

NEWSLETTER



19 March 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Nga mihi kia koutou katoa.

So much can happen in the space of a week.

In challenging times it is always important to look for positives and to be thankful for all that we have in this beautiful place we live in. My highlight of the week was one little moment in a busy day and that was hearing one of our lovely office ladies singing "Happy Birthday". Not because it was a student's birthday, but because she was practising and modelling to that student the safe technique of washing hands for 20 seconds - roughly the same amount of time two rounds of "Happy Birthday" takes. And this is what makes this such a wonderful place to be. We are all open to learning new things and to show our students that we are learning and practising along with them too. This week Mrs McCay has been into classrooms demonstrating and talking about good hand washing techniques and how we can all take small steps to help with our own general health and well being.



These skills will help us all fight off a whole range of winter bugs.



With all the media coverage regarding COVID-19 at the moment there is a lot of "What if" scenario information. Quite frankly some of it is not helpful and can be very overwhelming. The recent case in a high school in Dunedin has demonstrated how quickly the Ministries of Education and Health can act. I am very confident that should we have any cases here, that we will be extremely well supported by these organisations.

Important information:

- * The school is open. There is no reason why children should not be attending if they are well. Keeping routines happening gives children a sense of normality and control over their lives.
- * The relationships between students and their teachers provide important emotional support in times of uncertainty.
- * I have been in classrooms and in the playground and children are happy, enjoying their friends, sport and learning. It is a vibrant place to be.
- * Think about rationing your own news intake and be mindful of how much you talk about this in front of your child.
- * Our school and team assemblies are cancelled until further notice. Stars of the Week and end of term achievement awards will be awarded in classes.
- * Our maths open day has been postponed. We will keep you informed about any updates concerning school sport.
- * If you find that you have some unanswered questions then please just pop in and have a chat.

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

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

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Another great positive this week was seeing and hearing how valuable the student - parent learning conferences have been. Judging from the feedback already this has been a great time for teachers, parents and students to build that three way relationship. These home/school relationships are really vital for us all to work together to achieve positive outcomes for your child. Our next conferences will be at the end of Term 2, which will focus more on progress, followed by the optional mathematics conferences at the beginning of Term 3.

ELECTIVES START NEXT WEEK

Drumroll please,,,,,,,,,,,,,

Next week our Elective programme rolls out for Years 2 through to 6. What an amazing range of learning opportunities we have on offer through these teams. A selection of some choices are: Seniors - Photography, Vikings, Robotics, Visual arts, Engineering; Middles - Butterflies, The Brain, Dr Seuss, Stop Motion Technology. Year 2's - Fairy Tales, Recycling, Puppets, Chinese. Our Electives programme is a real feature of our school and a way for students to develop their talents and passions in an area of learning. You will enjoy hearing about their exciting learning I am sure.



BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 of the Scholastic Bookclub is out now. The close date for orders is Friday 27 March.

You can order your books online at <https://www.scholastic.co.nz> or at the office.

Summer Sports and Cultural Photos

These photographs will be taken on 1 April. All students who have been involved in summer sports please return your uniform after the photos have been taken.

The following teams will be photographed:

Cricket - Hukanui Blasters & Hukanui Sixers

Flippaball - Hukanui Gold

Touch - Hukanui White, Hukanui Green, Hukanui Bronze & Hukanui Gold

Also photographed will be the **Student Leaders, House Leaders, Safety Leaders, Student Translators, Enviro-council, Student Librarians, Lit Quiz Team and Road Patrol.**

PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to **thank the Waikato Regional Council** for its generous Grant towards extending the gully boardwalk. This is now completed and looks amazing. Head down and take a look sometime.

Lost Property: The lost property is currently laid out inside the cultural gardens. Make sure you have a look while it is easily displayed. It will all be returned to the lost property room at the end of Friday.

If you're interested in purchasing or renewing your **Entertainment Book membership**, head along to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15e4024> Lots of great discounts of all kinds of family friendly and adult activities and food. Memberships are now fully digital - no hardcopy books are available. Get your order in now to get some fabulous bonus offers!

Wednesday 1st April 8.30 - 10 am - **PTA Coffee morning:** Pop along to the Coffee Club at Chartwell for a free coffee/hot drink and a chat. Note the new venue.

SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET

Blasters vs Hamilton West. Zach Nikoro

Sixers win vs HOB Lions. Zeb McGee

TOUCH RUGBY

White vs Hamilton Christian School. Jahvis Boyd

Bronze 8 Endeavour 2. Harper Piggott

Green 3 Rototuna 2. Liam Smith & Lucas Vargas-Moreira

Gold 7 Suburbs 3. Luca Murray & Carson Daly

FLIPPA BALL

Gold 6 CPS Celtics 3.

