

Tena Koutou Katoa,
This week we say a big welcome to Harry Christie

Assembly

Room 24/25 students presented a variety of Science experiments at last week's school assembly.

Helmets and scooters

We have an increasing number of students bringing scooters to school now which is fantastic. Aside from the obvious wellbeing benefits, it also means there are fewer vehicles at pick up and drop off times. It was recently pointed out to me that only about $\frac{1}{3}$ of these children are wearing helmets when they scooter. Although it is not law, we strongly encourage all our students to wear a protective helmet when they scooter. This message is reinforced by the "iway" team who do scooter training in schools. Let's work together and keep our kids safe.



Hall update

Waipukurau Construction will start work on the hall project in the next few months. We are really hopeful this project will be completed by the start of Term 4. There are a number of classroom projects waiting in the wings and these cannot start until the hall project is complete.

Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme

Constable Chris Leppien will run a 30-minute workshop around the "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme next Thursday 23 May at 5:30 pm in Room 26. Schools typically run this programme reasonably regularly and the purpose is to give your children the tools to keep themselves safe. Chris will discuss the content of this programme and will be willing to answer any questions you may have.

BOT Election

Hopefully nominations for the Board elections have arrived at your homes. This year there are three vacancies. For more information on becoming a Trustee please see the attached link below.

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>

Pink Shirt Mufti Day

Pink Shirt Day will be celebrated this Friday 17th May. Workplaces, schools, organisations and individuals join the movement to make a stand against bullying. We encourage you to send your child in a pink shirt on Friday along with a gold coin donation to support this fantastic cause.

For more information on this please visit <https://www.pinkshirtday.org.nz/>

Teacher Strike

Last week teachers across the country met to discuss the latest pay and conditions offered from the Government. This offer had not changed since the last offer and the Government seem fixated on not moving from their \$698 million budget figure. This has led to teachers voting to strike on Wednesday 29th May.

The teaching profession is in a delicate place right now with many schools struggling to attract staff. We know numbers of people training for teaching have dwindled over the past decade. The Government is hoping a \$95 million cash injection will help fund nearly 2500 more trainee teaching places, as schools nationwide battle with chronic staff shortages. While this is a step in the right direction, it is important we retain our very best teachers and attract high-quality people into the profession.

I can't see this situation being resolved quickly. Education Minister Chris Hipkins appears resolute in his stance, but many teachers feel we have come too far to quietly surrender. I thank you for your support and recognise strike action is a huge imposition for many. However, something needs to be done to once again make the teaching profession attractive, so we have the very best people possible teaching the children of tomorrow.

Hui

We had a really positive turnout to our Hui last week which was centred around planning for our upcoming Cultural Week and Hangi in particular. We were lucky enough to have some experts turn up and have scaled back our aspirations somewhat. We were initially hoping to have a Hangi for the whole school which would have meant catering for 650 plus by the time visitors, helpers and staff were included. At this point in time, we are potentially looking at including just Year 5 & 6 students and maybe have some tasting plates available to the rest of the school. More details will be shared in the coming week.



Some of our Year 3 students painting their Matariki rocks

Have a great week everyone.

Regards

Nick Reed

Principal



THE BIG NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are looking for donations big or small towards the Big Night Out Auction to raise money for a shaded area for the children.

Item can be any product or service you or your business are able to donate.

This is a great opportunity to share with the HNPS community so they know which businesses are in our school to support.

All of these will be used in the either the Live Auction, silent auction or raffle at the Big Night Out Quiz on Saturday 11th August at Hastings Racecourse.

Donations get grouped with other like items, so no item is too small or too big!

Here are a few ideas

- Vouchers * Any product * Meat packs * Babysitting * A day fishing on the family boat
- Graphic design * Electrical or building work * Memberships * Produce * Books
- Morning tea shout * Catering * Car cleaning inside and out * Clothing vouchers
- Restaurant vouchers * Movie tickets * Accommodation * Weekend at family bach
- Homeware * Art * Any tutoring for adults or children * Exercise vouchers
- Legal work * Wine packs * Dog walking * Toys * Accounting * Window cleaning

Get your creative juices flowing!

Once you have sourced an idea, please fill in the details below and return the slip to the school office by **Thursday 31st May**.

Vouchers will be valid for six months unless you state otherwise.

Thank you for your support.



The _____ Family/Business would like to donate:

Auction/Service/Item Description

_____ Value (if required) _____

Contact Name _____

Email _____ Signed _____

HNPS CALENDAR

May 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
				Orienteering Entries for Long Event Close Assembly	Hockey Coaches Session	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		WHANAU HUI		Orienteering Registrations for Relay Event Close Assembly		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Home and School	Dinah PD Maths & Parent's Evening	BOT Mtg	Hereworth Exchange	Assembly		Orienteering Long Event
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			KoS parent meeting	Whanau Groups		
27	28	29	30	31		
				Assembly		

June 2019						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Basketball Registrations Open Tough Guy and Gal Registrations Close		Meeting of the Minds - National Aquarium		Assembly		Orienteering Relay Event
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Matariki Week			School Photos Barefoot sevens Tournament			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Barefoot 10's Registrations Open	Year 3 Scooter Safety	Year 3 Scooter Safety Wig Wednesday	Year 3 Scooter Safety Yr 3-4 RIPPA HASTINGS TOURNAMENT	YR 5-6 RIPPA TOURNAMENT Assembly		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Basketball Registrations Close				Just Dance competition Assembly		