

# NEWSLETTER

20 May 2021



*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 mate, Ki te hunga ora. Tēnā koutou katoa.*

Kia ora parents and whānau,  
What a fickle week of weather we have had and it really has been a case of four seasons in each day. That said, I have to say that I have been delighted with how the majority of our learners have continued to strive for targets and produce work of real quality. In the main, the behaviour has been great and the student data and work coming across my table is definitely worth celebrating. I think this is best captured by our review on Monday of Math progressive achievement testing data from Term 1, which highlighted that across Years 3-6 a stunning 88% of all learners were achieving "At or Above " expectation. This also highlights the skill of our teachers, the commitment of our families and the success of interventions in place to support children in math. I also very



much enjoyed the opportunity to work with our very motivated PTA Chair, Chris Drake, and a few of our Writers League Boys on Thursday. You certainly had me laughing, thinking and proud of your willingness to write.

## PINK SHIRT DAY - TOMORROW FRIDAY 21 MAY

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against bullying, after another student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected. Hukanui like many other NZ schools will be supporting Pink Shirt Day on Friday. Students, teachers and whanau are welcome to come to school wearing a pink shirt, top or hat. We do ask that uniform shorts, shoes, socks, trousers or skorts are still worn. Please note: There will be NO collection of money for this day. <https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/>



In closing this week, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful Mums, Dads and Grandparents who have assisted us with drop offs and pick ups over the last fortnight. As a staff we really appreciate those of you; who follow road rules, support duty staff, park sensibly, walk from Chartwell and genuinely apply common sense and good manners. (I would give you all a Principal's Award if I could!) This really does help and makes a world of difference. We do still have a very small, 'special' group who; park illegally, make u-turns on Pickering Crescent and choose to ignore signage and staff. It is our sincere hope that either through; learning, thinking, ticketing or divine

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

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

intervention, they may change their ways!  
Have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the winter sports,  
and go the mighty Chiefs!

**Leo Spaans**  
**Tumuaki**  
**PRINCIPAL**



**WESTPAC HELICOPTER** - Thank you to all the incredible people who supported last week's Westpac Helicopter fundraiser. The students and the staff certainly enjoyed the opportunity to wear mufti, change hairstyles, or seize the chance to don a very special hat. We were also delighted to be able to present Westpac with \$1,200 to support this incredible initiative.

**UNION MEETING 29 JUNE** - Across New Zealand paid NZEI union meetings for teachers will take place. Our Hukanui teachers will be attending a meeting on **Wednesday 29 June at 12.30pm**. This will mean that we will be asking parents, where possible, to collect children early between 12.15-12.20pm. For those families who are unable to support, then supervision will be provided by school leaders and the Learning Support Assistants. These meetings, which will be held across the country, have been called to address; pay equity, retention, working conditions and challenges for teachers in the primary sector. Hukanui School will provide more detail in mid June.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY FRIDAY 4 JUNE - SCHOOL CLOSED** - This is a reminder about the Teacher Only Day that is occurring on Friday 4 June. This day was approved by our Board of Trustees and has been on our school calendar since the beginning of the year. This Teacher Only Day is professional development for our teaching staff with all the other schools in our Fairfield Cluster area. We will be off-site, as this involves over 600 teachers! The Teacher Only Day has a very full programme for our staff and contains new learning about our local Waikato history and significant sites. This is the culmination of an agreement with Naagti Wairere to share their knowledge and stories of this whenua and local area. We very much appreciate your understanding and we are sure you will enjoy the slightly longer Queen's Birthday break for your family.

## PTA News

**WOF's** - Ingham Automotive have kindly donated \$25 vouchers to have a WOF done by their friendly team, and the best bit is the entire \$25 comes to the PTA to assist with our fundraising. If you'd like to purchase a voucher email us at [hukanuischoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:hukanuischoolpta@gmail.com) Our current vouchers expire in October 2021 so they will need to be used before then!

**2nd Hand Uniform Sale** - We welcome all donations for our next 2nd Hand Uniform Sale that will be held on Friday 28 May from 8.20-8.45am in the Senior Hub. Please leave donations at the office.

**Entertainment Membership** - When you purchase a Single City Membership before 31 May, it will be upgraded to a Multi City Membership for FREE. Entertainment Memberships are packed full of amazing deals and 2-for-1 offers, you can recoup the cost in just a couple of outings. Memberships last for an entire year, regardless of when you buy. A great way to support our fundraising. <http://nz.entdigital.net/orderbooks/15e4024>

## Sports News

### HOCKEY

**Strikers 1** Hamilton East 0. Mahlee Evans

**Quicksticks 4** Endeavour 3. Ava Martyn

**Tacklers 2** SCCS 7. Alice Hill

**Whistlers 2** Opposition 5. Carlos Duan

**Blasters 2** Aberdeen. Annie Wang

### MINIBALL

**Heat 19** Flyers 12. Eve Katene

**Breakers 1** Toa Raptors 40. Kyra Vithani

**Flyers 18** Montessori 6. Zoe Drake & Zander Rautenbach

### NETBALL

**Magic** vs Pukete Zoe Lowe

**Flames** win vs Hamilton East. Mayson Murray

**Fernz 9** Rotorua 1. Savannah Anderson

**Lightning 7** Bankwood 7. Eva Begovich

**Stars 20** St Josephs 5. Kaitlin Smith

### 5 Golden Rules for Sideline Supporters

This week we were shared into this interesting link for our sideline supporters, it is well worth a look - [Parent Supporters](#)

