

NEWSLETTER



20 February 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Nga mihi kia koutou katoa.

It is Week 3 already and another fantastic week here at Hukanui. Last week marked the first of our outdoor education camps happening with our Year 6 campers at Tui Ridge in Rotorua. What a wonderful time students had trying out new experiences and showing that Hukanui "give it a go" attitude. A big thank you to all the parent helpers that made this camp possible with their hard work and positive attitudes. What great role models for our tamariki.

At Hukanui one of our aims is to develop children of good character. Outdoor experiences such as camp provide an invaluable opportunity for the children to learn about themselves when they try something that may be new and challenging for them. These are also great opportunities to build all those new relationships not only with their classroom teacher but also all their new classmates. Also thank you to the teachers for all their hard work that goes into making these camps happen.

Next week is a big "camp week" with Year 5 students heading to Waihi for their 3 day camps. Year 4 campers are heading to Raglan for their 2 day camp, and the Year 3 team are having their exciting Activity Day based at school. By the end of next week over 500 students will have had amazing outdoor learning experiences. Have fun campers and create some life-long memories. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook pages for photo updates.

MEET THE TEACHER SCHOOL PICNIC

It was wonderful to see so many parents and children at our school family picnic last

night. This was a lovely opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher in an informal setting, as well as meet and greet other parents. What a great relaxed community event.



STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Learning conferences are happening in Week 7. This is a valuable time for teachers, students and parents to talk together about how the year has started and what each student's next learning steps are and their expected progress. A feature of Hukanui school is to ensure that students are involved in this process and developing their self directed skills in the process.

If you would like to have 5 minutes without your child present to discuss any sensitive issues, then please indicate this to the teacher at the start of the conference or make a time for after school one day.

School will finish earlier at 1.30 pm Wednesday 18 March and Thursday 19 March so conferences can begin at 1.45 pm.

How to book a conference time

Conference times can be booked online through our school website **from 9 am Tuesday 25 February**. Click on the "Conference" menu button. Enter the school code **pavdc** and follow the simple steps. You will need to enter your email address so that times can be confirmed. If you do

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not have access to a computer, then you can phone or visit the school office. We ask that only one conference time is booked per child.

GREATS AND GRANDS CLUB

We are very fortunate at Hukanui School to have a Greats and Grands Club. This club is a group of Grandparents who volunteer their time to work with individual students to support their reading or mathematics.

How does it work? Teachers will organise tasks for the volunteers to work on with the student, eg. reading a book - discussing the vocabulary or sharing experiences that relate to the story, playing a word or maths game or explaining a math problem. The timetable is flexible. You do not have to be a Grandparent of a child at Hukanui, some of our Greats and Grands grandchildren have moved on to other schools but they are still volunteering at Hukanui.

This programme is a positive and rich experience for all involved. It is quality time for students as they get to work with an adult one-on-one. If you are interested, please contact Susan Johnson by phoning (07) 855 6037 or emailing susanj@hukanui.school.nz

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We have had a few requests about children bringing in a 'treat' for the class on their birthday. While we acknowledge that this is a lovely thought however with an increasing amount of allergies we ask that you save the 'treats' for home. Classroom teachers do make every effort to make your child feel special on their birthday. Thank you for supporting us with this.

BIKE SECURITY

Please make sure that your child brings their own lock and chain to secure their bikes at school. We make sure that bikes are behind a fenced area but children must ensure they are locked and chained up. Thank you.

School Photographs

Class photos, as well as individual and sibling photos, will be taken on **Monday 2 March**. Photo order envelopes should be returned to the blue box in the office foyer even if you've paid online. Please return order envelopes by **Friday 28 February**.

PTA NEWS

Head to the **PTA Secondhand Uniform Sale** in the **Reception Room from 8.15 to 9 am this Friday** to stock up on uniform items (note the new venue). BYO bag and cash only. Thanks for all the great donations of unwanted uniform items - please continue to drop these at the school office ready for our next sale.

The gully weeding bee also kicks off on **Friday morning at 9 am**. Come along even if you can only spare 30 minutes. Meet at 9 am at the rear of the school field at the gully entrance.

If you're interested in **holding a position on the PTA**, get your nomination into Lisa Gwyn or Nicky Main before Tuesday 10 March. Position descriptions available from the Hukanui School PTA Facebook page or my emailing hukanuischoolpta@gmail.com

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday 2 March, 8.30 to 10 am - First coffee morning of the year. Note the venue this month is **The Coffee Club at Chartwell** beside Countdown. Many thanks to **Chartwell Shopping Centre** to continuing to support us this year by providing free hot drinks for anyone who comes along to our coffee mornings.

