

# NEWSLETTER

26 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 matē, Ki te hunga ora. Tēnā koutou katoa.*

Kia ora parents and whānau  
What a brilliant last few weeks we have had across Hukanui School and definitely a lot to celebrate. The stand out moments for me would have to be; the incredible Junior Athletic Days which were a great deal of fun to watch, well participated in and also brought in hundreds of very proud parents, grandparents and whanau. We were also treated to performances from the Southwell Jazz Band, saw children heading off on fishing and caving excursions, listened to Year 5 and 6 speeches and even managed to squash in a staff vs students 'Capture the Flag' match. All really positive events that have engaged, challenged, entertained and created a real sense of accomplishment.



We were also delighted this week to welcome in 24 new families, who we know will add to our already

amazing community, and we must not forget to thank the very committed mums and dads who entered the parent races on Friday morning. Your courage, willingness to give us a laugh, role modelling and highly competitive natures were appreciated. We would also like to add that we take no responsibility for pulled hamstrings or torn tendons! Some of the pictures captured are priceless!!

On a more challenging and serious note, we thought it was important to share with the wider community that one of our much loved young Year 4 Hukanui learners, Amelia Bell, has recently been diagnosed with AML Leukemia. As you can all appreciate, this has come as a massive blow to the family and they have had to adapt to a new way of life very quickly. Amelia's parents are doing their best to stay strong, support the wider family, care for Amelia, manage the commute backwards and forwards to Starship and stay positive throughout. Their courage, poise and remarkable outlook has been a genuine source of inspiration for many of us here at Hukanui and our hearts, prayers and thoughts go out to them all. She is still smiling, is eager to hear from her classmates and friends and is doing her best to tackle this challenge head on. If you would like to share a few thoughts with Amelia, drop her or the family a note or even send her some art or Christmas cheer to brighten her day. A box has been placed just inside my office door. We will make sure that this gets through to the family. It's situations like this that remind us all of how precious life is and what really is important.

Finally this week I would like to say thank you to all the families and whanau who gave feedback

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

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

## HUKANUI SCHOOL

to us through the School Survey and to those who attended the Hui. Your feedback has been instrumental as part of our strategic planning, has been utilised in teacher training sessions and is helping us in increasing local content in our curriculum. The summary graphs from the survey are accessible through the website.

Kind regards,  
**Leo Spaans**  
Tumuaki  
PRINCIPAL



*Photos above and left - Our Year 6 Fishing Option - budding fisherfolk in action!*

### Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 8 is now out. The last day for ordering books will be Friday 27 November. Orders can be made online at [www.scholastic.co.nz](http://www.scholastic.co.nz) or at the office.

## PTA NEWS

Huge **THANK YOU** to all the families that donated uniforms for our sale last week - we made an impressive \$1,500.

Our **Changing Faces Fundraising Auction** for a Dental Package valued at \$670 closes tonight at 8pm. Find all the details at [www.facebook.com/events/713258442729762](http://www.facebook.com/events/713258442729762)

Next week, Monday to Thursday, we'll be selling **Raffle Tickets** at the flagpole (out the front of school) from 2.40 - 3.15pm. \$2 each, or 3 for \$5. 2 raffle hampers up for grabs - adults and kids. Check out details on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/hukanuischoolpta](http://www.facebook.com/hukanuischoolpta) or come along and see them in person!

Thank you to those that took part in our **Selini Fundraiser** - your orders will be ready to pick up 3.30 - 6pm Wednesday 2 December and Thursday 3 December. More details will be sent to your supplied email address.

