



Huia Range School

Term 1 Week 1 Thursday 30th January, 2020

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He mihi mahana kia koutou – A warm greeting to you all

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Tēnā koutou e te whāna.

A very warm welcome to everyone for the 2020 school year.

A sincere welcome to our new families and to our new students. We hope you enjoy your experiences and time in our school.

We are looking forward to a positive learning year with all of our children

Over the holidays some new interactive panels were installed in 3 of our classrooms.

The staff have started learning how to get the best use from these class room teaching tools.

These panels will support teachers to deliver the best learning for your children.

With teachers' input, the Board of Trustees will evaluate the panels uses in the class rooms before deciding whether to upgrade more of the older interactive whiteboards (and projectors) across the school.

Some of the planned property developments that should happen over the next few weeks are:

- removal of the old dental clinic
- removal of the filter shed
- removal of the swimming pool
- removal of the changing sheds
- building a new fence around the outside of the field

We are very fortunate to have all of this work fully paid for by the Ministry of Education.

Canteen

The school canteen operates on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays across the year.

The canteen opens next Wednesday.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club opens on Monday 3rd February in Room 1.

It opens at 7.45am and closes at 8.45am daily, except Fridays.

All children must sign in (in case of emergencies like a fire).

Children are welcome to have:

- up to 5 weetbix with milk
- up to 4 pieces of toast with marmite or peanut butter (sometimes there is jam and/or honey.)
- a cup of milo or cold milk.

Occasionally the following are available:

- hot baked beans on toast
- sausages
- stewed apples (with your weetbix)
- tinned fruit (with your weetbix)
- banana smoothies instead of milk or milo).

All children, including year 8 helpers, are expected to be in their class by 9.00am.

If you are over 18 years old, will pass a police vetting and are available to do some voluntary work with the breakfast club, please ring Suzie with your name and I will contact you.

Milk and Fruit

The milk programme started today in most class rooms, but the fruit in schools programme doesn't start across New Zealand until Monday 10th February.

Sun Hats

All children are expected to have a plain burgundy or black sunhat to wear during break, lunch time and any sports activities.

If they do not have a suitable hat, they are expected to sit/play in the shade.

Up Coming Events

January

30 - Thursday
School starts for 2020

February

4 - Tuesday
BOT Meeting - 6.30pm Staffroom

6 - Thursday
Waitangi Day - school closed

10 - Monday
Fruit in Schools start

11 - 13 Tuesday - Thursday
Year 8 Leadership Camp

19 - Wednesday
Swimming
Rooms 3,4,5,8,9,10,12,16

20 - Thursday
Swimming
Rooms 3,4,5,8,9,10,12,16

26 - Wednesday
Swimming
Rooms 3,4,5,8,9,10,12,16

27 - Thursday
Swimming
Rooms 3,4,5,8,9,10,12,16

March

2 - Monday
Parent/teacher interviews

3 - Tuesday
Parent/teacher interviews

5 - Thursday
Swimming
Rooms 3,4,5,8,9,10,12,16

10 - Tuesday
BOT Meeting - 6.30pm Staffroom

Kia nui te ra. Ka kite ano.

Robyn Forsyth Principal



Coronavirus

As you are aware this disease is serious and has travelled to a number of countries in the last few weeks. There have been a number of emails and information from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health.

The key messages are:

- **anyone who is unwell should not be at school**
- our school is closely monitoring information being provided by the Ministries of Education and Health
- the risk of an outbreak in New Zealand is currently uncertain and Health's advice is that, at this time, there is no specific action to be taken by schools
- just to reaffirm, there are no cases of the virus in New Zealand currently
- should the situation change, as we do with other infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and influenza, we will follow our pandemic plan for managing the illness
- for those of you concerned about possible infection, the Ministry of Health has provided practical information on their website which we encourage you to read - Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) guidance – Ministry of Health website

Included in there is some advice (for travellers) to help reduce the general risk of infection:

- avoid very close contact with people showing symptoms
- frequently washing hands
- avoiding close contact with sick live farm animals or wild animals
- practicing cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).
- the Ministry of Health will continue to update that content, as further information becomes available

Year 8 Leadership Camp

Our students are participating in this camp at BackPaddocks Lake from Tuesday 11th February until Thursday 13th February.

Please return permission/health forms asap so final organisation can occur, including really important things like ensuring the correct amount of food is available.

Parent help is required to make certain safety aspects are fully covered.

Room 11 class trip

This is happening tomorrow - Friday 31st January. Ask your child for the letter if you haven't already been given it.

Traffic Safety

Attached is a letter I sent early in term 1 last year, from Maxine Walshe who is the School Community Police Officer.

Please read and check that you are doing everything right as a vehicle driver around our school. We want you and your children safe and we know you have much better things to spend your money on than the fines listed!

Office Hours

Suzie operates our school office daily from 8.00am - 4.00pm, but can answer only one phone line at a time! If you ring and don't get her, or its outside these hours please leave your name, a brief message and your phone number so we can ring back if needed.