

# NEWSLETTER



14 February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers  
Nga mihi kia koutou katoa.

## CHARACTER BUILDING WEEK

Nearly 400 children are involved in outdoor education camps and activities this week which is an amazing statistic with a further 112 Year 6 students raring to go to Tui Ridge camp in Week 7. I love seeing children enjoy the outdoors and the whole experience is invaluable to achieving one of our aims, that is developing children of good character. We can talk about courage, resilience and thoughtfulness but supporting children in new challenging practical situations and assisting them achieve is a far more effective learning experience. I truly feel sorry for a small of children who have been withdrawn from these activities, some for valid reasons, some not. Those who have gone have had a great week, building positive character traits and memories that will last a lifetime. Further photographs can be seen on our Facebook page.



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

A night not to be missed! We are really excited about the upcoming Family Fun Night on Friday 1 March starting 5 pm. Not only will there be family activities and challenges, but what a great way to get to know one another, parents and staff as well as build our sense of community. Afterwards, bring along a picnic or purchase a sausage or bacon sandwich from the PTA BBQ.

## STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Our learning conferences in Week 8 are a really valuable time for teachers, students and parents to discuss how the year has started and to clarify what each student's next learning steps are so they can make the progress expected of them. It is important that your child is involved in this process as one of our learning priorities is that we want children to become more self directed in their learning.

If you want 5 minutes without your child present to discuss a sensitive issue then please indicate that to the teacher at the start or make a time for after school one day.

As usual we ask that where possible both parents in a separated relationship put aside their differences for 15 minutes and show their support of their child by making arrangements to book and attend conferences together. This way both parents hear the same message and the focus is solely on your child's learning. Please be aware that school will finish earlier at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 March so conferences can start at 1.45 pm.



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

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

## HOW TO BOOK A CONFERENCE TIME

Conference times can be booked online through our school website from 9.00 am this Friday, 15 February. Click on the "Conference" menu button. Enter the school code **ftn9c** and follow the simple steps. You will need to enter your email address so that times can be confirmed. If you do not have access to a computer then you can phone or visit the school office. Online bookings will close Monday 18 March at 9 am. Book early to ensure you get the times most suitable for your family.

## BOOKCLUB

Scholastic Bookclub closes on  
22 February.

Orders can be placed online  
or by paying at the office.

All orders placed earn rewards for the school.

## REPORT OUT - HAVE YOUR SAY

The Tomorrow's Schools Review Taskforce report is out and suggests far-reaching changes to our schooling system. You can read a summary of the 8 key issues and recommendations from the group through this link or the pdf sent out with the emailed newsletter. Public consultation is now open and there are a number of ways you can have your say on the recommendations in the report. Email the Taskforce Secretariat:

tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz. Or complete an online survey: <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/> This link also provides detail about hui you can attend around the country. There are both opportunities and challenges in the proposals, which include:

- \* Establishing around 20 regional education hubs to take over most legal roles of school boards.
- \* Hubs would assume many of the business governance responsibilities currently held by school boards.
- \* Hubs would provide professional teacher support for curriculum and assessment, and leadership advisers to work with principals.
- \* Hubs would employ principals, although school Boards would have veto over appointments; principals would move between schools in hubs on five year terms and could also be seconded into the hubs.
- \* Improving student transitions by replacing intermediate schools with junior colleges (yr 7-10) or full primaries (Yr 1-8) and providing a learning support coordinator for every school.
- \* Ditching the decile system for an equity index.
- \* Transforming current education agencies by putting curriculum at the heart of a smaller Ministry and replacing ERO with an independent Education Evaluation Office to monitor at hub level. Consultation closes on 7 April 2019.

## PTA NEWS

Preparations are under way for our Family Fun Night on Friday 1 March. The evening kicks off from 5pm - watch out for notices coming home, posters around school, and reminders on our Facebook page - Hukanui School PTA.

The PTA is holding it's AGM on Monday 11 March. If you are interested in nominating yourself (or someone else!) for Office Holder positions (Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary) please get these to Kim Martyn (Rm 16) asap.

## SPORTS NEWS

Cricket, Touch and Miniball notices have been sent out in the last few days. All uniforms will be delivered to the children before their first game. Please come into the office and pay the sports fees as soon as possible.

## REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

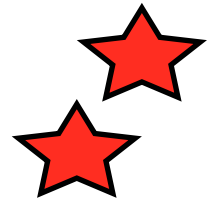
Please read all the sports notices carefully before submitting these to the office. All information regarding venues, season dates and times of games are included in these notices. If your child submits a notice of interest we will then do our best to put them in a team, pulling out of a team after it has been entered may mean having to withdraw from the competition and the entry fee still needs to be paid. Please consider your child's availability and commitments before putting their name forward.





