

NEWSLETTER



27 February 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers
Nga mihi kia koutou katoa.

BIG CAMP WEEK

This week all our Year 4 students had a fun filled camp at Raglan, and the last of our Year 5 students will return from their Waihi camp tomorrow afternoon. Year 3 students held their annual Activity Day using the resources of our fabulous school. Again, we cannot thank our parents enough for their support with these programmes that are a real feature of our school. Simply put - if we did not have your support, these enriching and rewarding experiences would not go ahead.

ERO REPORT

At the end of last year the Education Review Office (ERO) visited the school. They report on the equity and excellence of learning outcomes for all students as well as specific groups of children. We received a very positive report reflecting that:

- There is a culture that effectively supports student learning and wellbeing
- Learning environments support high levels of student engagement.
- Leadership sets and monitors high expectations for teaching and learning

The school can show effective acceleration rates for students who need it in reading, writing and mathematics and we will continue to keep refining the tracking and reporting of this progress. Also we will keep evaluating the impact of programmes for priority learners.

Our students have a broad and engaging curriculum, with experiences that take into account their strengths and interests. They enjoy and are extended through a wide

variety of academic, cultural, environmental, sporting and outdoor education learning experiences. Students experience a positive and inclusive culture for learning. They benefit from warm and respectful relationships with their teachers who are focused on student learning and wellbeing. A copy of the full report is available on our web page and attached to this email.

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

On Sunday 16 February an energetic bunch of Hukanui students met at Waikato University to participate in the Weetbix Triathlon. It

was so exciting to see everyone giving it their all, regardless of whether it was their first triathlon or if they were seasoned triathletes. A huge congratulations

to all the students who took part, encouraged each other and worked hard to earn their medals. A special thank you to Mrs Bodey for all her organisation and support.



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

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

ORAL LANGUAGE FOCUS

Oral language continues to be our main teaching and learning focus for development in 2020 with our facilitator Jane van der Zeyden. The year has started with focusing on the importance of grammar. The recent explosion of text language and social media platforms has meant that using correct grammar can easily lose its importance. Being able to speak using correct grammar structures makes it so much easier to write using the correct grammar. We have all been more conscious this week of using correct grammar in conversations.

SAFE PARKING

A big thank you to the NZ Police officers who were a visible presence outside our school helping remind drivers about safe and legal parking practice. We expect our students to display the value of respect and we ask that our parents also display this value towards our staff who are patrolling the crossings, working hard to ensure everyone's safety. Remember the safest option is to park at Chartwell Square and walk over to collect your child.

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

A reminder that school will finish earlier at 1.30 pm Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 March so conferences can begin at 1.45 pm.

Conference times can be booked online through our school website. Click on the 'Conference' menu button, enter the school code **pavdc** and follow the simple steps. Online bookings will close Monday 16 March. Book early to ensure you get the time most suitable for your family.

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. We put the child at the centre of these conferences, and ask if possible both parents in a separated relationship can prioritise being present together for 15 minutes to support their child. This way both parents and the child all hear the same message and the focus is on your child's learning.

PTA NEWS

A big thank you:

- For all of your generous uniform donations - Our secondhand uniform sale last Friday raised \$1,340! Thanks also to the team of parents who help to run this sale.

- To those parents who turned up to help weed the gully last Friday morning. The path is looking much clearer thanks to your efforts. We even met a wonderful grandfather who weeds the gully when he can - his grandkids attended Hukanui and are now at university!

Make a note on your calendars....there are lots of exciting things happening in March!

Monday 2 March 8.30 - 10 am - PTA Coffee morning: Our first coffee morning for the year! Pop along to the Coffee Club at Chartwell for a free coffee/hot drink and a chat. Note the new venue.

Thursday 5 March 7.30 pm - Initial gala meeting: Our first meeting to see if we have enough support to make a gala happen this year. If you're interested in taking on a leadership or committee role, leading a classroom stall, or just finding out more, come along to this meeting at 7.30 pm in the school staffroom. Please RSVP for catering purposes to hukanuischoolpta@gmail.com or message the Hukanui School PTA Facebook page.

Friday 6 March - Lunchtime Juicies fundraiser: Send your kids along with \$2 to buy a frozen juice ice block at lunchtime on Friday 6 March.