## SPORTS NEWS

### HOCKEY

**Quicksticks** 2 Punjab Sticks 6. Xenia Liu

**Tacklers** 3 Whatwhata 1. Zech Rangitulia

**Strikers** 4 Whatawhata 1. Tom Kenny & Chloe Strange

### MINIBALL

**Breakers** 16 HDS Nuggets 23. Isabella Rautenbach

**Heat** 28 Shooters 17. Hein Rautenbach & Annabelle Martin

### CRICKET

**Blasters** vs Arrow. Lachie Stent

Arrows vs Blasters. Samantha Tilley

Sixers vs Marian. Cole Towner-King

### TOUCH

**Green** 8 Te Kowhai 1. Liam Smith & Lucas Vogel

**Bronze** vs Aberdeen. Malachi McQuilkin & Seth Freestone

### 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](http://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	Lionel Chen	Room 2	Harrison Blake
Room 3	Seerat Dhaliwal	Room 4	Rebecca Walters
Room 5	Coco Huang	Room 6	Ji Sun Park
Room 7	Ryan Wang	Room 8	Talia Davidson
Room 9	Sandy Wang	Room 10	Chloe Fenwick
Room 11	Larissa Nak	Room 12	Maziah Gray
Room 13	Tilly Robbins	Room 14	Ava Sawyer
Room 15	Hamish Martin	Room 16	Seth Freestone
Room 17	Jayson Yang	Room 18	Ron Duan
Room 19	Thea O’Dea	Room 20	Richie Chen
Room 21	Isla Wong	Room 22	Niamh Summerfield
Room 23	Phoebe Chang	Room 24	Jackson Bain
Room 25	Azrah Noorzai	Room 26	Isabella Anderson
Room 27	Giselle Bekker	Room 28	Hargun Virk
Room 30	Patrick Taumoepeau	Reception	Tiaara Parekh

**Some opening paragraphs from Room 14's narratives**

**Magical Horse Majesty**

Have you ever heard of the peaceful, enchanted woods? Towering trees grow as big as giants. Animals hang from trees and fly around, their wingbeat is as quiet as a tiger about to pounce on a deer. Foliage floats around the air and as soon as your feet touch the grass, it feels like you're standing on a porcupine!

Perched on a rock is a horse as white as snow, with stripes of rainbow in her mane. She lives in a cave with lavender glowing around her. Her name is Majesty from the breed 'Majestic Horse'.

**By Britney Kosal**

**Tom Travels to Sky City**

Have you ever heard of the famous, lively 'Sky' city? There are towers that reach to the heavens! Their farms are taller than farms here because they stack their crops in boxes! This is like the future...

The floor is carefully polished and extremely neat. Everything is very tidy. Animals were moved to different islands so they wouldn't die from pollution.

**By Ryen Li**

**The Rude Space Witch and the Evil Family**

Have you ever seen the milky way? Do you ever think about the colossal and rude Space Witch? All of this is pretty strange but... you can experience space!

Imagine an astronaut floating to make technology. Think about the morning in space, the earth with a shining white ring around it...

**By Dhanvi Dave**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**The YMCA Summer School holidays programmes.** To view our programme please follow this link <https://www.ymcauckland.org.nz/find-your-local/hamilton-recreation-centre/holiday-programmes/>. To make a booking please follow this link <https://ymca-akl-ham-bop.aimyplus.com/Account/Login>

**Kelly Sports Holiday Programme.** Contact Mark or Kim at [waikato@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:waikato@kellysports.co.nz) or 07 839 9017 or book online at [kellysports.co.nz](http://kellysports.co.nz)

**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](http://redcross.org.nz/weave)

**The Voice of Christmas: WIN A SMART BEDROOM!!** This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB - it's "The Voice of Christmas" singing competition... on the 'Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show'... If you can sing, and you're under 13, call 0800 THE VOICE (that's 0800 843 864) and sing a Christmas carol or Christmas song as your audition. The grand prize? The ultimate smart bedroom bundle complete with an Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs! Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB from 6am, to see if you've won!

**Old MacDonalds Bush & Farm School.** Exploring nature programme, 21 - 23 December and 5 - 29 January. 593 Kuranui Road, Morrinsville. \$55 per day or \$60 per day with transport included from Newstead Country Model School. 9 am - 3 pm for 5 - 12 year olds. Contact Grace 0272558559.



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## Calendar of Events for the Coming Week

### 26 November

- Year 3 & 4 Athletics
- Year 5 & 6 Elective sharing 2 - 2.30 pm (except Room 4 which will be on 3 Dec)

### 27 November

- Postponement date for Year 5 & 6 Athletics

### 1 December

- Rototuna Junior High Orientation day

### 2 December

- Interschool Athletics

### 3 December

- Speech Finals 5.30 pm
- New Entrant Parent Information evening

### 4 December

- Year 6 Rock Climbing Option
- Year 3 & 4 Assembly 2.20 pm

### 15 December

- Last day of school for 2020

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