

NEWSLETTER



11 June 2020

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.
Ōnga 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 wonderful last week we have had within Hukanui School. Electives, enrichment, Kelly Sports, Kapa Haka and use of the Living Room Kitchen have all added to the students levels of excitement and engagement, and highlighted that we are getting closer to our new normal. I have to admit that three of the week's highlights for me included; being interviewed and grilled by the Year 5 & 6 students who demonstrated a real level of quality to their



questions, then watching our Kapa Haka group come together after a long period of absence, and lastly, distributing the Star of the Week Awards

on Friday. I have to say that the leadership, passion and willingness of our children to learn new skills in these instances certainly put a smile on my face.



Finally this week, I would like to take some time to acknowledge all our staff, students and the wider community for all the work care and support throughout the COVID transitions. This was definite-

ly a trying time for us all and lots of new learning and change had to be made. Thank you for being so supportive, patient, flexible and positive in your feedback, this was genuinely appreciated. We are now looking to initiate the transition towards Level One which is pretty exciting. It is important to note that like many schools across NZ, we will be making some small changes to the way we operate. These changes are designed to increase learning time, reduce playground congestion and behaviour challenges, ensure children's safety, and address traffic-parking issues. A more detailed breakdown relating to these changes will be sent out on Friday. Again, we ask that you work with us, be patient and understand that everything we do is aimed to enhance outcomes for students in our school. **Please be aware that we are continuing to maintain our Level 2 arrival and departure systems until we have finalised our next step planning. This means that up until Monday 22 June** we are going to continue to employ the 8.30 am gate and arrival system we are using at present. Children are encouraged to keep using the same gates. Children who have music lessons before school will be able to enter via the gate closest to the Hall. In regards to pick up procedures for next week, we will also continue as we are now with children exiting school between 2.45 - 3 pm. Road Patrollers will be available at 8.30 - 9 am and 2.45 pm and 3.10 pm.

Three Way Conferences

Student led conferences are scheduled for Wednesday 1 July and Thursday 2 July from 1.15 to 7 pm. These conferences will look slightly different this year due to the impacts of the COVID lockdown.

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

Students will be sharing what they have been working on for reading, writing and maths and also some personal goals. Teachers will not be sharing formal assessments, and data continuums will not form part of this report. This year there is an option to select a face to face meeting with the teacher as normal on site, or there is also the option to have a Zoom online meeting with the classroom teacher if you would like to do this off site. This will be a great opportunity for you to learn how your child has settled back into school and their learning routines. Conferences will be open for bookings at 9 am Monday 15 June and the school code is **eama7**. Simply enter this code in the School Conferences tab on the school website. * **Please note that the school will be closing early on both these days at 1 pm.**

Staff Update

It is with a mixture of both sadness and some pride that this week we have to inform you all of the pending departure of Ms Hannah Wakefield. Hannah has been recently approached by a large international school in Hong Kong who are keen to have her work with them. As you can appreciate, this is a massive opportunity for Hannah and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We are also pleased to inform you all that Mrs Kim Martyn has made the transition back into Room 16 in recent weeks. Mrs Martyn has played a key role over recent terms supporting leadership, assisting with the COVID transitions and leading staff development. We do have to acknowledge Mrs Kim Murray who provided so much care, continuity and support for Room 16 over the last term.

Support Staff Week

This week is a special one in that it is National Support Staff Week. This gives us the great opportunity to acknowledge all the Hukanui Support Staff for their professionalism, patience, care for our community, passion for Hukanui and their contribution to all that is great within our school. We are truly blessed in this regard and I have to be honest in saying that the Hukanui support team is of the highest calibre.



Early Pick Ups

Please be aware that Hukanui School set an annual aspirational goal for all students of 97% attendance. It is important to note that every time a child arrives late or is picked up early, this data goes into the education database as an absence. We are also mindful that children who have consistent unjustified absences or an attendance rate of less than 80%, that the Truancy department could arrive on your doorstep. We strongly encourage parents not to collect children early in the afternoon as this impacts on learning, interrupts teaching and will feature on your child's school records. It is also very important to consider that all children have missed significant school this year due to COVID lock down and it is now our collective responsibility to try and do all we can to get learning back on track.



Kind regards,
Leo Spaans
Tumuaki
PRINCIPAL

Good Community Practice at Level 1- Keeping Ourselves Safe

There are key public health measures (Golden Rules) for everyone in New Zealand to follow. For schools and early learning services this means:

- If people are sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms).
 - Continue to regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbows.
 - Soap, water and the ability to dry hands should be provided in bathrooms.
 - Regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
 - Support contact tracing efforts by displaying QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App.
 - Stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days - [Ministry of Health information for self-isolation](#).
 - At all levels, upon advice from the local medical officer of health, any educational facilities connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing, and then potentially for a further 14 days.
- So for the most part, Alert Level 1 is very much business as usual for you and good hygiene practices and people who are unwell staying away remain a priority.

