



Huia Range School

Term 1 Week 7 Wednesday 15th March, 2023

Website: www.huiarange.school.nz

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

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Tomorrow

Exemption from strike action on Thursday 16 March

Primary teachers and principals are currently in negotiations with the government to settle our collective agreements and feel that their offer did not meet expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.

The current conditions and funding for our schools is not enough to enable us to support all our students to thrive.

We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession and at present we struggle to find teachers to fill our vacant positions or relieve.

On Thursday 16 March Primary and Secondary school teachers in New Zealand are striking to seek better work conditions. NZEI gave schools in Cyclone affected regions the option to vote on a strike exemption and remain open.

When our staff reflected on the disruption caused to people's lives, businesses and homes in our area they voted to **OPEN** on Thursday 16 March.

We will NOT be striking.

This does not mean that we do not support the claims of the collective bargaining and the actions of the teachers but, in an area as affected as ours, we decided this action was not appropriate at this time.

Staff will be wearing black to show their support for their colleagues and will be arriving just before students arrive from 8.15am and leaving school as soon as the last students leave at 3.15pm to reflect this support for striking teachers.

Swimming Sports

The school swimming sports are on this Friday the 17th of March.

The tamariki swimming in competitive and non competitive events are rooms 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12 and year 4 from rooms 8 and 9.

We encourage all of our tamariki to wear their plain house tee-shirt to swimming sports on Friday.

House points will be awarded to those swimmers wearing their house coloured tee-shirt

Tamariki need:
Swimming gear - togs and towel
House coloured tee shirt
A bottle of water
Healthy snacks

Lunch will be delivered and fruit will be available.

No KFC, McDonalds, packets of chocolate biscuits, fizzy or energy drinks thank you very much!

Tamariki may arrive at WaiSplash between 8.45am and 9.00am.

Attendance will be checked, house tokens handed out and tamariki will be able to get changed and be ready to start the first race by 9.15am.

Racing and fun events will be held during the day, with tamariki being dismissed from WaiSplash just before 3.00pm.

Whanau and friends are very welcome to attend and support the tamariki during the day.

For safety and organisation reasons all tamariki are expected to sit with their peers in their house groups.

A few more adults are needed to help time keep. Please let Suzie know or the teacher in charge of the day, Jacqui Boustead.

Up Coming Events

March

16 - STRIKE Day
School open

17 - Friday
School swimming sports - rooms 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12 and year 4 from 8 and 9

21 - Tuesday
Weetbix Tryathlon

22 - Wednesday
Interscholar swimming - WaiSplash

April

4 - Tuesday
Board Meeting - Staffroom 6.30pm

6 - Thursday
Final day Term 1

7 - Good Friday
School Closed

24 - Monday
Teacher Only Day
Dannevirke Schools Closed

25 - Tuesday
ANZAC Day - School Closed

26 - Wednesday
Day 1 of term 2
Cohort start date

Ka kite ano.
Kia nui te ra

Robyn Forsyth
Principal

Weetbix Tryathlon

Can all parents let the school know by Monday morning if your tamariki are attending the tryathlon on Tuesday?

This will help to lighten Suzie's workload on Tuesday.



Congratulations to the students who received class certificates this week:

- Room 2: Zain** - for adding detail to his ideas to keep the reader interested and entertained in his narrative.
Savana - for adding detail to her ideas to keep the reader interested and entertained in her narrative.
- Room 3: Sariyah** - for putting in effort in all her work and pushing herself out of her comfort zones academically.
Te Ihiko - for persisting and expanding her basic knowledge of different mathematical skills.
- Room 4: Lilly** – for persevering when perimeter problems become challenging.
Iris - for writing a comprehensive Jellyfish information report from the notes she had taken.
- Room 6: Ava** - Showing STRIVE in the classroom, always having a positive attitude and working hard.
- Room 8: Asha** - for listening carefully to instructions and working well as a leader of a small group. He whetū koe (You are a STAR)
Brady - for demonstrating kindness and guidance to others while leading a small learning group. Ka pai hoki koe (Good on you).
- Room 9: Mahirah** - an amazing start to the year, working hard and always striving to be your best, and always producing excellent work.
Brylie - for being super organized and helpful, working hard and showing excellent progress.
- Room 11: Nahryion** - for showing perseverance in swimming and making exceptional progress.
Carys - Showing maturity and hard work in class. Ka pai, keep it up.
- Room 15: Amelia** - for her enthusiastic start to school. Welcome to Huia Range School.
Hazel - for settling into the routines of our classroom quickly. Welcome to Huia Range School.

**Congratulations to these students who have
been awarded the following badges**

Ollie - Academic Gold Aizak - Academic Gold & Sports
Gold Kath - Academic Gold Logan - Academic Gold
Ryan - Academic Gold
Tiki - Sports Gold

Danika - Academic Star



Ella - Academic Star

Lushyn - Academic Gold
Khara - Academic Gold



**Congratulations to these students who have
been awarded the following badges:**

Chase - Service Gold



Lexie - Sports Star



**Sariyah - Cultural Gold
Conner - Cultural Gold
Patrick - Cultural Gold
Tiki - Academic Gold and
Cultural Gold**