Gold 2 Hillcrest 0.

WINTER SPORTS NOTICES – HOCKEY, NETBALL & MINIBALL

Notices are available from the office now if your child is interested in putting their name down to play Hockey, Netball or Miniball in Terms 2 & 3. These notices must be returned to the school office no later than 3 pm Thursday 26 March. Please consider whether you can assist with Coaching or Managing a winter sports team this year, the number of teams we can enter is heavily dependent on parental support.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Room 1	Osiris Hokianga	Room 2	Claudia Gibson
Room 3	Caitlyn Macann	Room 4	Flynn Thorn
Room 5	Diesel Holifield	Room 6	Zoe Signal
Room 7	Rafi Islam	Room 8	Emily Smart
Room 9	Heinrich Coetzer	Room 10	Liam van Jaarsveld
Room 11	Claire Inder	Room 12	Kiki Zhang
Room 13	Bentley Betts	Room 14	Lachlan Pevreal
Room 15	Ashton Delaney	Room 16	Keagen Gouws
Room 17	Marcus Yuen	Room 18	Emily Aquilina
Room 19	Lottie Gilfoyle	Room 20	Brooke Schultz
Room 21	Braeden Governor-Wawatai		
Room 22	Eric Liao	Room 23	Camryn Richards
Room 24	Sean McDonald	Room 26	Taine Boreham
Room 27	Dhruv Jingar	Room 28	Hargun Virk
Room 30	Madison Stinson	Reception	Sparsh Gupta

CHILDREN'S WRITING

Swimming Sports
 I swam fast like a jaguar racing with a rocket.
 I floated like a dead skeleton.
 I kicked so hard that I felt like I was being blasted into space.
 I blew bubbles under water and they looked like a force field up on the water.
 Swimming makes me remember the rain.
By Huikang Choi
Room 17

As the sun sets I can see the scorching crystal sun using the sea as a mirror to shine its light against the clouds. It reminds me of being at the beach and looking at the glowing sun descending to the other side of the world. I hear the beautiful blue waves crash towards me and the seagulls squawking in my ear. I walk back to camp looking out to the horizon and watching the sky turn orange and the clouds turn yellow. As I hop into my tent I go to sleep dreaming about the blazing sun ascending into the sky to start the new day.
By Tyler Teng
Room 13

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Duty Manager x 2 (part time) Chartwell Shopping Centre. Interested in a part time role to work around the kids? We're looking for a highly motivated person who has excellent customer service skills, and a strong work ethic to oversee the Centre's operations on Thursday nights, weekends, plus some public holiday cover. There are two positions available to work rostered with the other duty manager either every second week or set days. We are flexible to look at what may work for you both. If you are interested you will find the details on seek.co.nz or alternatively you can email Tina Boyd, Chartwell Centre Manager if you have any questions on tina.boyd@strideproperty.co.nz

GirlGuiding is growing in Hamilton and there's room for more girls to join. Here are just 3 of the reasons girls choose GirlGuides:

- 1. They get to do fun things with their friends every week.
2. They get involved in the community.
3. They learn new skills in a safe environment.

All this in 1 1/2 - 2 hours, one night a week each term, in a safe environment. Go to girlguidingnz.org.nz to find out more.

Artz on Show School holiday performing arts Workshop. 20 - 24 April, 9 am - 4 pm daily at Southwell School. www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 2947129.

Kids4Stage Musical Theatre holiday programme. Sacred Heart College, Clyde Street. 15-17 April. \$150 per person for 3 days. For further details contact divasalesteam@gmail.com or Maureen 027 480 5686.

TAEKIDOKAI MARTIAL ARTS logo. 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 P or T 027 497 0499 E enquiries@tkma.co.nz

Call Ray 021 990413 Harcourts. Image of Ray in a suit.

Calendar of Events for the Coming Week. All assemblies are cancelled until further notice. 19 March - Learning conferences commence 1.45 pm. School closes today at 1.30 pm. 23 March - Electives Programme Round 1 commences today. 24 March - New Families induction 9 am. School tour for prospective Families 11 am. 25 March - Maths Olympiad 9 am. 26 March - New Entrants Parents Information Evening. 1 April - Summer Sports Photographs (see notice in newsletter). 9 April - Last day of Term 1. Please note change of start date for Term 2 - Now Tuesday 28 April. For our full school calendar of events go to our website www.hukanui.school.nz



Kind regards, Tracey Hopkins Tumuaki ACTING PRINCIPAL

Choose safety over convenience GOOD PARKING PROTECTS KIDS - before and after school

