



Huia Range School

Term 2 Week 2 Thursday 4th May, 2023

Website: www.huiarange.school.nz

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

School Phone Numbers 027 781 2224 06 374 6444

Cross Country

The school cross country dates are proving to be a problem.

We are trying to work around other events like technology, and maths development for staff.

The dates will be notified as soon as they are confirmed.

The Interschool dates are correct.

Union Action

There is a bit of confusion around at the moment about strike action of teachers.

Primary teachers are not currently planning any action.

They are considering the latest contract offers from the Ministry. I will update as decisions are made over the next few weeks.

High school teachers are holding 'rolling' strike action, which means different year groups are absent from school at different times. Check the DHS newsletter and facebook page for relevant information or ring on 06 374 8302.

Meanwhile Primary principals are expected to follow union instructions around contract negotiations.

I am only supposed to be working 8.00am - 5.00pm and no weekend work. Also no contact with the Ministry unless it is to our school's advantage.

I am also not supposed to be working on any curriculum refresh topics.

Totally impossible! But we are fighting for improved behaviour management support, further support for special needs tamariki and a further reduction in class sizes.

All of these are more important to me than a pay rise!

Health

From the Ministry of Education:

Winter health and vaccination reminders

Te Whatu Ora encourages whānau to vaccinate their tamariki for pneumococcal disease, Meningococcal B, measles, and flu, alongside their three COVID-19 vaccines to provide the greatest level of protection heading into winter.

Tamariki aged six months to 12 years are eligible for free flu vaccinations. For more information, visit:

Flu immunisation for tamariki – KidsHealth

Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine – Te Whatu Ora

COVID-19 boosters for over 30s and those at increased risk of severe illness – New Zealand Government

You will still need to isolate for seven days if you have COVID-19 to reduce the risk of spread.

I read about an outbreak of measles that has occurred in Auckland with one high school closed today as health officials try to track where the infection came from and possible close contacts.

They are also checking who is and isn't immunised. It sounds like those immunised (including staff) will be back at school on Monday, with students and staff who are not immunised having to isolate for possibly up to 7 days.

Please make sure your tamariki's immunisation record is up to date at school.

If you don't have a record please contact your health professional.

Up Coming Events

May

15 Monday - 19 May
Road Safety Week

16 - Tuesday
Board Meeting - Staffroom 6.30pm

29 - Monday
New Entrant Cohort entry
Mud Run - Year 7/8

June

5 - Monday
King's Birthday - School Closed

9 - Friday
Evening disco

13 - Tuesday
Surprise performance

14 - Wednesday
Interschool Cross Country

19 - Monday
Photos - class, individual, siblings

20 - Tuesday
Photos - teams

21 - Wednesday
Interschool Cross Country Postpone

22 - Thursday
Interschool Speech Competition
PN Ki-o-rahi tournament Year 7/8

28 - Wednesday
STRIVE Day

30 - Friday
Final day of term 2

Kia nui te ra
Ka kite ano.

Robyn Forsyth
Principal



Congratulations to the students who received class certificates this week:

Room 2: Nathan - for using a great variety of words that he associated with WW1 to create a word cloud.

Jakeob - for engaging in and using a variety of words that he associated with WW1 to create a word cloud.

Room 3: Khara - for always showing resilience in everything she does and never giving up.

Sypris - for settling into Room 3 well, and persisting in completing all set tasks.

Room 5: Dominic - for settling well into the Huia Range whanau and being engaged in all areas of the curriculum.

Esther - for making good gains in reading and writing by applying your phonetic knowledge to read and to write new words.

Room 6: Summer - for trying her best and having a positive attitude towards learning. Ka pai!

Room 9: Bailey – for working hard in all areas, always doing the right thing at the right time and for being a fabulous class member.

Ivy-Rose - for displaying excellent STRIVE values all the time and working hard with reading.

Room 12: Xavier – for working to improve his learning and putting effort in to get things completed.

Sapphire - for persevering to complete difficult tasks.

Room 15: Sophia - for an enthusiastic and positive start to school. Welcome to Room 15!

Dallas - for giving everything a go and following the class routines. Welcome to Room 15!

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

Jayden-Sports Star badge

Ollie - Cultural Gold badge

Zoe - Academic badge