Thursday 5 March, 7.30 pm - Initial gala meeting for those interested in a leadership/organising committee role. Our recent survey indicated interest in holding a gala this year, so this meeting is to see if we have enough support to make it happen. Come along and find out more! Please RSVP on our PTA Facebook page or to hukanuischoolpta@gmail.com for catering purposes.

Tuesday 10 March, 7 pm - PTA AGM followed by March PTA meeting at 7.30 pm.

SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET

Blasters vs Hillcrest. Lucy McGee and Matthew Tilley
Sixers vs Ngahinapouri. Nathan Carter and Luke Lockwood

TOUCH RUGBY

White 4 Te Totara 6. Izaya Hokianga
Bronze 5 Endeavour 2. Deekin Ratima
Green 4 Horsham Downs 1. Andrew Wang
Gold 2 Te Totara 2. Levi Shaw

Book Club

Closes tomorrow,
Friday 21 February.
Order online at scholastic.co.nz




STARS OF THE WEEK



Room 1	Aliana Leather	Room 2	Tom Cobham
Room 3	Angus Stephens	Room 4	Muneeb Noorzai
Room 5	Emily Cross	Room 6	Xikun Pan
Room 7	Rebecca Weir	Room 8	Kaizen Harris
Room 9	Angus Cao	Room 10	Andrew Wang
Room 11	Sebastian Potter	Room 12	Devon Bodey
Room 13	Luka Aitken	Room 14	Liam Smith
Room 15	Jennifer Quintal	Room 16	Owen Aimusu
Room 17	Zachary Thompson	Room 18	Antonia Murray
Room 19	Xander Tutuila	Room 20	Cara Fitzgerald
Room 21	Scarlett Lemin	Room 22	Eeshani Chandi
Room 23	Dun Dun Zhang	Room 24	Aarna Nayak
Room 26	Raniya Jordan	Room 27	Rosa Kiely
Room 28	Logan Holmes	Room 30	Zoya Kalaam

CHILDREN'S WRITING

I like my mum because I can bake with her. My mum has glasses. I love her. My mum likes me. My mum is cool. I love her. Her name is Anita. Her favourite bird is a kiwi. I love her and she likes me.
By Lucas Bockett, Room 24

The Best Part of Me
The best part of me is my heart. 
It beats like a band playing a rhythm.
My heart is warm and cosy inside spreading blood around to each body part keeping me alive.
Sharing emotions and telling people how I feel inside.
Without my heart I wouldn't have a life and I would be empty with bits of me falling apart.
My heart is unique and special making me who I am!
If I didn't have a heart I wouldn't have kindness and I wouldn't love my family members.
By Zoe Godden, Room 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Hamilton Children's Day. Saturday 7 March 10 am - 2 pm in Garden Place. Live entertainment, competitions and prizes, chalk fest, rides and inflatables, DIY face painting. Bring a picnic.

Kelly Sports. A weekly multi sport programme that will provide an essential base for children's motor skills and help build confidence and co-ordination. Book online at kellysports.co.nz. Programmes run weekly on Tuesday at 3.10 pm starting 18 February (meet on field). This term the focus is on Cricket, Netball, Football and Scatterball. For year 0 - 4 students cost \$85. Contact Kim or Hine at waikato@kellysports.co.nz or phone 8399017.

Nia Dance Fitness classes for children. Nia is a fitness class that combines aspects of Martial Arts, Dance and Yoga and use music to inspire and relax. Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm in Gordonton Hall, 1024 Gordonton Road, \$5 per child per week. Contact Catherine Weston 022 306 4865 or email niawithcatherine@gmail.com

Hamilton Wanderers Football. Registrations to play football for the 2020 season at Hamilton Wanderers is now open! Whether it's your child's first time playing, you're looking for a new club or you are registering for another season, we have a place for you! Hamilton Wanderers is a family oriented club with excellent skill centres and pathways for player development. Head to our website, hamiltonwanderers.co.nz for more details.

Arts in the Park, Norris Ward Park Cnr Ward and Tristram Streets, 9 am - 2 pm rain or shine on Saturday 22 February. Great stalls, food and entertainment.

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.



Kind regards, Tracey Hopkins Tumuaki ACTING PRINCIPAL

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Calendar of Events for the Coming Week

21 February

- PTA Second hand uniform sale in the Reception Room 8.15 - 9 am. Cash only please and BYO bag.

- PTA Gully Tidy Up 9 am, meet at the back of the field by the gully entrance.

- Year 0-2 Assembly 9.15 am

- Year 5 & 6 Assembly 9.15 am in the Senior Hub

24 - 28 February

- Y4 - 6 e-asTTle testing

- Year 5 Camp at Waihi

24 - 26 February

- Year 4 Camp at Raglan

25 February

- Year 3 Activity Day

- New Family Induction 9 am

- School Tour for prospective families, 11 am

26 February

- BOT Meeting 7 pm

28 February

- No assembly this week

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