

# HUIRANGI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2020 TERM 1: Week 1 – Tuesday 4th February



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

A very big welcome back to everyone! I trust you have had a lovely holiday break with your children. Today we welcome the following new children into He Puāwai:- Ariana Morehu, Roxanne Ngatai, Jonny Sheehy, Austin Rowe and Indie Cragg. We also welcome a new staff member, Mrs Karen Bedson our school cleaner.

We have swapped the names of our Rooms 1 & 2, so that children start in He Puāwai as New Entrants with Mrs Tapp then move into Room 1 with Mrs Woodward as Year 1/2's then to Room 2 with Mrs Drinkwater and Ms Southee as Year 3's. Mrs Barnao and Mrs Walker are in Room 3 with a mix of Year 4 & 5's and Ms Perkins in Room 4 with a mix of Year 5 & 6's.

To the right is a list of upcoming important dates which we will continue to update throughout the term. A full list of the 2020 dates are available on our website. To access this go to :-

[sites.google.com/a/huirangi.school.nz/huirangi-school/](https://sites.google.com/a/huirangi.school.nz/huirangi-school/)

All school policies and procedures are online also - go to [www.schooldocs.co.nz/](https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/) click search for school and type in Huirangi. The user name is 'Huirangi' and the password is 'raft'

We trust your child has a positive start to the year and if you have any questions or concerns about the start of the year, please come in and see us.

Kind regards

*Tony Williams*

Principal

## Term 1: Important Dates

<b>FEB</b>	Tues 4	Term 1 starts
	Thur 6	Waitangi Day [school closed]
	Wed 12	Picnic Day
	Thur 13	H&S AGM – staffroom 1.30pm
<b>MAR</b>	3-5	Y5 & 6 Camp
	Fri 6	Teacher Only Day [school closed]
	Mon 9	Taranaki Ann. [school closed]
	Tue/Wed 10 11	POC Interviews
	Thur 12	Swimming Sports
	Fri 13	Cluster Swim Sports Y 4, 5 & 6
	Mon 16-20	Bike Week/Triathlon
	Thur 26	Cluster Triathlon
<b>APR</b>	Thur 9	Last day of term 1

## Notices:

**Pickup Time Procedure:** We ask that parents/caregivers on after school pick up, to please park and walk into the school main gate to collect your child/children. As there will be higher traffic movement within this area at this time, we need to ensure children's safety. We will monitor this over the coming weeks and modify if necessary.

**Stationery:** All stationery items are supplied from school at a cost of \$30 per child. Please pay this amount to school sometime within the first 2 weeks of term. Should you wish to use internet payments, use your child's name as reference along with the word 'stationery' into 153945 0210342 00. This cost includes a school hat for the *new entrant [5year olds]* too.

**Activity fees:** Remember there is no charge for this as we have opted into the government donation scheme.

**Camp 2020:** The Year 5 & 6 students will be going on camp to Camp Okoki for a 2 night stay in the first week of March. A separate note will be sent home with those students. As it is an overnight camp, there will be a part charge.

**Swimming:** Please ensure children have their togs/towel/swim caps [latex ones are easiest to get on]/goggles [optional] in a waterproof bag, EVERY day. If, for a medical reason, your child cannot swim, please either sent a note/email to his/her teacher or call the office. Swimming assessments will be carried out this week by teachers and our qualified swimming instructor will begin working with small groups next week.

**Picnic Day – Wednesday 13 Feb:** This is held on the school site and the day is based around rotational games and activities. Students will need their togs as usual. Parents and family members are welcome to join us for the day, or meet up for a BYO picnic lunch [approx. 12.30pm]

**School Timetable /Drop Off & Pick Up times:** This year our school timetable will change to:

9am start, 'feed & read' break in the first session / morning tea break

11am-11.20 / Lunch break 1.00pm - 1.40 / 3pm end of day.

The earliest children can be dropped off at school is 8.15am, and the latest time to pick up in the afternoon is 3.15pm.

**Medical:** At the end of last year we were going to send home all the children's medical items [asthma inhalers etc]. However as we didn't actually do this we are asking that any child with medication at school, brings in new supplies over the course of the next two weeks, and the old medication will be handed back then.



New Entrants starting today with their buddies.....

#### LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE

In the event of a real lockdown parents will be alerted via the app and it will say:

**'Huirangi School is in lockdown'**

When you see this, please refrain from contacting school, or any teacher/teacher aide as this could lead to distraction of their primary focus, which is caring for our students. Please do not drive up to school, or attempt to enter the school.

#### 2020 HUIRANGI SCHOOL hours

Start - 9am [earliest drop off time is 8.15am]

Morning tea - 11am– 11.20am

Lunch - 1.00pm - 1.40pm

End of Day - 3pm [latest time for children to be picked up is 3.15pm]

#### Huirangi Home & School Executive

**President:** Adam Pearce Ph 0274 745315

**Secretary:** Jo Alldridge Ph 021 402538

**Treasurer:** Nicola Jupp Ph 0274 314113

Next meeting: **AGM** Thursday 13th February 2020 at 1.30pm in the staffroom.

All parents are invited to attend!

We would love to have your input into fundraising ideas for 2020. We would love 'new blood' in our group but there is no pressure to take on a role on the executive if you simply don't want to! Please just come along and show your support.



After this meeting we will publish the proposed fundraising calendar for the year.

#### ✚ PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE ✚

Our Public Health Nurse is Gillian Boyce.

Gill can be contacted on  
7537790 extn 7076 or 0274064822

W'akako'a Maia Tika Pono