

NEWSLETTER

22 October 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 matē, Ki te hunga ora. Tēnā koutou katoa.*

Kia ora parents and whānau
Despite the dark, gloomy, changeable spring time weather, we have enjoyed a fairly high paced and fun filled week within Hukanui. Certainly lots of activity across the school and a real feeling of motivation, drive and excitement coming from the learners, which is both contagious and affirming. In a week filled with stand out moments, three things have really stood out for me as genuine sources of celebration. First there was the massive successes of Miss Robertson and Miss Hope's Hukanui Jump Jammers,



who stole the show on Friday night taking out both first and third placings in the Hamilton finals. Second was presenting the awards to the winners of the annual Writing Competition. For children to stand out, in a field of over



400 entries, is a testament to their skill and ability. Finally, the absolute highlight for me this week would have to have been quietly watching a group of very brave Hukanui learners auditioning for this week's Lip Sync finals. Your courage, willingness to have a go, and amazing talent made me both proud and a little envious.

Quickfire Community Acknowledgements. Our People, Our Champions

I would like to thank all the families who took the time to respond to the community survey on 'Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning' emailed out last week. Your positive feedback and thoughts are highly appreciated and help us to review programmes and develop next steps. The survey is still open.

To our new parent coaches who have given up their time to motivate, guide and organise our young athletes in Cricket, Miniball, Touch and Hockey, you are legends! Thanks so much for volunteering and offering to assist.

To our Working Bee heroes and Book Fair helpers, you are incredible. Your quiet toiling and hard work don't go unnoticed.

I would also like to acknowledge the parents and whanau who joined us for our transition to school meeting on Monday. Your positivity, feedback and support were appreciated.

Kia pai to ra, enjoy your week and have a great Labour Day long weekend.

Nga mihi,
Leo Spaans
Tumuaki
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Respect, Excellence, Co-operation,
Integrity, Individuality.

Year 5 Bike Week

This has been a phenomenal event and it has been so positive to see our Year 5's exploring bike safety, rider awareness and enjoying developing their cycling skills. We have even had a few very brave students who have actually learned to ride a bike in a matter of hours, which is incredible. What is particularly pleasing is to see so many students actively engaged in physical activity and developing a passion for something that brings so much pleasure to people of all ages and stages!

Gully Working Bee

On Saturday a small dedicated team of PTA members and teachers made excellent progress during their working bee. They continued to weed around last year's planting area and extend further into the untouched area of the gully. We thank them for their time, enthusiasm and energy. We are rewarded by clearly seeing the progress made and the growth of our native plants. Special thanks to Rochelle for organising and supporting this important project. We would also like to thank Bruce and Jeff Rosemergy for their continued work in the gully, clearing areas and completing difficult tasks ready for future planting. Their support is also amazing, as their children and grandchildren have long since left our school to higher education.

Book Fair

This week the school has facilitated our annual Book Fair. This is always a well received, popular event that draws in lots of our community and at the same time, is a neat opportunity to promote reading, a love of a great story and an appreciation of picture book art. Our thanks this week to Mrs Sarah Penny and her amazing support crew for organising the event and setting up for the Fair. If you have not been in school to have a look at the books on offer, we really encourage you to come into the library this afternoon and have a look. Lots of parents have already come in to purchase Christmas and birthday gifts, the books on offer are brilliant.

Congratulations to our three Jump Jam teams for their outstanding performances on Friday night at the Strictly Jump Jam competition. The Year 3 and 4 Hukanui Rockers (all girls team) placed 3rd, the Year 3 and 4 Hukanui Freaks (all boys team) placed 1st and the Year 5 and 6 Hukanui Groovers also placed 1st!

Miss Trista Robertson

PTA NEWS

Our **School Disco** is happening on 30 October! **Juniors 2-2.45pm, Middles 5.30-6.30pm, Seniors 7-8pm.** Tickets are \$3 each and are available for purchase from Tuesday 27-Friday 30 October in the Cultural Gardens from 8.20-8.45am. Middles & Seniors can pre-order pizza slices for \$2. All items are cash only. More details can be found at www.facebook.com/hukanuischoolpta

Calendar Art - We are running a final order now so if you missed out, orders must be placed by 3pm Friday 30 October, so get in quick! You can order on www.ezlunch.co.nz (note: you don't need an order form for Ezlunch orders) or pick up a hard copy order form and make payment (cash or eftpos) at the school office.

WOF's - We are still selling the \$25 WOF's - email the PTA at hukanuischoolpta@gmail.com to purchase.

