

HUIRANGI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2019 TERM 3: Week 2 – Monday 29th July



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to those parents who indicated assistance for the Production. We appreciate you taking time to help produce what we know will be an amazing production.

Last week we had our Ziptrak blinds installed outside Room 3 and He Puāwai thanks to the sponsorship from Greymouth Petroleum who contributed to the cost alongside our Home & School. These blinds will enable students to use the decking area in all weathers.

At the end of last term I met with NZ Police Community Officers Anna & Pip to review our lockdown procedure. Please read the following information carefully. Schools regularly have practises for fire evacuation and earthquake drills. We also are required to have a robust lockdown procedure for any critical events. We could be placed into lockdown by the Police, or we could go into lockdown ourselves if it was deemed necessary. Either way, if you hear we are in lockdown by media/social media or directly from another parent, it is important to remember that you are not to come to school or try to reach school to be with your child as all children will be locked into their classrooms and will not be let out until the lockdown command is released. Parents trying to reach school in their cars, or attempting to get into the building can make the situation far worse. It is quite hard to talk generally about critical incidences as each situation requires a different response, however, lockdown is just that - lockdown. So, be patient, stay at home and wait until you receive advice either from school or from the Police, that the lockdown has ceased. Please be confident that we have measures in place to accommodate the needs of the children throughout any such situation. In the coming weeks we will look to run a lockdown drill and information will be communicated with you via the school app.

Kind Regards

Tony Williams

Principal

Notices:

Teacher Only Day: The day after our night time Production performance, Friday 13th September, the school will be closed for a Teacher Only Day. Hopefully this gives our working parents plenty of notice to make alternative arrangements for your children for the day. We will be consulting with families via a questionnaire in the coming weeks so you can contribute to this day where our focus is on developing a localised curriculum. Thanks in advance.

Term 3: Important Dates

AUG	Thur 1	Mobile Library Bus
	Mon 5	BOT meeting 6.30pm
	Thur 15	Mobile Library Bus
	Thur 29	Mobile Library Bus
SEPT	Tues 3	Cluster Speech Finals Urenui – Year 4, 5 & 6 only
	Wed 11	Whole school all day at Knox & Production matinee
	Thur 12	Production night performance at Knox
	Fri 13	<i>TEACHER ONLY DAY</i> School closed
	Thur 19	Cluster Cross Country [whole school]
	Fri 20	Postponement date CC
	Fri 27	Last Day of Term 3
OCT	Mon 14	First Day Term 4
NOV	Sat 2	<i>PETS DAY</i>



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Pets Day 2019 : 'Entry forms' for children wishing to enter animals this year are being sent home today with the eldest or only child in the family, so please look for them in school bags. Please note the return date for the chicken entry form is WEDNESDAY 14th AUGUST and after this date it will be too late to enter a chicken. Calf, Lamb and small animal entry forms however can come in a month later:- by Friday 14th September. Please read the entry forms carefully before you complete them. If your child does not wish to enter/ bring any animal there is no need to return any of the forms.

The first part of **Pets Day 2019** is totally focussed on the animal competitions, [10am to approx. 11.30am] then the classrooms will be opened up for viewing of the creative entries and a range of free fun activities to play on the field will begin and go through to the drawing of the raffles at approx. 1 hour after the end of prize-giving. One change this year that we hope will keep the crowd at the event for that hour is that you have to be present in person to claim a raffle prize if you win it:- if not it will be re-drawn!

An 'I am available to help' letter from the Home & School will come home to parents in a week or so. This letter outlines the activities at this years event, which ones we need help with, and gives you the opportunity to let us know if, or how, you can help out. We are looking to get replies back from every family so please complete and return the bottom portion of this letter even if you cannot attend or help.

Person of Character: At last weeks assembly the following children had their names drawn out from the POC cards won during the week:- **Blake Nicholls** for being accountable in class [a 10 point card]; **Kade Nicholls** for being accountable in Production rehearsals [10 point card]; **Maria Monroy-Felix** and **Indy Watt** both for super reading and a special presentation was made to **Penelope Pearce** for completing the Reading Recovery Programme. Well done everyone!

COMMUNITY NEWS:- Waitara High School is preparing for their 75th Reunion in 2022. A meeting is being held on Thursday 22 August, 7pm at the Waitara High staffroom for anyone interested in being part of the organising committee.

School App

It is SO important you are on our school app! This is how we can promptly keep in touch with newsletters and important alerts...

Go to the App store on your Apple or Android device and search **SchoolAppNZ** to download. Then search **Huirangi School** to find our app.

Children's absences can be notified easily through the app via the email option and should be done before 9am that day.

IMPORTANT

A leave request for a holiday during term time needs to be in writing, in advance, to the Principal - via a letter or email please.



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HUIRANGI SCHOOL

Start - 9am [children are not to be dropped off before 8.30am]

Morning tea - 10.40 to 11am

Lunch - 12.30pm to 1.15pm

End of Day - 2.45pm bus leaves

[children to be picked up by 3pm]



Wakako'a Maia Tika Pono

Huirangi Home & School Executive

President: Adam Pearce Ph 0274 745315

Secretary: Jo Alldridge Ph 021 402538

Treasurer: Nicola Jupp Ph 0274 314113

Next meeting: **THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER at 2pm**

✦ PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE ✦

Our Public Health Nurse is Gillian Boyce.

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