

NEWSLETTER



13 February 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers
 Nga mihi kia koutou katoa.
 Welcome to Week 2. What a wonderful first week we have had here at Hukanui School. It has been an absolute pleasure popping into classes and seeing the children settled and enjoying their learning and building those important relationships with their teacher and their peers.
 Our school pool is looking so inviting on these hot summer days. It certainly is a great way to cool off! Our swimming programme is well underway with all classes having timetabled class swim times as well as lunchtime swim opportunities. We have been very fortunate to have two Kelly Sports swimming instructors working alongside the classroom teachers. We are very lucky to have this wonderful pool and it is important that we make the most of it as water safety and water confidence is extremely important for us all in Aotearoa. We plan to be swimming for the whole ten weeks of this term and the solar heating means that there is no excuse for children not to be swimming. Please encourage your child to pack their named togs and towels everyday so they are always ready!



SCHOOL HOURS

Just a reminder about Hukanui expectations and bell times.

- 8.15 am Children and parents can enter the school grounds
- 8:45 am Please ensure children have arrived at school by this time to ensure they have time to settle, have their farewells, and be ready for the start time of 9:00 am.
- 9.00 am Classes start
- 10.30 - 10.50 am Morning break
- 12.30 pm Lunch time
- 1.30 pm Afternoon classes start.
- 3.00 pm School finishes. Please ensure your child is picked up promptly from school.

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

A feature of Hukanui school is its exciting Outdoor Education Programme. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful country and learning that happens in the outdoors in Aotearoa is an important part of our Hukanui curriculum. Our school wide Outdoor Learning Programme builds skills of self-belief and confidence, resilience and perseverance - all important life skills. As the children move through the school they build on these skills. We increase the challenge each year by having different contexts and challenge levels for activities. This week our Year 6 children were the first to begin their outdoor learning experiences with their camp at Tui Ridge in Rotorua. Their days will be full of great activities such as tenting out, archery, rock climbing, flying fox, etc.



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

HUKANUI SCHOOL

The Year 4 team will be camping overnight in Raglan from 24 - 26 February. They will get to do amazing activities such as mountain biking, flying fox, confidence courses, beach studies and more. The Year 5 team have their water based camp at Waihi Beach from 24 - 28 February participating in beach safety programmes, kayaking, etc.

The Year 3 team will be doing their full day experience Activity Day on Tuesday 25 February, and they have some exciting skill activities planned using features of our school.

We wish all classes the best with these outdoor experiences. Remember it is all about having a go and trying something new!

These camps and days could not happen without the hard work of the classroom teachers organising and setting up what is needed. A big thank you to our wonderful teaching staff for all their work, and also a sincere thank you to all our parents who will be supporting these programmes to make sure these happen.



MEETING TEACHERS

Please feel free to pop into the classrooms before or after school to meet your child's teacher if you have not done so already. They would love to meet you and say hello.

Next Wednesday, 19 February, is our family school picnic from 5 - 6pm. This is a great opportunity to come along and meet your child's teacher and also other parents. We look forward to seeing you there. More details on Facebook.

In next week's newsletter there will be information and booking details for our Learning Conferences in Week 7. This is a great opportunity to sit down with your child and their teacher to talk about their learning goals. Strong home and school partnerships are so important to growing successful young learners.

PTA NEWS

Gully Working Bee - Friday 21 February from 9 am -

The weeds have been busy in the gully while we've all been on holiday, so we're getting stuck in! If you have any spare time on Friday the 21st (even 30 minutes), come along and join our gully weeding team. For more information, please email Rochelle on rbrugh@yahoo.com Meet at 9am at the back of the field (beside the gully entrance).

Secondhand uniform sale - Friday 21 February 8.15-9

am - head to the Reception Room to stock up on uniform items. Cash only and BYO bag. Any uniform donations for the sale can be dropped at the school office.

Pop along to the PTA table at the school picnic on **Thursday 19 February 5-6 pm**. Meet some of the PTA team and find out what we're all about.

Nominations for PTA officers - if you're interested in holding a position on the PTA (lots of fun and a great bunch of people), check out the position descriptions on our Hukanui School PTA Facebook page or get in touch with the PTA teacher reps Nicky Main and Lisa Gwyn. Please also send any nominations to Nicky or Lisa (yes, you can nominate yourself!).

Save the date....our annual general meeting (AGM) will be on Tuesday 10 March at 7 pm in the school staffroom. Have your say and come along to vote for your PTA office holders.