Entertainment Books - These are still for sale, you can purchase here: www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/order-books/15e4024



Gully Working Bee Thanks

We had perfect weather and we would like to thank these parents: Paul, Chris, Lisa and Ruth, and a special thanks to the three staff members who also came along to help: Louise Wilson, Michelle White and Kate Stokes.

Rochelle Depledge

SPORTS NEWS

Please remember to return all sports uniforms (washed) that are no longer in use for winter sports. Please be aware that we do have to charge for any un-returned uniforms and any damage incurred that is not due to fair wear and tear.

Deidre Bartels

Sports Administrator



The Scholastic Book Fair
LAST DAY TODAY!
Don't miss out on
purchasing some early
Christmas presents

The Fair will be open this afternoon from 2.15 - 3.30 pm.

Parents are welcome to come and buy some lovely books and support our school library. A percentage of the Book Fair sales will go towards new books for Hukanui. Purchases can be made with eftpos or cash.



STARS OF THE WEEK



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

Room 1	Vaughn Tabuavou	Room 2	Riley Zillwood
Room 3	Viknew Long & Bella Garrett	Room 4	Charlotte Colvin
Room 5	Arie Moran	Room 6	Nathan Carter
Room 7	Medha Chanadi	Room 8	Jack Boyles
Room 9	Mark Huang	Room 10	Katie Tabuavou
Room 11	Nikita Irvine	Room 12	Annie Depledge
Room 13	Mikaela Lu	Room 14	Riley Fenwick
Room 15	Maddie Cooper	Room 16	Tunuiarangi de Thierry
Room 17	Kiefer Shen	Room 18	Davis Berzins-Woods
Room 19	Azrial Roggeveen	Room 20	Flynn McGirr
Room 21	Javan Almeida	Room 22	Dasha Poynton
Room 23	Maan Alzاهر	Room 24	Kennedy McCarthy
Room 25	Kaden Midgley	Room 26	Umed Momand
Room 27	Jayden Hu	Room 28	Braxton Gibbs
Room 30	Felix Kenyon	Reception	Amore Englebrecht

CHILDREN'S WRITING

Writing from Room 20



The mice were having a meeting because they had no more cheese left. The mice sent a helicopter to get some cheese. The only cheese that the mice could find was in a trap. The mice suspended a decoy mouse to distract any one. Then a mouse came out of a mouse tunnel then carefully the mouse dismantled the trap with its tail and got the cheese then the mouse used a decoy trap to replace the trap. Next the mouse ran up to the helicopter and flew away.



By Edwin Mills

Writing from Room 19



Try to use your imagination about what the tooth fairy looks like. She has a light blue glowing dress. She has a magic wand that shoots out little orbs that pick up the teeth. By Xander Tutuila

My tooth fairy looks like a miniature butterfly with golden, yellow hair and she also has a rainbow pom pom hat. She is angelic when she floats through the air with her shimmering blue, precious wings. Her eyes are as light blue as the ocean. Her lips are dark red like a rose. By Leah Munro

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Request for Participants in a Survey. My name is Rachel Zakaria and I am a postgraduate student studying towards a Master of Speech and Language Pathology degree at the University of Canterbury. I am currently undertaking a research project that is looking into parents' perspectives on their children's language learning in New Zealand. The target participants of this research are parents/caregivers who live in New Zealand right now or was born overseas/abroad, speaks another language (or more) that is not English, Te Reo Māori, or New Zealand Sign Language, and has one child or more who is at preschool or school. The survey should take approximately 10-13 minutes and it is completely anonymous. Survey link: bit.ly/nzparentsurvey

TUESDAY OCT 27 - FAIRFIELD COLLEGE LIBRARY 4-5pm
We are excited to host Professor Bruce Clarkson, to present a new talk entitled "Hamilton Gullies: History & Opportunities"
Tuesday, October 27, 4-5pm at Fairfield College Library
Free entry. (No advance reg reqd.)
Everyone is welcome!
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Calendar of Events for the Coming Weeks
22 October - ICAS Maths Exam 3.30 pm
- Last chance to buy books at our Annual Book Fair! Open until 3.30 pm today.
26 October - Labour Day Holiday, no school today
27 - 30 October - Testing Week. During this week there will be a number of formal assessments, please ensure your child is at school unless unwell.
28 October - BOT Meeting 7 pm
30 October - Year 6 Caving Option 1st Trip
2 - 6 November - Testing Week. During this week there will be a number of formal assessments, please ensure your child is at school unless unwell.
2 November - Year 6 Horse Riding Option 1st Trip
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