and then to high school. These three ex Hukanui students have performed very well in the Otago Maths Final Challenge intermediate competition: Marcus Ridge 2nd Prize, John Huang 3rd Prize and Aaron Zeng Year 7 Distinction. Well done Boys!

PTA NEWS

Uniform Sale - Tomorrow (Friday) from 8.15 - 8.45 am in the Senior Hub. Cash Only!

Changing Faces Auction - Changing Faces have donated a \$670 voucher for dental treatment that we'll be auctioning off next week - keep an eye on our Facebook page for details!

Coffee Morning - We had a fantastic turn out for our Coffee Morning this week - our final one for the year is Thursday 10 December - mark it in your diaries now.

Matific Funding - This week the PTA was pleased to be able to fund \$5,800 towards the Matific Maths Programme for 2021.

SPORTS NEWS

HOCKEY

Quicksticks 3 Pukete 1. Braxton Frederick-Bishop & Fletcher Kiely

Tacklers 6 Whatawhata 0. Alice Hill & Daniella Poynton

Strikers 1 HS Tigers. Eunice Liu & Lily Martyn

MINIBALL

Breakers 14 Glenview 35. Tunuiarangi de Thierry

Heat 25 Flyers Hawks 32. Reeve Whitcher & Lachlan Gibbs

CRICKET

Blasters vs Te Rapa. Cheyse Lowe

Arrows 32 Puketaha 132. Ashleigh Ridge

Sixers draw vs Pirongia. Ryder Mears

TOUCH

Green 1 Hamilton West 2. Ryan Eyes & Hilaire Noda-Palaone

Bronze 1 Te Rapa 7. Eric Liao & Marshall Pakinga

Photo Orders

Tomorrow is the last day for orders of Term 4 sports photos, class photos for Rms 25, 26, 27, 28 and the Reception Room, Lit Quiz team, Maths Mentors, Senior and Junior Band photos. Order envelopes need to be placed in the blue box in the office.

Christmas Giving

We have a donation box in reception as part of Kiwi Books for Christmas. This is a grass-roots cause to get brand-new books to kids who're doing it tough at Christmas. You can read about it here <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/the-woman-who-gave-away-1600-books-for-xmas> All donated books will be distributed by Waikato Women's Refuge and K'aute Pasifika to kids in our community. See www.kiwichristmasbooks.org.nz for more details. Donations by 14 December please!



STARS OF THE WEEK



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

Room 1	Hamish Duncan & Cohen Champion	Room 2	McKenzie Liang
Room 3	Holly Ward & Luke Lockwood	Room 4	Kadance Thompson
Room 5	Cooper Hay	Room 6	Maddy Cross & George Scott
Room 7	Lincoln Mylie	Room 8	Eason Diao & Gabe Brown
Room 9	Eli Auckram	Room 10	Zarifa Islam
Room 11	Grayson Wareham	Room 12	Olivia Mackie & Abdurahman Mohamed
Room 13	Zac Schultz	Room 14	Callan Embleton & Skyla Quintal
Room 15	Ava Dent & Claudia Crombie	Room 16	Casey Young
Room 17	Jackson Eng	Room 18	Lachie Ralph
Room 19	Dean Winchester	Room 20	Alison Huang
Room 21	Arnando Pieterse	Room 22	Odin Chan
Room 23	Fletcher Hunt	Room 24	Michael Coffey
Room 25	Ethan Blunt	Room 26	Yiyao Hong
Room 27	Joey Lyu	Room 28	Logan Holmes
Room 30	Ivy Ye	Reception	Daisy Meyer

The Beast

A glint of light made him wander closer. Mesmerised, he knelt down and picked it up, sliding his finger through the loop. Instantly his hand began to shake, pain coursing through his arm. He was not prepared for what happened next. His nails started to grow at an alarming rate, plastering a shocked expression on his petrified face. Ruby red scales started to form on his hands, taking over his skin. His eyes as wide as watermelons exploded with fear at what he had done. But it wasn't over. Not yet. Pale skeletal wings burst out of his back, making him double over. The pain was intense.



By Isabella Lemin, Room 2

Room 16 Summer Metaphor Poems

Summer is sizzling sausages on a barbecue.
 Summer is dripping ice-cream going on my leg.
 Summer is my dress flying in the wind.

By Ella

Summer is watermelon drizzling down my new t-shirt.
 Summer is water balloons splashing on my face.
 Summer is pretty dresses flowing in the wind.

By Mahlee

Summer is pinky, red fresh watermelon dripping down my chin.
 Summer is water balloon fights in the burning sun.
 Summer is glistening sand between my toes.

By Finn

Summer is surfing in the wild waves.
 Summer is singing songs while driving to the beach.

Summer is watermelon dripping down my arm.

By Minka

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YMCA Before & After School Care at Hukanui School. To make a booking please click - https://ymca-akl-ham-bop.aimyplus.com/? To view our programme please click - https://www.ymcauckland.org.nz/find-your-local/hamilton-recreation-centre/out-of-school-care/

The Building Champions Obstacle Challenge Sunday 29 November A fun, non competitive and safe environment for children to play and be active with the support of their families. (Parents and guardians run free). Unique obstacles and event format developed for inclusiveness, parent / child bonding, risk taking and most importantly massive smiles and laughter. For more details https://obstaclechallenge.co.nz/hamilton https://www.facebook.com/ObstaclechallengeNZ. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9yjlv2B6Qo

WEAVE Cultural Market will be on 11 December in Garden Place from 4 till 8pm. The New Zealand Red Cross hosts this as an opportunity for our former refugee and migrant communities to host a food or craft stall, showcasing the talent and diversity that they bring to Hamilton communities. Ethnic food, crafts, music, performances. For more information visit redcross.org.nz/weave

Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop. 18 - 22 January, 9 am - 4 pm daily at Southwell School. For further details www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129.

Hamilton City Gymnastics Holiday Programme. 15 - 18 December and 21 - 22 December, 9 am - 3 pm. Contact office@hamcitygymnsports.co.nz or 849 4546 or on hamcitygym.com

Calendar of Events for the Coming Week
20 November
- Year 0-1 Athletics 9.15 am
- Vision & Hearing Testing for new entrant children
25 November
- Year 5 & 6 Athletics
25 - 26 November
- Year 6 Fishing Option
26 November
- Year 3 & 4 Athletics
27 November
- Postponement date for Year 5 & 6 Athletics
For our full school calendar of events go to our website www.hukanui.school.nz
All events are subject to change due to COVID regulations

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