

HUIRANGI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2021 TERM 1: Week 1 – Thursday 4th February



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Dear families

Welcome back to the 2021 school year! We had a lovely calm start to the term yesterday and it was great to see everyone back and settling quickly into their classroom routines.

A special welcome to the children who have joined us for the first time:- Luca Davey [Year 3], Leo Bevins [Year 3], Coby Bevins [Year 5], Otis Paul, Ollie Podevin, Nixon Turner-Pue and Jimmy Pokere, all New Entrants. Our starting roll is a very healthy 114.

Classrooms are staffed as follows: He Puāwai, Mrs Nicky Tapp; Room 1, Mrs Amy Woodward; Room 2, Mrs Danita Drinkwater & Ms Ana Southee; Room 3, Mrs Julie Walker & Ms Ana Southee and Room 4, Ms Bernie Perkins & Mrs Kristy Barnao and we have three wonderful teacher aides Mrs Michelle Beazley, Mrs Colleen Hodges and Mrs Ray Hunt working throughout all classes.

We are very pleased that the recent building work in the school is almost fully completed. Rooms 1 & 2 were completed last year, and now Room 3 has been completely modernised along with the staffroom. We also have 2 new work areas that were created out of the internal ramp space - one will be used for reading recovery and the other is a multi purpose space for staff and students to use. The vast majority of this building work has been paid for by the Ministry of Education through what is called our 5YA money, however the Board of Trustees has paid for the staffroom upgrade through savings and prudent budgeting over the last few years.

A reminder to everyone that we have a Teacher Only day on Tuesday next week, so the school is closed on the Monday for Waitangi Day and the Tuesday.

Kind Regards

Kristy Barnao

Acting Principal

Notices:

Principal Appointment - The Board of Trustees Appointments committee are working through the process towards the appointment of our new Principal. As soon as this is finalised, we will inform our families. It is expected that the new person, when appointed, will start here at the beginning of Term 2.

Pool Keys - The pool is now up and running and pool keys can be hired from the office at \$20. This is for the shortened season. Note that swimming times are out of school hours and the latest time in the evening is 8pm. So, please call into the office with cash [we don't have eftpos] to sign the key contract and pick up your key.

Stationery - All your child's stationery is supplied from school at a cost of \$30 per child. This is to be paid by the end of this month please - either cash to the school office or directly into our bank account:-

Huirangi School Board of Trustees 153945 0210342 00 with the reference 'stationery' and your child's name.

Term 1: Key Dates

FEBRUARY

Wed 3	Term 1 started
Mon 8	Waitangi Day school closed
Tue 9	Teacher Only day school closed
Thur 11	Mobile Library Bus
Wed 17	Home & School AGM 2pm
Thur 25	Mobile Library Bus
Thur 25	BOT meeting 6.00pm

MARCH

Fri 5	School Swim Sports
Mon 8	Taranaki Anniversary school closed
Thur 11	Mobile Library Bus
Fri 12	Cluster Swim Sports
15 –19	Bike Week
Tue 16	Visit Bike Park at Bell Block
Fri 19	School Triathlon
Tue 23	Cluster Triathlon
Wed 24	Cluster Tri postponement date
Thur 25	Mobile Library Bus

APRIL

Fri 2	Easter Friday school closed
Mon 5	Easter Monday school closed
Tue 6	Easter Tuesday school closed
Thur 8	Mobile Library Bus
Fri 16	Last Day Term 1

School App - Please check that your app is updated. Your child may have moved classrooms and you may need to change what you have subscribed to.

Update Contact details - If you have had any change to your address, phone numbers, or emergency contacts please let the office know. You can either phone, or email with your updated information.

Sunblock - Please sunblock children before they come to school. Children should also have some sunblock in their bags and know how to apply it. They will be reminded throughout the day to re-apply, and of course the younger children will be helped to do this. We do have a small supply of sunscreen in each class, but with so many children having sensitivity to certain brands, it is important that you supply a tube from home [with their name on it please!]

Naming all Clothing & Gear - It is so important that all clothing, is NAMED. You can do this with a biro, you don't need an expensive pen! Please, take a bit of time to name all the clothing [including undies and socks] your child will wear to school.

School Swimming - Daily swimming is part of our summer physical education curriculum, so it is essential that your child brings their swimming gear every day. Togs, towel and a swim cap are all essential. Goggles are optional. Instructional swimming with a qualified swim tutor has begun today.

Cricket - If your child has an interest in playing cricket this season please contact Maurice Shaw on 0272 487854 for full details.

Fruit In Schools - Our fruit deliveries will begin again next week.

Litter less Lunchboxes - We are continuing to encourage children to choose healthy eating options for their lunch and snacks and to not bring plastic wrappers to school if possible. This helps our rubbish situation and our planet!

Home & School Meeting - Our wonderful fundraising group are holding their AGM on Wednesday 17th February, at 2.00pm in the staffroom. Some current office holders are stepping down, so please do come to the meeting to support the group and if you would like to take on a role, the opportunity may be available. They will also be planning the fundraising programme for the year, so all ideas are welcome!

And finally..... We are looking for a bar leaner table to use on the deck outside the staffroom. It needs to be all wooden to withstand all weathers. If you have a spare one or know where one might be available, please give the office a call.



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.

We will alert you again as soon as the lockdown is cleared.

2020 Huirangi Home & School Executive

President: Jo Alldridge	Ph 021 402538
Secretary: Tara Honnor	Ph 0279 118880
Treasurer: Nicola Jupp	Ph 0274 314113

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 - 3.00pm ** Rm 4 and siblings pick-up is at the school drive entrance area

[The latest time for pick up is 3.15pm]



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