### SPORT & GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

Sports and group photos are now available for sale on the Masterpiece website. Please enter the following address to reach the page for Hukanui. There is no password required. [masterpiece.queensberryworkspace.com/hps](http://masterpiece.queensberryworkspace.com/hps)

## Scholastic Bookclub

**Closes tomorrow**

**9 am Friday 21st May**



## Stars of the Week



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

|         |                    |           |                    |
|---------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Room 1  | Tashee Parekh      | Room 2    | Isabella Oliphant  |
| Room 3  | Jack Ludbrook      | Room 4    | Kingston Betts     |
| Room 5  | Laura Li           | Room 6    | Janelle Tieku      |
| Room 7  | Connor Dinnington  | Room 8    | Ritchie Moons      |
| Room 9  | Sebastian Weideman | Room 10   | Payden Stevens     |
| Room 11 | Veronica Phour     | Room 12   | Savaeh Matchett    |
| Room 13 | Seungri Seo        | Room 14   | Amelia Carter      |
| Room 15 | Lily Tocker        | Room 16   | Aaliyah Vala       |
| Room 17 | Blake Pevreal      | Room 18   | Maya Tyrell        |
| Room 19 | Zander Dunn        | Room 20   | Annabel Stent      |
| Room 21 | Fletcher Hunt      | Room 22   | Ordane Borell      |
| Room 23 | Maia Fitness       | Room 24   | Jayden Chen        |
| Room 26 | Jack Ralph         | Room 27   | Lucas Roberts      |
| Room 30 | Emily Kershaw      | Reception | Corbin-rei Faiaoga |

## Children's Contributions

### Room 30 Autumn Leaves Writing

Colourful leaves are whooshing down from the trees. They are twirling and whirling slowly and carefully. They float through the breeze. They are delicate and soft. They fly everywhere because the wind pushes them. The colours of the leaves are orange, red, and yellow. They flip when they fly.

**By Aarna**

The colourful and beautiful leaves are twisting off the tree because it is Autumn. The leaves are falling and changing colours.

**By Luca**

Colourful Autumn leaves are twirling and shaking down from the tall tree. They are dancing and moving slowly. They change to colourful colours. The colours are only yellow, orange, red, brown and green. They are special. The leaves fall when it is windy and they tumble down. They flip flop. The leaves shine in the sun.

**By Genika**

Last week the Junior Hub had a visit from a pukeko, here is Room 27's writing of the experience.

The pukeko got stuck and scratched the window with his sharp claws.

**Angus Oliphant**



The pukeko got scared and angry. He got out.

**Poppy Han**

The pukeko got scared of us because he wanted to go outside of the hub.

**Emily Pedlar**

The pukeko got scared because he wanted to go out. The pukeko scratched the window.

**Lovekaran Khosa**

## Community Notices

**Chartwell Library.** You can now pay your rates bill at the Chartwell Library up until 28 May, payment is by EFTPOS only. This is a new service on trial to assist Hamilton ratepayers.

**House of Wonder** in Rutherford Street, unique, innovative holistic approach to early childhood education has gained national and international recognition. Fusing together the latest research in neuroscience and learning philosophy the centre provides a truly remarkable experience for our children and families. We work closely with Hukanui School to ensure tamariki are ready for their transition to school and visit the school regularly. To book a tour, please contact [chartwell@houseofwonder.co.nz](mailto:chartwell@houseofwonder.co.nz) or call 072820986. Spaces are limited, mention that you have been referred by the school and you will be eligible for our fantastic referral promotion. \*Terms and conditions apply.

**Art Lessons.** Local art teacher Kim has some free online lessons for you to try. Got to the front page of [ALLSMILEZ.COM](http://ALLSMILEZ.COM)

**NZ Symphony Orchestra in Hamilton 22 May.** More information [events](#).



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## Calendar of Events for the Coming Weeks

### 21 May

- Pink Shirt Day
  - Year 1 & 2 Assembly
- 9.15 am

### 25 May

- New Entrant parent meeting
- 9 am
- School tour for prospective Families
- 11 am

### 28 May

- Assembly for Year 5/6 students
- 9.15 am

### 31 May

- Fairfield Intermediate Production for Yr 6 students

### 25 - 27 June

- World Vision 40 hour famine, check our Facebook page for further details

For our full school calendar of events go to our website

[www.hukanui.school.nz](http://www.hukanui.school.nz)

All events are subject to change due to COVID regulations

### Advance Notice -

Teacher Only Day

Friday 4 June

The school will be closed on this day for professional development of our staff.

### NZEI PUM

Wednesday 29 June 12.15 pm

Union Meeting for Hukanui NZEI teaching staff. School closes for tuition at 12.15 pm, supervision will be provided until 3 pm for children unable to be picked up by parents.