



# NEWS



Thursday 28 May 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The return to school appears to have gone really smoothly and it has been great to see how excited the children have been to get back to their learning and social routines.

A special welcome to our brand new five year olds: Ranveer Oberoi, Baxter Scott, Tessa Mulligan, Aiden Lee, Alexander Allan, Campbell Main, Yan Lu and Arlo Ashley. We have also welcomed Matthew Pichugin and Samuel Le Sueur to year 3, and Noah Le Sueur to year 6. We wish them and their families a happy and successful time at Hauraki School.

We know some of our families are still feeling a bit anxious about sending their children back to school, which is understandable given everything we have been through these past two months. However, it's really important children do return to school. Apart from it being a legal requirement, getting back to a normal routine is important for the health and well being of your children, and being around their peers and teachers will help them feel in control and reassured. Teachers are making every effort to ensure school is a positive experience for them.

Our schools are safe but, we will continue to keep up with our hygiene practices and other public health measures as an extra precaution. A reminder that if your child presents unwell even with mild symptoms they should stay home. We are doing our best to ensure everyone in the school environment stays well.

This week's government announcement indicates a further relaxation of gatherings so in line with that the following will apply at school from the beginning of next week:

- Parents are able to come into the grounds for drop off and pick up. However, because we are not supposed to have any more than 100 visitors on the school grounds at any one time we would be grateful if you could continue to say goodbye to your children at the gate each morning if you can. It has been great to see children demonstrating independence with managing themselves and their belongings as a result of having to walk into school themselves over the past couple of weeks.
- Please avoid congregating at the gate right in the pathway of people entering and exiting the school grounds.
- Sports practices can resume. The winter North Harbour Netball

## KEY DATES

**Monday 1 June**

Queen's Birthday - school holiday

**Friday 3 July**

Term 2 ends. School closes at 3pm.

**Monday 20 July**

Term 3 begins at 8.55am

**Friday 25 September**

Term 3 ends.

**Monday 12 October**

Term 4 begins

**Wednesday 16 December**

12.30pm

Term 4 ends



Washing and drying hands in Room 18 before morning tea



Hand sanitising in Room 1 after lunch

- competition is scheduled to begin at the start of term 3 with grading games followed by competition games. Notices will be sent home today with your child indicating teams that have now been finalised. We have done our best to accommodate your preferences. **Please note that there are a few teams with no manager or coach which means they are in jeopardy of not going ahead.** We are still waiting to hear about the year 2/3 Devonport competition.
- Hockey is also scheduled to start at the start of the new term but as yet we have not heard about basketball. Rugby tournament days are still being considered.
- As you are aware we are undergoing major building work and we only have one court to use for all sports, netball, hockey and basketball (when the hall is being used for the school production) Thank you in advance for working together, allowing teams to share the available space. Your cooperation will be needed.
- Practices can start from next week, Tuesday 2 June. ALL teams MUST email Mr Christopher Pipes to arrange court space, [chris@hauraki.school.nz](mailto:chris@hauraki.school.nz) A timetable is being drawn up to ensure that everyone is accommodated.

## ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent it is essential you let us know as the Ministry requires us to account for every child every day and the reason why. If your child is going to be away please could you phone the school or email [office@hauraki.school.nz](mailto:office@hauraki.school.nz) and the child's teacher to let them know. This would save us having to chase you!

## ROAD SAFETY

Please make sure that all adults as well as children use the pedestrian crossing when wanting to get to the other side rather than crossing at the very bottom of Jutland Rd or other places further up the road. This is important modelling for children.

And of course, parking on yellow lines even momentarily at any time is strictly forbidden.

## SWIMMING POOL

Work on the pool project is continuing behind the scenes. If anyone knows anything about the construction materials used for the current pool built in the mid 50s or knows someone who may be able to help we would like to know [principal@hauraki.school.nz](mailto:principal@hauraki.school.nz) This is important information for when demolition time comes.

## CELEBRATION OF WORK

The following two year 5 girls each received a highly commended award in a national writing competition. Recently eight were awarded in total throughout N.Z. This is a great result and thank you to teacher, Mrs Sandi Wooldridge for her guidance. The competition was to write a monologue, (no more than 250 words) and both girls were inspired by Covid-19 in some way.

