

# NEWSLETTER



21 February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers  
Nga mihi kia koutou katoa.

## DEVELOPING ORAL LANGUAGE

Oral Language is the teaching and learning focus for development at Hukanui in 2019. It has been chosen as it is integral to children's success in learning in all areas of the curriculum. We have also become aware of a growing number of children entering school at different stages of mastery of the spoken English language. The teachers were very privileged to have the expertise of Jane van der Zeyden as part of the teacher only day in January. Our main focus this term is 'Vocabulary' and how we can increase our word knowledge. In our newsletter we will be sharing information and some fun challenges to try.

Jane van der Zeyden explained that on average this is the amount of words children should know:

- First word - 12 - 16 months
- 50 words around 18 months
- 200-300 words by around 24 months
- Anywhere from 500-1,100 words around age 3
- 3000-6,000 expressive words by 5-7 years

**HOME CHALLENGE #1:** Try saying one new word a week to your child, explain its meaning and use it in a sentence. Keep them displayed somewhere visible.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

We are really excited about the upcoming Family Fun Night on Friday 1 March. 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. Register your family now for a place in the activities through the office.

## WEETBIX KIWIKIDS TRYATHLON

On Sunday a group of Hukanui students rose early to head to the University of Waikato and compete in the Weetbix Kiwikids Tryathlon. The weather was great and the children gave 100% effort in swimming, cycling and running and were very happy with their medals. A great effort from a great group of kids. Thanks to all the supporters and Mr Browne, our organiser.



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**HUKANUI VALUES:**  
Respect, Excellence, Co-operation,  
Integrity, Individuality.

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

## BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS

At last night's Board of Trustees meeting Alice Baucke was elected Board Chairperson for 2019. The Board congratulates Alice and thanks Leanne Reynolds for the excellent job she has performed as Chair for the last six years. Our tri-annual Board elections will be held on 7 June this year.

## THANK YOU TEACHERS / CAMP PARENTS

A big thank you to all the teachers and supporting parents who have been involved in outdoor education and camps over the last week. These activities couldn't happen so early in the year without great organisation and commitment from our teachers.

## HUKANUI SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY

Hukanui is part of a Kahui Ako (community of learning) called Te Pae Here. It includes 16 local schools and associated Early Childhood Centres working together to improve practice. One thing we are reviewing this year is how responsive we are to welcoming families from different cultures into our schools. We are working with Poutama Pounamu from Waikato University in gathering information that we can analyse as a school. Today as part of this process, a survey link is being emailed to all whanau / families which we invite you to participate in. If you did not receive the email please contact our office. The survey closes 7 March. Our Year 4-6 students as well as our staff will also take part in a similar survey. Thanks for your support in giving feedback which we hope will be informative to our continued development as a school community.

## STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

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. Conference times can be booked online through our school website. Click on the "Conference" menu button, enter the school code **fn9c** and follow the simple steps. Online bookings will close Monday 18 March. Book early to ensure you get the times most suitable for your family.

## PTA NEWS

Don't forget you have until Friday 22 February (tomorrow!) to register your family team for our:

### Friday Family Fun Night on 1 March.

Spare forms are at the office if yours has gone astray. This is a free event, so come along and join in for an evening of challenges and make some new friends! Check out our Facebook page 'Hukanui School PTA' for more details.

Our AGM will be held on Monday 11 March, 7pm in the staffroom - all welcome. Nominations are now open for Office Holder positions (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) - to Kim Martyn Rm 16. This will be followed by our usual monthly meeting at 7.30pm - we hope to see you there! Any agenda items can be sent through to [hukanuischoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:hukanuischoolpta@gmail.com)

## 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.

## SPORTS NEWS

### TOUCH RUGBY

**Gold** 10 Endeavour 5. Cooper Cummins

**Silver** 9 Rototuna 1. Kesla Paikea

### CRICKET

**Blasters** played Tamahere. Greeshma Bandaru

**Arrows** draw vs Te Rapa. Flynn Thorn -Bowling, Tyler Percy-Graham - Batting

**Sixers** Lost to Pirongia. Zach Houlihan - Bowling, Quintin Nikoro - Batting



**SPORTS DRINKS**

Sports drinks are high in sugar and are not needed for our bodies to perform at their best. Water is the best drink to rehydrate our bodies during and after sport and activity. Feel like something extra? Eat a piece of fruit!