**STARS OF THE WEEK**

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



Room 1	Oliver Chen	Room 2	Harshil Vansia
Room 3	Emily Smart	Room 4	Zach Cooper
Room 5	George White	Room 6	Sang Joon Lee
Room 7	Aiden Walters	Room 8	Jordan Martin
Room 9	Flynn Thorn	Room 10	Aria Inder
Room 11	Justin Lu	Room 12	Harry Fredericksen
Room 13	Reid Murphy	Room 14	Kieran Akerboom
Room 15	Peppah-Jane Frost	Room 16	Isabella Oliphant
Room 17	Annie Depledge	Room 18	Ava Martyn
Room 19	Amanda Sroeun	Room 20	Thabo Dekrout
Room 21	Lucas Richmond	Room 22	Aston Wirth
Room 23	Leah Munro	Room 24	Kaiya Dinan
Room 27	Edwin Mills	Room 28	Lachie Ralph
Room 30	Sebastian Potter	Reception	Finlay Zillwood

**WRITING FROM THE RECEPTION ROOM**

*Last Friday Mrs White talked to the Reception Room about worm farms. Here are some of the facts the children remembered.*



The worms need watering.

**By Blake**

The worms like wet.

**By Anna**

They are tiger worms.

**By Ray**

They don't like sun.

**By Qortez**



**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

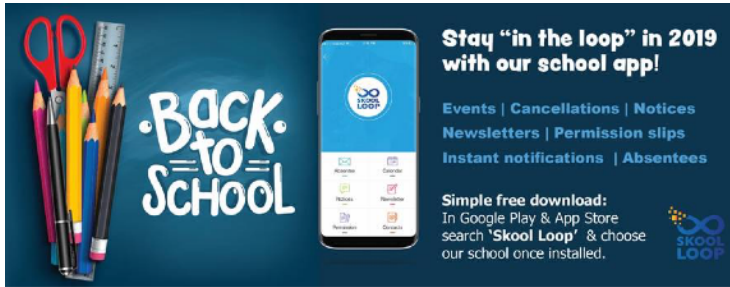
**Guitar and Bass Lessons.** Complete beginner music lessons are available for Hukanui students in Guitar and Bass (7yo+) Lessons are 30 minutes long and held in the music room next to the school hall. Structure is in groups of 3-4 students per guitar lesson and 1-2 students for bass lessons. Fees are \$18+gst for group lessons, \$22 for paired lesson and \$33+gst for solo lessons. Guitar and bass needed for home practice, we can help with suggestions. Sessions available for Tuesday afternoon (bass or guitar), or Thursday and Friday before school.(guitar only). Contact Malcolm on 021 229 8820 or email him at: [malcolm.hart@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:malcolm.hart@musiqhub.co.nz)

**Marrzipan.** Is your child shy? Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz)

**Kelly Sports After School Programme.** Tuesdays 12 February - 26 March, 3.10 - 4.10 pm at Hukanui School. We aim to develop and enhance sports skills - catching, kicking and throwing while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye co-ordination and spatial awareness. Come and try cricket, netball, football and t-ball this term. Years levels 0 - 4 (Age 5 - 8), cost \$75 (pro-rata charge for shorter booking). For more information and to book online go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [waikato@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:waikato@kellysports.co.nz) or phone 07 839 9017.

**Taekidokai Martial Arts at Hukanui School.** Friday evenings 6.30 - 7.30 pm. Combined class all ages from 5 and above. Enrolling new students now, first class free. Contact Marie 027 497 0499 or email [enquiries@tkma.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@tkma.co.nz)

**Suburbs Community Sports Club Junior Rugby Weigh-in.** Sunday 3 March 10 am-2 pm at Suburbs Community Sports Club, Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave. Ages 4-12 years, boys and girls, all new players are required to bring a birth certificate or passport. For further details go to [www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz) or contact Brendon Stone 0274846013.



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**Harcourts**



*Kind regards,*  
**David Mossop**  
Tumuaki  
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*— before and after school*



**Calendar of Events for the Coming Week**

- 13-15 February**  
- Year 5 Camp at Waihi for Rooms 3 & 4
- 15 February**  
- Assembly for Years 0 & 2  
9.15 am
- 20 February**  
- Board of Trustees meeting  
7 pm
- 21 February**  
- e-asTTle testing Years 5 & 6  
Maths 9 am  
  
- e-asTTle testing Year 4  
Reading 11 am
- 22 February**  
- Assembly for Years 3 & 4  
9.15 am
- 26 February**  
- New Families Induction 9 am  
  
- School Tours for prospective Families 11 am  
  
- e-asTTle testing Years 5 & 6  
Reading 11 am  
  
- e-asTTle testing Year 4  
Maths 11 am
- 1 March**  
- PTA Family Fun Fiesta

For our full school calendar of events go to our website [www.hukanui.school.nz](http://www.hukanui.school.nz)