BAND NEWS

BAND - Top Note Instrument and Band Programme

We have a few spaces left in the band programme for trumpets, trombones, saxophones, clarinet and flutes, the programme is open to ALL year 5 and 6 and some year 4s (please check with me if your child qualifies). Sign up now so your child doesn't miss the first lesson.

Minibones - full year instrumental lessons for year 3 and 4 on miniature trombones, covering technique, reading and ensemble skills, ideal lead in to band next year. Lessons start in Week 2, Fridays before school, limited spaces still available.

Preband - a general introduction to music aimed at year 2-3 children, explore musical concepts and instruments, full year programme. Lessons are before school on Thursdays, starting in Week 3, limited spaces still available.

To enrol go to topnote.co.nz or email Jody at trombone-jody@gmail.com

Book Club

All orders need to be placed by
Friday 21 February.

Order online at scholastic.co.nz



STARS OF THE WEEK



Room 1	Rylee Governor-Wawatai	Room 2	Cooper Blackett
Room 3	Paula Taumoepeau	Room 4	Tom Kenny
Room 9	Kaylee Winiata	Room 10	Rawiri Jones
Room 11	Riley James	Room 12	Zech Rangitutia
Room 13	Aubrie Champion	Room 14	Braydon Wright
Room 16	Finn Guise	Room 17	Ina Michalik
Room 18	Leanna Gamage	Room 19	Thea O’Dea
Room 20	Olive Cook	Room 21	Ved Shiriwastow
Room 22	Seungri Seo	Room 23	Harrison Noorland
Room 24	Michael Coffey	Room 30	Knox MacCormack

CHILDREN’S WRITING

Tiger’s Eye

The fur swayed softly in fear of an unwanted hunter.
 The polished diamond eye quivered as it peered at a hunter.
 The lashes stood up straight as the hunter loaded his gun.



By Rylee Governor-Waiwatai
Room 1

The thick lashes quivered in the wind.
 The static mysterious fur swayed in the wind.
 The dominated eyes stared at its prey.
 Slowly the amber eye fades to different colours.

By Sophia Wright, Room 2

Sunset

As the sun sets I feel warm. It reminds me about the blazing ruby coloured sun flickering over the sea. As the fiery sun descends from the world it glows.

By Jackson Walker, Room 16

Year 6 student Medha Chanadi was excited to meet her heroes on Thursday (6 February) when she joined Captains Sophie Devine and Dane Van Niekerk for the pre-match coin toss on the pitch prior to the WHITE FERNS vs South Africa match. Medha said “I had a really great day, I got to meet my favourite players and get all their signatures”



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Marrzipan 2020. Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All parents receive weekly class reports too to keep them up to date on their child's development. Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. Contact Jex on 027 521 7352 or email info@marrzipandrama.co.nz

Sunset Cinema. Stuck for ideas for date night or a family night out? Or just generally looking for something different to spice up your week? Well look no further, we're excited to announce Sunset Cinema Seddon Park running from Feb 27 - 1 March! Playing something for everyone; Aquaman, Grease, Once Upon A Time In Hollywood and Toy Story 4! Check out the schedule, get your tickets and prep your picnic goodies now. See you there! Tickets available now at Ticketek https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=SUNSETC20

Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival 19 February to 1 March. A great mix of events, from theatre to comedy to dance and much more, and only on for ten days in the Gardens. Every evening we have a FREE event with family-friendly music and food trucks at the Festival Hub, and there are a range of other free and low-cost events throughout the festival. The full programme is here: https://hgaf.co.nz/

TAEKIDOKAI MARTIAL ARTS logo. 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 021 990413 Harcourts. Image of Ray in a suit.

Calendar of Events for the Coming Week. 14 February - Year 3 & 4 Assembly 9.15 am. 18 February - Year 5 Camp Helpers Meeting 5.30 pm in the staff-Room. 19 February - School Picnic 5 pm. - Year 4 Camp Helpers Meeting 6 pm in the staffroom. 21 February - Year 0-2 Assembly 9.15 am. - Year 5 & 6 Assembly 9.15 am In the Senior Hub. 24 - 28 February - Year 5 Camp at Waihi. 24 - 26 February - Year 4 Camp at Raglan. For our full school calendar of events go to our website www.hukanui.school.nz



Kind regards, Tracey Hopkins Tumuaiki ACTING PRINCIPAL

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