



# NEWS



Rāpare 1 Pepuere/Thursday 1 February 2024

Kia ora koutou katoa

A warm welcome to the 2024 school year. I hope you are all feeling refreshed and recharged after lots of lovely summer days wherever you may have been.

Maintaining our energy levels throughout the year is a challenge we now all face! Take a little time to reflect on the previous year and think about what worked well and what areas contributed to stress. A few triggers! How organised am I? Do I get up early enough each day to ensure my child is at school on time? Lunches made the night before? Have my children been trained to play their part? Good routines in place for completing homework before TV or a device? Set bed time/ story time?

Teachers have been busy preparing for the arrival of your tamariki particularly over the past couple of weeks. We have much planned and are looking forward to a busy and productive year. A Meet the Teacher evening is planned for next **Wednesday 7 February 7.30pm**. We ask you all meet in the school hall for a brief introduction by me, followed by visits to your child's classroom to hear from the teacher. This is intended to be an informative evening and a chance to ask questions. Please note this is not a parent interview as an opportunity for this will be provided towards the middle of the term on **Thursday 7 March**.

## STATIONERY

It was wonderful to have all students receive their stationery on day 1 so thank you to virtually every parent for ensuring that stationery was paid for by today. It has made for a smooth beginning today for everyone. Please note that covering books at home is no longer necessary.



Room 4



Room 12



Room 15

## SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

The following outlines opportunities available in 2024. They are all dependent on numbers and sufficient parent help to manage and coach teams. Please consider these as there is an expectation that all year 5 and 6 students take part in at least one sport and one cultural activity.

### KEY DATES

**Wednesday 7 February 7.30pm**

**Meet the Teacher evening in school hall**

**Thursday 8 February**

**Bike testing for those who are 9 years+ of age or will turn 9 this term.**

**Friday 9 February**

**Scooter testing for those who are 9 years of age or older or will turn 9 this term.**

**Tuesday 13 February**

**Year 6 students to Auckland Museum**

**Wednesday 14 February**

**Year 5 students to Auckland Museum**

**Monday 19 February 9am**

**Senior School Swimming Sports at Birkenhead Memorial Park Pool**

**Monday 19 February 6pm**

**BOT meeting**

**Wednesday 21- 23 February**

**Year 6 School Camp**

**Tuesday 27 February**

**Junior Annual Swimming Sports**

**Wednesday 28 February**

**Middle Annual Swimming Sports**

**Tuesday 9 April 2.15pm**

**Sharing assembly in the hall – all parents welcome**

**Friday 29 March, Monday 1 and**

**Tuesday 2 April**

**Easter school holidays, school closed**

**Friday 12 April 3pm**

**Last day of term 1**

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*Term 1 Value:*  
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Sport	Timing	Who	Where
Basketball	Terms 1 and 2	Years 4, 5, 6	Rosmini, Eventfinda, or YMCA
Hockey	Terms 2 and 3	Years 3-6	Nth Harbour Stadium, Albany
Netball	Terms 2 and 3	Years 2-6	Onewa Domain, Westlake Girls, Ngataringa for juniors
Splash Polo, Flipper ball	Terms 1-4	Years 2-6	Owen Glen Millemium Pool, Mairangi Bay
Rippa and Tackle Rugby Two Field days	Terms 2 and 3	Years 3-6	Onewa Domain
Football Field days	To be confirmed	Years 3- 6	TBC
Cricket – 2/ 3 one off games	Term 1	Year 5 and 6	Hauraki School
Touch rugby	Terms 4	Years 1-6	Devonport Domain

Please note that basketball and flipper ball (water polo) registrations are due now and cut off is **Friday 9 February**. Follow the links below to register if you wish your child to participate in either of these.

#### Basketball

<https://forms.gle/nAX366ZGhffsLQd26>

#### Splash Polo and Flipper ball

<https://forms.gle/7JftS4aYB9zKntCB9>

If in year 5 or 6 you will have received a notice about swimming and we ask that you please make sure this is also returned by no later than **9 February**.

### CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

For the first half of the year **all** year 5 and 6 students are to be part of a musical production, *The Button Box*, to be performed 24 – 27 June for the local community. It is important that all senior students are present during that week. There are orchestral, dancing, singing and acting opportunities and we look forward to getting this underway from the beginning of the school year. A letter detailing organisation for this will be sent home shortly.

In addition, kapa haka open to years 4-6 will begin in term 1 for all those interested.

### SAFETY

The school encourages students to walk, bike or scooter to school from the time they are 9 years of age and **once a test at school** is passed. Please impress upon your child the importance of taking care when riding particularly sneaky driveways. Students are also expected to dismount at the corner of Walter St and wheel bikes/scooters down the footpath, across the crossing and down to the bike storage area. Please note anyone riding to school under 9 years of age **must** be accompanied by an adult.

### REMINDERS

**Health:** As you are aware, we do our best to keep the school as bug free as possible. Please **do not** send your child to school when they are unwell. The Ministry of Health website clearly states keep you child at home ‘until well and 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting’. It is also important that if you are phoned because your child is unwell that you come as soon as possible. It is very unfair on children if they have to wait in the sickbay feeling sick for hours. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.



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**Bullying:** Sometimes people ask about this. Our policy (green tab on website landing page will direct you to this) clearly states procedures we have in place. Please note that at Hauraki we are committed to ensuring that students always feel safe and happy at school. I will be reiterating this to students at our first school assembly this year and encouraging students to let us know should any concerns arise. It is also important that if you have any concerns please let us know as often these can usually be addressed successfully straight away.

**Contact details:** If you have changed addresses, phone numbers or emails recently please advise the office staff so we can update our records. It is a requirement that we keep our records up to date and essential that we are able to get hold of you should that be necessary.

**Uniform:** Please ensure this is worn correctly every day. Sandals/shoes must be worn to school and home again. Black sandals or black shoes and regulation silver socks or black tights for girls are to be worn. Crocs are not permitted. Regulation hats are compulsory in term 1. Please ensure these are named. Those without them are not able to play in the playgrounds and will be asked to spend playtimes under the shade sails only. Hair below shoulder length must be tied up at all times. No jewellery or cell phones/smart phones are permitted.

**Swimming:** Please note that swimming is currently part of our P.E. programme and all students are expected to swim on their allocated days regardless of their ability.

## YEAR 6 SCHOOL CAMP

This exciting event is to take place from 21-23 February and has been organised by deputy principal and year 6 teacher, Mr Christopher Pipes. All year 6 students are expected to attend.

Please note that separate correspondence regarding this has been sent to you via email today. **It is essential that you read the information carefully and complete the two required forms by no later than the 5 February.**

## CHESS

Please note that our first chess session is Wednesday 8-9am in the Hauraki School library and each Wednesday thereafter. If you haven't already registered please contact [paul@chesspower.co.nz](mailto:paul@chesspower.co.nz) for details.

## FAMOUS PERSON

Marlin Zhang participated in the Auckland region Anthony Mosse Classic 2024 Swimming Championships held in West Wave Aquatic Centre Auckland from 19-21 January. Marlin won three silver medals and two bronze medals in the men's 9 years old group. Congratulations on these outstanding achievements. We are very proud of him.

Look forward to seeing you all at  
Meet the Teacher evening on  
**Wednesday 7 February 7.30pm** in  
the school hall.

Clarinda Franklin  
Principal

**Right: Lunch time today**



**It is a pleasure to welcome teacher, Mrs Marander- Higgins back to Hauraki. Photographed below left.**



**Year 6 class: Room 21**



**Year 6 class: Room 22**



**Year 6 class: Room 23**



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