



NEWS



Thursday 11 March 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you for your support last week with on line learning. We know how difficult this can be for parents but hopefully now we can look forward to providing some continuity with your child's education.

I trust parent interviews yesterday went well for you. Please be assured that you are always welcome to contact us should you have any concerns at any time.

If we're at Level 1 next week you may bring your children into school again each morning if you wish. We would appreciate you scanning the QR code on the hall or office window or signing the register if you do come down.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our recently elected 2021 house captains.

North Captains Kobi Marmont Evie Meyer	North Deputy Captains Levi Gillies Madison McLiver
East Captains Max Lawton Ellie Job	East Deputy Captains Kiedis Baskerville Isabella Richardson
West Captains Patrick Ellis Mia Chen-Adamson	West Deputy Captains Jonty Waddams Sophie Douglas
South Captains Ollie Ryder Scarlett Aitchison-Studd	South Deputy Captains Archie Watt Sofia Lock

KEY DATES

Monday 15 March
Senior Swimming Sports at the Birkenhead Pool

Thursday 18 March
Cricket Hauraki v Vauxhall
12.30-3pm at Hauraki

Saturday 20 March
Battle of the schools Event at Belmont Primary

Tuesday 23 March
Middle school to visit Rangitoto

Thursday 25 March
Cricket Hauraki v Belmont
12.30-3pm at Hauraki

Friday 26 March
Teacher Only Day – school closed for the day

Monday 29 March 7.30pm
BOT meeting

Friday 2 April – Wednesday 7 April inclusive
Easter Break that includes a Teacher only Day

Thursday 16 April 3pm
Term 1 ends

Monday 3 May 8.55am
Term 2 begins

Hauora quote: "You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection"

Sharon Salzberg



Year 6 House and Deputy Captains

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

Please note that the senior swimming sports will now take place on **Monday 15 March** at the Birkenhead Pool. All organisation will be the same and parent help too. If you are now unable to assist please email deputy principal, Christopher Pipes chris@hauraki.school.nz and let him know well before Monday.

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Now is the time to register your child for hockey (years 3-6), netball (years 4-6) or rippa and tackle rugby (years 3-6). Below are the links for each of these sporting codes that outline details and require you to complete and submit a registration form by no later than **next Wednesday 17 March**. **Note that late entries cannot be accepted.**

HOCKEY WINTER SEASON LINK Years 3-6

<https://forms.gle/nHt5nLLMBzQjQEuK9>

NETBALL WINTER SEASON LINK Years 4-6

<https://forms.gle/iHwXUrHsEDoHN5Sw9>

RIPPA / TACKLE 3 school field days, Years 3-6

<https://forms.gle/DqUEfCT2LhZFf9kc9>

FUN FERNS NETBALL

More information about this junior competition for year 2 and 3 students that is played at Ngataringa, Devonport will be coming soon. It will run for 12 weeks from 22 May and cost \$40 a child. Look out for registration information in the next newsletter.

HIBISCUS COAST WEETBIX TRYATHALON

Please note this event has been cancelled due to Covid restrictions. For those who have entered a refund will be coming within the next few days.

UNWELL CHILDREN

Once again I would like to reiterate the importance of keeping your children at home if they are not well which includes colds and coughs. Unwell children will be asked to wait in the sick bay until collected. We are doing our best to keep the school environment as clean and healthy as possible!



ROAD PATROL HELP

Please! Please! We are very keen to have some assistance with road patrol supervision on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday afternoons 2.55pm – 3.15pm. Also Friday mornings 8.25-8.55am. **If you could assist please email deputy principal, Christopher Pipes chris@auraki.school.nz**

If we have lots of people volunteering then we can set up a roster so you only need to do it a couple of times a term. Thank you for your consideration.

ROAD RULES

Please be sure to never park on yellow lines, not even momentarily. Also we would appreciate it if all parents use the pedestrian crossing when wanting to get to the other side of the road.

As well, driving down the driveway to drop children off is strictly forbidden. Please have your child walk down from the gate.

NO DOGS

A reminder that dogs are not welcome on the school premises at any time. Please respect this rule.

HAURAKI SCHOOL APP

A reminder that if you haven't already done so I would recommend that you download the Hauraki School App on to your phone. The school app gives you access to class pages and newsletters. Given the current climate it may be handy if we need to get a message to you. You are also able to use the app to report a student absence. We do not currently use this as a calendar. If there was ever an emergency such as a lock down we would let you know as soon as possible. We would do this in multiple ways by emailing, website and the app followed by regular updates. The app is the favoured avenue because phones tend to be more accessible. You are able to download the app from the app store. Search for 'Schoolappsnz'. When you have downloaded it, search for Hauraki School.

