



Huia Range School

Term 4 Week 1 Thursday 12th October, 2023

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

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Term 4

Welcome back to term 4. A very full and exciting term is ahead of us.

Congratulations to 6 of our year 7/8 tamariki who achieved very well in the sporting arena over the holidays.

Levante and Sidney competed in the basketball tournament in Wellington representing Dannevirke.

Lushyn competed in Australia in a netball competition.

Zack, Mathias and Erin competed in the Ross Shield rugby tournament in Napier and beat Hastings East for the first time in 33 years.

Fire Safety

The school fire alarms were accidentally set off on Tuesday and a number of us have learned that boiling water directly under the smoke detector will set the alarms off.

The staff and tamariki evacuated immediately and everyone was clear of buildings, safe and accounted for in a very impressive time.

The Fire Brigade turned up, checked everything out and declared all buildings were safe to re-enter.

Thank you to the local Fire Brigade for their speed, efficiency and skills.

While the alarms screamed all of our tamariki acted calmly and behaved impeccably.

Thank you to all the staff for ensuring our tamariki are well trained and know how to positively and safely act in an emergency situation.

Thank you also to all the parents who were outside the school and stayed out of the way and trusted us to get it right and keep their precious tamariki safe.

Attendance Term 3

Congratulations to our 26 tamariki who attended school every day last term. They will be receiving certificates at the school assembly on Monday at 2.00pm.

Check page 2 for this great list.

This was an exceptional achievement given the number of nasty bugs that hit some of our whanau during the term.

Our goal for the term was to have 65% of our tamariki attending 90% of the days, or higher across the term.

While we didn't quite get to 65%, we did make 61%. Well done team to all our tamariki and their whanau for achieving this level.

We are aiming for further improvement and expect to hit 65% or higher this term.

Powhiri - Friday

We are undertaking a Powhiri to welcome our new tamariki and their families.

This will be held in the school hall at 9.30am on Friday and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please let Suzie know if you are attending so we have enough chairs set up and there is enough space for everyone!

Sun Hats

Our school has a policy that all tamariki wear sun hats during terms 1 and 4 every year.

All tamariki are expected to wear a plain black or burgundy sun hat during all interval and lunch times or to sit in the shade under a tree (rather boring!). Please check your tamariki has a hat.

Up Coming Events

October

12 - Thursday
Room 4 technology@ DHS

13 -Friday
Touch Rugby starts
Swimming - Rooms 5/6/15 and year 3s from Rooms 8 and 9
Room 2 Technology DHS

14 - Saturday
Election Voting in our School Hall

16 - Monday
Swimming - Rooms 5/6/15 and year 3s from Rooms 8 and 9
Road Patrol Training for 2024 Yr 8s
Badminton Year 3- 6

17 - Tuesday
Badminton Year 3- 6
Board Meeting - staffroom 6.30pm

18 - Wednesday
Swimming - Rooms 5/6/15 and year 3s from Rooms 8 and 9

19 - Thursday
Rooms 8/9 and part of 10 - Napier

20 - Friday
Swimming - Rooms 5/6/15 and year 3s from Rooms 8 and 9
HB Anniversary Day - School OPEN

Kia nui te ra. Ka kite ano.

Robyn Forsyth Principal

Winning House

Week 10

Winning House

Term 3

Manawanui



2024 Term Dates

These dates were in the newsletter in late term 2, but a number of parents have asked for an update.

The term dates set for our school for 2024 are:

Term 1 - start Thursday 1st February and finish Friday 12th April

Term 2 - start Monday 29th April and finish Friday 5th July

Term 3 - start Monday 22nd July and finish Friday 27th September

Term 4 - start Monday 14th October and finish Tuesday 17th December

Public Holidays during term time are:

February 6th - Tuesday Waitangi Day,

March 29th Friday
Easter - Good Friday

April 1st - Monday
Easter Monday

June 3rd - Monday
King's Birthday

June 28th - Friday
Matariki

October 28th - Monday
Labour Day

ANZAC Day (25th April) is during the school holidays.

School Athletics

All of our 5, 6 and 7 year olds will be competing on Tuesday 31st October at school.

All of our tamariki that are 8 years and older will be participating in our school athletics sports on Wednesday 1st November at the Dannevirke Domain.

Whanau support for both of these events would be appreciated.

Please ring Suzie and leave your name if you can help with these events.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to:

Juniors
Amelia Room 15
Cole Room 15
Isabelle Room 15

Dominic Room 5
Genevieve Room 5
Oliver Room 5
Xavier Room 5

Jashaiya Room 6
Maria- Rose Room 6
Summer Room 6

Middles
Casey Room 8
Ranginui Room 8
Sophie Room 8

Braxton Ma Room 9
Hudson Room 9
Jacob Room 9
Nevaeh Room 9
Rhythm Room 9

Chloe Room 10

Isaac Room 11
Kayla Room 11

Johnny Room 12
Karli Room 12
Riley Room 12

Seniors
Nicole Room 4
Rangi Room 4

There were also a large number of tamariki who achieved a 99% or 98% level of achievement.

Swimming

Our Rooms 5, 6, 15 and the year 3s in Rooms 8 and 9 are currently swimming one or two days a week. The dates are on page one.

The school pays for our tamariki to be bused to and from WaiSplash and also pays for the swimming instructors.

Please check your delight has their togs and towels on the days needed.

Cohort Entry

At the end of last term I commented about the change to our new entrant start dates for next year.

The cohort entry has been cancelled and all 5 year olds can start on the day of their birthday at any time, but must enrol before their 6th birthday.

Visit dates for new entrants starting at the beginning of the year will be sent home in a letter and will appear in this newsletter in a few weeks time.

If your tamariki is starting in term 1, 2024 please ensure you have rung Suzie so they don't miss their visit invites.

Napier Trip

All of the tamariki in rooms 8 and 9 and the year 4s in Room 10 have been invited on an exciting adventure to the Napier Aquarium next Thursday.

Information and permission forms have been sent home this week.

Junior Trip

A number of parents have asked if the juniors are having a trip, because the rest of the school have.

The answer is yes! The teachers of rooms 5, 6 and 15 are currently planning a very exciting trip for their tamariki.

No details are available yet because the venue and buses need to be confirmed.

It would be very disappointing if we told our youngest tamariki they were going somewhere specific and it didn't work out.

Yes we do have plan B and Plan C.

As soon as everything is confirmed information will be sent home.

