



# Huia Range School

Term 1 Week 1 Thursday 4th February, 2021

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

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## 2021

Tēnā koutou e te whāna.

A very warm welcome to everyone for the 2021 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 and hoping for none of the disruptions that were experienced last year!

The teachers have spent considerable time at school during the holidays setting up the classrooms and preparing learning for our tamariki.

I never cease to be impressed by the time and effort our teachers put in to preparing and supporting the learning of our tamariki.

All of our staff met together on Monday morning, followed by a yummy morning tea which included fresh Hawkes Bay fruit.

The teachers met for the remainder of the day and again on Tuesday.

Their enthusiasm and positivity as they discussed and planned together was inspiring.

We are all very excited about the start of the free and healthy school lunches today.

Check with your child what they had for lunch today and please respond positively! Check the parent invite in the next column.

A huge thank you to all of our staff for their hard mahi over the holidays to ensure everything was ready to welcome our tamariki and whanau back for the 2021 school year.

## Parent Invite

Because our year 8 students are at camp next week, the Libelle group, who provide our school lunches, have agreed to deliver the year 8 lunches to school even though the year 8s aren't at school.

This is an amazing opportunity for you, our parents, to come to school and join your children for lunch next week.

**From Tuesday through to Friday there will be around 40 lunches available each day for you, our schools parents.**

**We don't want these lunches wasted!! Come and check out what your children are eating on the day that suits you. Check Facebook for the daily menus and pick your favourite. 1.15pm is eating time across the school.**

Your children will enjoy having lunch with you and we are hoping you will enjoy a yummy lunch.

Children in Rooms 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15 play from 12.45pm until lunch eating time and children in Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 16 play from after eating time until 2.00pm.

## Sun Hats

For health reasons 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.

## Waitangi Day

School is closed on Monday to celebrate Waitangi Day.

Enjoy the long weekend and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday.

## Up Coming Events

### February

- 4 - Thursday  
1st Day for all students for 2021  
Free Healthy Lunches start
- 8 - Monday  
Waitangi Day - school closed
- 9 - Tuesday - 12 - Friday  
Year 8 Camp - El Rancho
- 12 - Friday  
Technology starts for Room 3
- 15 - Monday  
Fruit in Schools restarts
- 17 - Wednesday  
Swimming - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16.
- 18 - Thursday  
Swimming - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16.
- 23 - Tuesday  
BOT Meeting - 6.30pm Staffroom
- 24 - Wednesday  
Swimming - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16.
- 25 - Thursday  
Swimming - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16.

### March

- 4 - Thursday  
Swimming - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 16.
- 4 - Thursday  
Whanau/School BBQ/Picnic
- 8 - Monday and 9 Tuesday  
Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Kia nui te ra.  
Ka kite ano.
- Robyn Forsyth    Principal



## **Covid 19**

We are not expecting any concerns or problems around COVID 19, but we are being cautious and are well prepared should there be a new COVID outbreak anywhere in the New Zealand community..

Part of the message received from the New Zealand Secretary of Education last week was:

*According to the Lowy Institute, New Zealand has been ranked the best at responding to the COVID-19 outbreak out of nearly 100 countries.*

*So, the key message for us all is to remain calm and continue to do our best to protect ourselves, which is why it's important to:*

- regularly wash and dry your hands
- cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue or into your elbow
- practise physical distancing if you don't know someone
- stay home if you're unwell and seek advice about getting tested
- scan QR codes.

*Using the COVID-19 Tracer app including its Bluetooth functionality gives our colleagues in Health the best and quickest chance of contact tracing, which is an important element of keeping us safe and maintaining our privileged position at Alert Level 1.*

So at school we will continue to reinforce and practice the messages above and will also continue with children's desks and other working surfaces being cleaned on a regular basis.

Each classroom has hand sanitiser and disinfectant sprays and paper towels.

Please keep our teachers, Suzie or myself informed if you have any queries or concerns.

## **Year 8 Leadership Camp**

Our students are participating in this camp at El Rancho in Waikanae next week from Tuesday 9th February until Friday 12th February.

Final organisation has been completed with the bus leaving at 7.00am on Tuesday morning. Be on time please or the bus will leave without you!!

Thank you to Anna, Suzie, Caroline and Vivienne for undertaking the necessary organisation to make this trip possible and successful. Thank you also to the wonderful parents who have offered to support the group for the 4 days of this adventure.

Activities include Adrenalin Forest (rope climbing to amazing heights), archery, raft making and rifle shooting.

## **Traffic Safety**

Attached is a letter I sent early in term 1 2019 and 2020, 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.



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30 January 2019

Hello Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers

**The new year has begun...**

I just thought I would take some time to provide you some information around dropping off and picking up children from school.

We are very fortunate in the Tararua around traffic safety at schools in comparison to cities where the population is more and traffic is heavier.

However with that can come some complacency. We can find ourselves taking short cuts, parking in the incorrect zones, allowing our children to cross the road at any given point, or diverting our attention away from the task at hand. Roads around schools both before and after school can be extremely dangerous due to traffic volume and the number of students entering or exiting the grounds. The results can be very upsetting if things go bad.

It takes us no longer to park in the designated areas and it does not hurt our children to have to walk a small distance into the school grounds from being dropping off by parents/caregivers – the exercise is good!

It is timely reminder about the safety and legal obligations of all those parents and caregivers who bring their children to and from school by car.

The school and teachers are trying to ensure the safety of your children at pick up and drop off times by operating school traffic safety teams (school patrols at crossings). To achieve this they require your help by observing the traffic laws in relation to pedestrian crossing and driving in general.

Police are committed to the safety of children around schools and as a result will be monitoring these locations at peak times.

Below is a list of offences that we will be actively policing:

Failed to stop and remain stopped for School Patrol	\$150.00
Blocked a pedestrian crossing	\$150.00
Driver or passenger not wearing seat belt	\$150.00
Failed to ensure child 8-14 year used seat belt	\$150.00

Permitted child under 15 in front seat unrestrained	\$150.00
Failed to ensure child under 7 in approved child restraint	\$150.00
Driver used a mobile phone while driving	\$80.00
Failed to wear cycle helmet	\$55.00
Parking within 6 metres of an intersection	\$60.00
Parking on or near a pedestrian crossing	\$60.00
Parked in area of broken yellow line	\$60.00
Parked obstructing vehicle entrance	\$40.00
Parking on a broken yellow line	\$60.00

I would also like to point out that bus stops during certain times are **not** to be used for dropping off or waiting to pick up your children. These times are: Monday to Friday 8.30am until 9.15am & 3.00pm until 3.30pm.

If we all do our bit to be aware of the risks, adhere to the regulations, observe the instructions of the teachers and school traffic safety teams, then our children will be safe.

Yours faithfully



**M F Walshe**  
Senior Constable  
School Community Officer  
**TARARUA**