**COVID-19**  
*By Ellie Job*

### **Description: Corona virus expresses its feelings about how the world is reacting**

It's crazy. Absolutely bananas. Why does everyone ( and I mean everyone ) hate me so much? I'm just like you, I want to live too! Think of it this way: You need water to survive. I need people to survive. It's the same! Oh, and I can't help it if I make you cough and sneeze, and make some people a bit worse than that. I cannot help it! Trust me, I would not do it if I had a choice! Ok, I'm off to the mall to spread some of my love. Wait, where is everyone? Ugh, they must be still doing silly quarantine to stay away from me. Oh, look! There's someone! Probably the owner of this mall! Yes, I've finally found someone! Ok, onto that chair I go! Yes! He touched the chair! I've finally found myself an owner! Yahoo! I feel so alive! This is amazing, beautiful! ( five minutes later ) Where are we now? That's it, we're at his house. Yay, I can't wait to spread my love to his family soon! Umm, where are we going? You just past your daughter. Aww man, if you touched her, I could've given her some love too! Yuck, this room smells so bad! It smells clean! Wait, sir, don't you dare touch that running water. Or that disgusting bottle of



soap! Ahh, you're smothering me in the stuff! Clean, icky, soap! No, not the water now! You've already hurt me enough! Ahhhh! Water+ soap= dead COVID-19! I'm dyingggggggggg! ( whispers hoarsely ) I just wanna live!

## Princess Pomeranian-19 Cleo Jonas

Princess Pomeranian-19 Usually I get my hair and nails done at a five-star pet spa. I sure love that warm water filled with bubbly pink suds. But this week we're in isolation. It's important to stay safe, but being locked up all day except for a quick walk around the block is like, well, jail. And no beauty treatments. Oh how I miss my glossy, pink nails. And even worse, when we visit the shop I am couped up in a grimy old cage with all my horrific brothers, stinking, panting and play fighting. I thought my luck had changed when my owner announced a pet spa in our very own home. But I was wrong. Terribly wrong. I was dumped in a barrel of icy cold water, my beautiful white fur was saturated. I turned a bit beige immediately. Instead of using my luxurious, perfumed grooming shampoo, I was smothered in children's Peppa Pig bubble bath. May I say, my owners must be blind. No fluffy white towel, instead I was tossed around in my owners scratchy old blanket. I thought I was going to lose my mind, but the worst was yet to come. Out came the old kitchen scissors, usually used to snip up leftovers for our dinner. Before I looked like a ball of white candyfloss, but now I'm the shape of an avocado, my fur is as rough as a kiwifruit. I've gone viral, but I don't think this look will be contagious.

### A WORD FROM THE PTA

Each fortnight on a Tuesday the PTA is having Jester's Pie Day for the remainder of the year. This is in lieu of sausage sizzles for the meantime.

The first day is Tuesday 2 June and further dates will be posted on the school website. Questions about pies email David at [onionpeel@gmail.com](mailto:onionpeel@gmail.com)

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TUESDAY  
2 JUNE

Lots of yummy flavours  
Delivered warm to school

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Orders close Sunday midnight

Supporting your school & fundraising as you feed your kids - thanks!

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Want to help deliver pies to your kids on the day?  
Need help? Email PTA Pie Pro David [onionpeel@gmail.com](mailto:onionpeel@gmail.com)

### SPANISH



**Fun Languages** for Little Linguists

**HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT ....**

**SPANISH CLASS IS BACK!!!!**  
**STARTING ON FRIDAY 29TH**  
**OF MAY FROM 12:45 TO 1:30.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
**TO DO A FREE TRIAL**

Please register your interest with school and/or contact me for further details.  
[mary@lclclubs.co.nz](mailto:mary@lclclubs.co.nz)  
Small groups (minimum of 6/10)

You can see more about me on my website:  
<http://www.kiwimary.com>

Enjoy this long weekend and look forward to seeing you all back next Tuesday 2 June.

Sincerely,

Clarinda Franklin



Term 2 Value:  
**Assertiveness**