Tuesday 10 March 7 pm - PTA AGM and meeting: Come along at 7 pm to the school staffroom and vote for your new PTA committee. Better still, nominate yourself to fill the position of either treasurer, secretary or chair! Please send nominations to Lisa Gwyn lisag@hukanui.school.nz or Nicky Main nicolam@hukanui.school.nz or get in touch with Jen, Cara or Lisa (your current committee members) who are happy to answer any questions.

SPORTS NEWS

Our very popular House T shirts will be for sale once again this year. Orders may be placed in the school office, \$10 per shirt and may be collected by bringing your receipt and form to the OE Room by Room 16 on Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 March between 8.30 - 9 am.

CRICKET

Blasters vs Te Rapa. Abbie Fitness & Riley Fenwick

TOUCH RUGBY

White 5 Horsham Downs 4. Thea McQueen

Bronze 5 Te Ao Marama 4. Lily Tocker

Green 1 Rototuna 5. Dallas Reiri

Gold 4 Gordonton 4. Cormac Cluff & Paula Taumoepeau

FLIPPA BALL

Gold 14 Tamahere 0.

Gold 9 Cambridge East 1.

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 tomorrow, **Friday 28 February**.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Room 1	Kieran Ellen	Room 2	Jacob Ross
Room 5	Shelby Betts	Room 6	Fletcher Allan
Room 7	Max Dent	Room 8	Sofya Kabalinskaya
Room 9	Lily Tocker	Room 10	Isabella Oliphant
Room 11	Waheed Momand	Room 12	Sophie Aquilina
Room 13	Tessa Macemon	Room 14	Jessica Holmes
Room 15	Caleb Burbery	Room 16	Minka Frost
Room 17	Savaeh Matchett	Room 18	Isla Crowley
Room 19	Ante Rakich	Room 20	Pippa Moore
Room 21	Aaliyah Vala	Room 22	Geonho Cho
Room 23	Fletcher Hunt	Room 24	Peyton Sheilds
Room 26	Jamie Saunders	Room 27	Zita Ng
Room 28	Maya Tyrell	Room 29	Austin Liang
Room 30	Manaaki Clark-Hepi		

CHILDREN'S WRITING

Dear Carissa,
 Thank you loads for being my guardian angel through the whole of the Tui Ridge camp site. You zoomed me through the flying fox, you cheered me onward down abseiling, but best of all, you prevented regret on the volcanic walk! I've achieved lots at camp (most because of you) and when it comes to which one is the biggest, it gets a little hard, but this one was easy because it just had to be abseiling! (Achievement made: Abseiler). You see how I said "Most because of you" that's the best thing you've ever done for me, helped me achieve my goals (because I usually don't) and even at that point you're still better than that!! So congratulations and thank you for being the best angel I've ever met!
 From Aidan



Activity Day
 The most exciting day of the year. I could taste the mouth watering pizza getting cooked to perfection in the oven. Those sneaky letters, how on Earth would we find them without clues. Our hut was by far the biggest but maybe not the best. The tent building was very confusing but we got there in the end.
 By Ryan Eyes,
 Room 17



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.

Hamilton Wanderers Football. Registrations to play football at Hamilton Wanderers are 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.

Suburbs Community Sports Club, Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave, Junior Rugby Weigh-In, Sunday 8 March 10 am - 2 pm. Ages 4-12 Boys and Girls all welcome. All new players are required to bring a copy of Birth Certificate or Passport. Any enquires please contact Racheal Connelly 021 362390 or Shane Townsend 021 843593. Alternatively you can email us suburbsjnrrugby@gmail.com



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
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Kind regards,
Tracey Hopkins
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Choose safety over convenience
GOOD PARKING PROTECTS KIDS
 – before and after school



Calendar of Events for the Coming Week

28 February
 - No assembly this week

2 March
 - Class, Staff & Cultural Photo Day

5 March
 - PTA Initial Gala Meeting 7.30pm in our Staffroom

6 March
 - Full School Assembly

10 March
 - Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports 9.15 am
 - Year 4 Swimming Sports 1.30pm

11 March
 - Year 3 Swimming Sports 9.30am
 - Year 2 Swimming Sports 11am
 - Year 0-1 Swimming Display 1.30pm

Advance Warning - Teacher Only day on Friday 29 May.
 School will be closed for students.

Term 2 will commence on Tuesday 28 April due to ANZAC Day observance.

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