EX-PUPIL COME ENTREPRENEUR

Ex-pupil, Lilah McDonald is passionate about getting more drinking fountains into parks and playgrounds. Her business, Water Us, launched a Pledge Me campaign earlier this month which you can find [here](#). Water Us is selling eco-friendly toilet paper (in gorgeous paper packaging designed by well known NZ artist, Reuben Paterson), with 50% of the profits going to buy drinking fountains for our parks and playgrounds. Her Pledge Me campaign is seeking to raise \$30,000 to fund the first bulk production run. If you're interested in making a purchase please phone Kate O'Leary +64 224 055220.

GREAT WRITING

Year 4 student, Thomas Cullen can be proud of this great effort with writing during lockdown:



In this dark gloomy laboratory a hard working Robot looks to be watering a seed. Splish splash the water hits the smooth surface and glides down the seed. There are tree roots reaching in and curling and twirling around the Robot's laboratory. There is a little window in the wall and there looks to be a storm brewing outside. The wind makes a whooshing sound and the tree branches crashing against the window makes a thunk noise. On the shelf just next to the window there is bright green grass growing. Another little Robot is on top of the shelf watching the bigger Robot water the seed, he makes a whirring sound. The leaves on the end of the branches holding the seed are dry, crisp and golden like the sun. Behind on the shelf there are lots of different potions and recipes for growing plants. The room feels as cold as a Winters day except for the heat lamp above the seed. The robot feels alone but is looking forward to seeing what will sprout from the seed. He touches the soft seed and he feels warm and fuzzy like a peach.

197 words

Stay safe and be well.

Clarinda Franklin
Principal

Right: Year 1 Room 6 enjoying teaching and learning in action with Whaea Tess.



PTA NEWS

**JESTERS**
Ridiculously Tasty®



Brought to you by the Hauraki School PTA
Want to help deliver pies to your kids on the day?
Need help? Email PTA Pie Pro David onionpeel@gmail.com

Pie day is every
TUESDAY
in Term 1

Loads of yummy flavours
Delivered warm to school

Order now on: kindo.co.nz
Orders for the week close on a Sunday at midnight

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

Jester's Pie Day Update

The pandemic pie process

Here's a little explanation of what happens if we go into Level 3 or Level 4 lockdown again:

If we won't be at school your pie purchases for the Tuesday(s) will be refunded to your kindo account.

They will not be rescheduled for the next week, as we already have quite a few parents ordering for the whole term. You will need to order again for the next week.

Kindo apologizes for not communicating with you about this last week.

The PTA needs you!



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Term 1 Value:
Hauora

Can you help with pie distribution this term?
It's a 20 minute commitment on a Tues at midday.
We really need help!
Email Davidonionpeel@gmail.com to let him know you're keen.

CAMP@SCHOOL debrief WELL, WASN'T THAT A RELAXING + FUN AFTERNOON?

It absolutely was. As mentioned in the email to campers on Sunday morning, we are grateful that we had the opportunity to hold the event.

The PTA have also been overwhelmed by the positive and supportive feedback we've received.

We hear you liked the atmosphere, the sunshine, the company, allocated pitches, the low-key approach, and Dave on the Mic (and then behind the BBQ with his sizzling burgers).

Thanks to our gate staff Nicole and Rosanne for directing traffic and keeping the site car-free, while letting in the campervans. Thanks to the Manning family and others for sharing your carts for transporting camping gear. We were impressed at how quickly the field turned into a village.

The children did an excellent job of keeping themselves and Mrs Franklin entertained – with games and races. With help from Matt Manning, Mrs Franklin oversaw sack-races, egg-and- spoon-races and other traditional lawn games. Later Mrs Franklin was invited to tour the abodes of some tent-proud, pint-sized campers.



Speaking of tents, a couple of parents were seen doing the tent Open Home circuit (so very Auckland), as they considered their next tent purchase. They assured me they'd not be making a cash offer. Probably.

As tummies started to rumble the smell of dinner wafted over the campground. Close to 250 burgers were eaten on Saturday night – well done to the team for catering for such a large crowd.

Thanks to Mr Ashley for his mellifluous, soothing tones as he read the younger children bedtime stories. His mana and calm presence had them mesmerised.