**11 tsp SUGAR**

**DRINKS**

Developed by Sport Waikato 2019



## STARS OF THE WEEK

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



Rm 1	Xikun Pan	Rm 2	Chase Rangitutia
Rm 3	Makai Budgen	Rm 4	Lukas Hill
Rm 5	Zach Houlihan	Rm 6	Jayden Waitapu-Williams
Rm 7	Miah Porima	Rm 8	Emily Germaine
Rm 9	Bella Ritchie	Rm 10	Jubair Tohill
Rm 11	Sophia Wright	Rm 12	Ryan Zhou
Rm 13	Ella Kwon	Rm 14	Jessica Puklowski
Rm 15	Luke Rayner	Rm 16	Harper Piggott
Rm 17	Sofia Ramduny	Rm 18	Nikolas Hill
Rm 19	Callan Embleton	Rm 20	Ji Min Park
Rm 21	Damian McDonald	Rm 22	Alexis Ridley
Rm 23	Brooke Schultz	Rm 24	John Hoekstra
Rm 27	Thea O'Dea	Rm 28	Eden McCaffrey
Rm 30	Siena Booth	Reception	Anyu Wu

## WRITING FROM ROOM 24

I showed tu tangata when I rode my new bike and I learnt fast.

*By Kaiya*

I show tu tangata when I hear Jesus. He makes me proud.

*By Michael*

I showed tu tangata when I got a values voucher.

*By Landon*

I showed tu tangata when I read a book by myself.

*By Charlotte*

I showed tu tangata when I never used trainer wheels.

*By Harper*

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Guitar and Bass Lessons.** Guitar and bass lessons are available students 7 years and older for Tuesday afternoons or Friday mornings before school. Lessons last 30 minutes and are held in the music room next to the school hall. Guitar groups are 3-4 students per lesson. Bass in paired groups of 2 students. Fees are \$18+gst for groups of 3-4, \$22 for bass paired lesson. For more information contact Malcolm 021 229 8820 or email: [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. 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 [waiakato@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:waiakato@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.

**Chapel Hill Playgroup** on Cate Road is having an Open Day for families to come and see what a great Playgroup we have on our doorstep. Come along between 9 and 11:30 on Wednesday, 27 Feb with your preschooler. Contact Lisa for more information on 021 720 454.

**Frankton Junior Rugby Weigh In.** 28 February 5.30 – 7 pm and 2 March 11 am – 1 pm at the Clubrooms on Rifle Range Road. We want girls and boys to join our family club so bring a copy of birth cert or passport with you. All new players please register at [sporty.co.nz/franktonrugbysports](http://sporty.co.nz/franktonrugbysports) and click on the junior tab. Any questions email [franktonjuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:franktonjuniorrugby@gmail.com) or phone Haley 0210590036.

**Te Rapa Junior Rugby Weigh In.** 1 March 5 - 7 pm and 3 March 9 - 11 am at the Te Rapa Rugby Clubrooms on Vickery Street. All new players bring a copy of birth certificate or passport and current photo, returning players bring an updated photo. Eftpos available. Any questions ring Jason Bryant 0275 938967.



Kind regards,  
David Mossop  
Tumuaki  
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*Choose safety over convenience*  
**GOOD PARKING PROTECTS KIDS**  
*– before and after school*



**Calendar of Events for the Coming Week**

- 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
- 28 February**
  - Year 6 Camp Helpers Meeting 5.30 pm
- 1 March**
  - Year 5 & 6 Assembly 9.15 am
  - PTA Family Fun Fiesta
- 4 March**
  - Class & Cultural photos
- 5 March**
  - Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports 9.15 am - 12.15 pm
  - Year 4 Swimming Sports 1.30 - 3 pm

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