SPORTS NEWS

We are now inviting parents to complete the following link if their children are interested in playing Winter Sports in Term 3. Further details are to be found on this link <https://forms.gle/5aMs4sUXp1jbC4f59> and the school website under Team Sports Page. Please return all outstanding sports uniforms to the school office asap.



STARS OF THE WEEK



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| Room 1 | Nathan Olrick | Room 2 | Gracelynn Ward |
| Room 3 | Izzabel Worters Grey | Room 4 | Shane Witharana-Gamage |
| Room 5 | Coco Huang | Room 6 | Bella Robbins |
| Room 7 | Oscar Lawrence | Room 8 | Sophie Mackie |
| Room 9 | Alistair Ridder | Room 10 | Olive Archer |
| Room 11 | Xihan Wang | Room 12 | Brodie Hay |
| Room 13 | Matthew Tilley | Room 14 | Dominic Saunders |
| Room 15 | Maraea de Thierry | Room 16 | Jake Meinung |
| Room 17 | Fletcher Kiely | Room 18 | Tylah-Jae Kingi |
| Room 19 | Lydia Chen | Room 20 | Devon Maria |
| Room 21 | Olivia Windle | Room 22 | Sehaj Virk |
| Room 23 | Isla Devey | Room 24 | Eric Chamberlin |
| Room 26 | Andy Ren | Room 27 | Lucas Hoekstra |
| Room 28 | Austin Screen | Room 30 | Fergus Rankine |
| Reception | Chanteleigh Venter | | |

CHILDREN'S WRITING



The Best Place in the World

Sharks gaze at me, their shiny white teeth growing wider in the foggy water with their sly smile. Shiny lobster bodies, gleaming through the reflective sunlight while they are chasing tiny bits of krill. Rocky the octopus

resting his strong muscles on the soft fluffy bright brown sand, closing his eyes. Rocky falls asleep into a magical dream. A speck of excitement shivers through my body as I enter the Antarctic penguins room. The penguins rest their soft cuddly babies on their glidable stomachs. I love Kelly Tarltons.

By Zainab Jahanzaib, Room 10

Falcon 9 lifted up and made an explosion. The ground went boom! The rocket shot out a beam of fire then the rocket crashed through the cloud. When the engine fell down the ship caught the engine. Vroom! The engine roared to reach space.

By Marcus, Room 17

I need to brush my teeth every day to keep them good and healthy. We need to take good care of our teeth. I like taking care of my teeth. I eat healthy food and drink lots of water and go the the dentist.

By Aarna Nayak, Room 24

PTA NEWS

Come along to the **PTA meeting tonight** (Thursday 11th) in the staffroom. Doors open at 7.15 pm, meeting starts at 7.30 pm. We would love your input to help the PTA support our school!

Entertainment Book Memberships expired on 1 June. Buy your new one today, and get access to heaps of deals around town and further afield, while supporting our fundraising efforts. <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/15e4024>

Scholastic Bookclub closes tomorrow
 Orders can be made online at www.scholastic.co.nz.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Situations Vacant
ESOL Learning Assistant

We are looking for a Learning Assistant to support our English Language Learners at Hukanui School. We are a multi-cultural school with children who are able to speak a variety of languages. This person would have the following attributes:

- Experience working with children learning English. A qualification in teaching English as a second language would be ideal.
- Plan and execute lessons and programmes for ELL students
- The ability to work as part of a team.
- Flexibility
- Patience
- Empathy and understanding of different cultures.
- A sense of humour.

Please email Susan Johnson, susanj@hukanui.school.nz by 5 pm Wednesday 17 June, with your CV if you think that you are the right person for this position.

Chartwell Cooperating Church is seeking a Facilities Supervisor to work six hours a week, overseeing the church buildings and its users. As well as this, the Facilities Supervisor is required to fulfil our health and safety requirements. Knowledge of audio-visual equipment is an advantage. A job description is available from the Church office or via email – office@chartwellchurch.org.nz Please email your applications to the Church office by Friday 30 June 2020.

House to Rent. A fully renovated house at 25 Hooker Ave for rent. 3 bedrooms and an office/small bed on a large section. Single garage and storage shed. \$600 per week. For information please call Johan on 0277784736.

Call Ray
021 990413
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Calendar of Events for the Coming Weeks

11 June
- PTA Meeting 7.30 pm

15 June
- Bookings open for 3 way Conferences

1 July
- 3 way conferences, school closes early 1 pm

2 July
- 3 way conferences, school closes early 1 pm

- PTA meeting 7.30 pm in our Staffroom. All welcome.

3 July
- Last day of Term 2

20 July
- School resumes for Term 3, 9 am

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

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

It's School Holiday Time!!
6th to 17th July 2020

Bring the kids along to have a fun filled time with our awesome staff. We have loads of fantastic activities planned.

Hamilton Girls' High, Southwell, Te Totara, and Leamington Schools

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