



NEWS



Thursday, 1 February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I trust you are all feeling rested, rejuvenated, and ready for 2018 after so much glorious summer weather! A particularly warm welcome to those 22 new families who have joined us. Staff have been busy preparing over the past week or so and the year promises to be a progressive one with much planned.

Most information in this particular newsletter is important reminders about school organisation. Our first important event for parents and caregivers is:

Meet the Teacher evening **Wednesday 7 February 7.30pm**

This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and hear about routines, expectations and ask questions along the way. The home school partnership is important to us so we hope you can all come. It should take no longer than an hour. We will all meet in the hall initially where there will be a brief welcome by me, and introduction of new staff before moving to classrooms to hear about the year ahead. We hope you can all attend as this session will provide you with important information.

Parents of year 6 students please note that a camp meeting will be held beforehand, beginning at 7pm in room 18.

The beginning of a new year is timely for mentioning aspects of school organisation that contribute to its smooth running.

Our day starts at 8.55am sharp and all children are expected at school by 8.50 at the latest to give time for unpacking bags. Adhering to this time is appreciated by teachers so that the day begins smoothly without interruption.

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date at the school office in case we need to get hold of you urgently. We also ask that you are readily available by phone. We really appreciate you keeping children at home if they are not one hundred percent as this is unfair on others as well as the child concerned. Please note that your child will be sent home if they are sent to school unwell.

If a child is going to be absent please let the office phone 489 4568 or email the office office@hauraki.school.nz first and foremost. You can email the teacher as well if you wish but this is not essential.

Please note that children should only be absent if unwell. Holidays or other events during term time are not legally acceptable so we do strongly encourage you to plan your holidays during the break times.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 7 February 7.30pm
Meet the teacher Evening
All welcome

Friday 9 February 8am – 3pm
Leadership Day for year 6's

Monday 12 February 7.30pm
Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday 13 – Friday 16
February
Year 6's at Camp Adair

Friday 23 February
International Dinner for all
school families

Tuesday 6 March 7.30pm in
staffroom
PTA meeting and AGM

Thursday 8 February
Bike testing

Friday 9 February
Scooter testing

Term 1
31 January – 13 April

Term 2
30 April – 6 July

Term 3
23 July – 28 September

Term 4
15 October – 14 December

'You get a new year
You get a new start
You get a new opportunity'

Billy Bunter

ROAD PATROL

We are in desperate need of help with road patrol supervision at the pedestrian crossing in the afternoons from 3-3.15pm. This is not an onerous job but we would be very grateful if there were some volunteers once a week or even once a fortnight. Please email deputy principal chris@hauraki.school.nz or let the office know.

Also safe crossings is a parent run initiative that helps children safely cross Waitemata Rd and Walter St, before and after school. Many of the volunteers' kids are now in the senior school so in order to keep this going, we urgently need three new families to join us!

It literally takes 15 minutes, once a week. Either before or after school. We have a closed Facebook group where we swap shifts. If your child is new to the school, one of our older kids can walk them to their classroom. They love it! It is a fun, low commitment way to connect with the school community. Interested? Call Jackie [021495777](tel:021495777).



PLAYGROUNDS

Please note that playgrounds are not to be played on before or straight after school as there is no teacher supervision in place. Also in the afternoons road patrol wardens are waiting up at the gate to cross children safely.

ENTRY AND EXITING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please when you arrive in the mornings or are going home in the afternoon do not enter or exit round the back of the admin area as this is a carpark and is out of bounds for students. Instead use the walkway by the hall. We also ask that you do not use the office area as a short cut! Many thanks.

UNIFORMS

Please ensure that your child's uniform is correctly worn and that items are named. This is particularly important with hats, shoes and jumpers. It is compulsory for children to wear shoes to and from school and to wear hats at morning tea and lunch time. Those who do not have them will need to play under the pergola only at these times. Applying sun block before your children leave for school in the morning is recommended.

HAIR TIES

Please note that all girls with long hair should have it tied up each day. We appreciate your support with this.

EXTRA CURRICULA OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of extra curricular opportunities on offer for children and we strongly encourage all year 5 and 6 students particularly, to participate in at least one cultural and one sporting activity. More detailed information will be provided as it comes to hand but in the meantime the following is a summary of what is available:

Cultural

Kapahaka
Middle School Choir
Senior School Choir
Boys' Choir
Marimba
Dance

Sports

Basketball
Hockey
Netball
Cricket
Rugby
Soccer

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

A reminder that children 9 years of age and over who have a bike and/or scooter licence issued by the police are able to ride their bike/scooter to school and should continue parking these outside room 18. Children who have not had a licence yet and are turning 9 this term are able to bring their bikes for a test next **Thursday 8 February** and scooter testing will be **Friday 9 February**. Year's 6 students, however, wishing to acquire a scooter licence need to bring these on Thursday.

Children who are under 9 years of age are now able to ride bikes or scooters to school provided they are accompanied by a parent. These can be parked on the new concrete pad at the edge of the walkway into the school. Children are able to lock these if they wish.

LUNCHES

Those wishing to order sushi for the term can do so by completing the order form at the school office. Other lunch options are available, please see the school noticeboard or the website.

SCHOOL APP

Please note that the school app is in the process of being updated for 2018, please bear with us.



Year 6 students getting back into a routine already.

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

If your year 5 or 6 child is interested in playing basketball after school in a primary school competition on a Thursday afternoon/evening, notices have been handed out today. Please remind your child to see Miss Rickard tomorrow, Friday, if your child missed today.

Please note that Monday 5 February is a school day but we are closed on Waitangi Day, 6 February. Thank you for reading this first newsletter of the year. Please keep reading these and stay up to date with school events! Go well in 2018!

Sincerely,

Clarinda Franklin
Principal

PTA NEWS

The PTA hopes you had a nice break over the summer and we look forward to a fun-filled year of school fundraising activities in 2018!

AGM AND PTA MEETING

Our AGM and the first PTA meeting of the year will be held on **Tuesday 6 March 7.30pm** in the school staff room. All are welcome and in fact we are keen to see new faces. This is an excellent opportunity for you to be part of, and contribute to, the school community. It does not need to be onerous and is a great chance to meet new friends. Hope you can come! Look forward to seeing you!

**Hauraki School PTA
welcomes you**

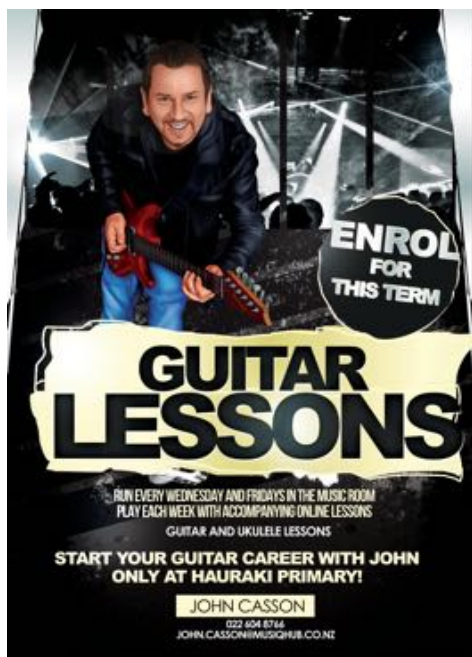
Friday 23rd February from 5pm-8pm

**to an International Dinner
in the school hall.**

**BYO drink and a plate of cuisine to share that
represents a country of your choice**

**This fun and popular event is a great
opportunity for a catch up and to welcome new
families into our school community!
More details coming soon.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES



GREAT small-group fitness, nutritious cooking classes, parties and after-school care at Soulsprite's boutique studios & cooking school. DEVONPORT VILLAGE. All ages & levels from 5yrs, Teens and Adults, plus NEW family classes (adults & kids together!). www.soulsprite.co.nz or email: info@soulsprite.co.nz. Only 10 spaces per class. Taking Bookings Now.