For older children the film that started soon after was the star attraction – with all the popcorn and sweet treats they could carry. Some made multiple trips. Thanks parents who watched with your children and kept an eye on the film and audience.

WHAT ABOUT FOOD + DRINK?

Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered your food and drink on kindo. We found this worked really well – especially when parents ordered food at the same time as pitches, making kindo a one-stop-shop. We'll do more of this for future events.

The burgers are, well, gone-burgers. Thanks to Dave's crack team, they were hot and fresh. There was even some healthy vegetable content in there. And sauces were a source of pleasure to many.

Even the burger makers were in the zone. So much so that they refused all attempts from other would-be volunteers to take their places!

Thank you to everyone who brought their own plate, bowl + cup. CAMP@SCHOOL created very little waste compared to other community events and this was wonderful to see, and a really positive change for us. We will see how we can take this learning and apply it for future events.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE ALERT LEVELS?

Fantastic news, we didn't get rained on at all! Not one bit during the whole camp. What a relief!

There was the teensy matter of an Alert Level shift during the night though. We discovered shortly after 9 PM that we would go into Alert Level 3 lockdown at 6 AM on Sunday morning.

Thankfully many of the children were still happily watching Sing in the hall, or playing spotlight in the playground, giving parents time to digest the breaking news.

A special thanks to the crack team of specially selected expert volunteers (and others who happened to be loitering in the hall kitchen and foyer) for your brilliant problem-solving skills. We were quickly able to determine a strategy for managing the move to lockdown and disseminate it to campers. Bianca Cornforth, Joanna Stewart, Mr Ashley and Matt Manning spread the word. Thank you for listening when we popped by your tent to explain what was happening, answer any questions, and advise on your options.

Again, thank you to everyone for remaining calm and making a considered decision on what to do next, based on your family's needs.

We are so proud to be part of a community that pulls together in times of stress and uncertainty. This cohesion was in abundance as people helped each other pack down, reassure children, and clean the hall after the film, despite the late hour. Special thanks to Ian Cassidy, Antony Medemblik, Lisa McLiver and others for putting things right before we locked up for the night.

WAS IT LOUD ALL NIGHT?

Not as loud as we'd anticipated. With the alert level due to change so early in the morning, many families decided to cut their camp short and head home.



Packing up after a camping trip is a bit of a chore. Doing so in the dark, with tired children and lockdown looming, even more so. Those who managed this did so with a calm demeanour and we thank you for doing so

Those who stayed as they already had children asleep have passed on their thanks for the quiet exit of other campers. Thanks to all for your tolerance and understanding.

HEY, WASN'T THERE SUPPOSED TO BE SOME BREAKFAST? Yes, you're absolutely right.

We are very sorry that we were unable to deliver everyone's pre-ordered breakfast. As you can imagine, some events that are beyond even the Hauraki School PTA's control.

Thank you for your understanding about the impact of the Alert Level change on our ability to provide breakfast.

PTA crew roused themselves before 5 AM to make sure hot tea and fresh coffee were available for campers packing up before 6 AM. Despite the early hour everyone was kind, calm and patient – thank you.

The PTA has finite resources, and one of those constraints is our freezer. It's just a freezer, not a Tardis. We couldn't keep everything, so thought it best to share it around. We distributed rolls and pastries to families - keeping children busy, quiet, + happy while their parents packed. At 6 AM the PTA had to leave too, so pre-bagged rolls and pastries were left for those packing down to collect.

What happens next to your breakfast order depends on you...



Hauraki School PTA is committed to putting 100% of funds raised from events in 2021 towards the replacement of the school pool.

If you would like to convert your breakfast order into a donation to the COOL SCHOOL POOL, we'll do that – every little helps.

WHAT ABOUT SUNDAY'S PACK DOWN?

Thank you to everyone for following the instructions sent early on Sunday morning, allocating times for packing down remaining tents while maintaining social distance. We were able to complete this in compliance with alert level 3 restrictions, with staggered times throughout Sunday.

Thanks to Sarah Furlong, PTA secretary and all-round star whose coffee making skills and cheerful demeanour are matched by her attention to detail. She did a final site tidy up after packing down her tent on Sunday afternoon, all after a night under canvas, after running the midnight feast stall. Which brings us to...

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS?



The event was run entirely by volunteers – other parents like you. By working together, we tried our best to make this event easy, awesome and fun for everyone.

Many people made CAMP@SCHOOL the fun event that we enjoyed. Thank you to everyone who put your hand up, grabbed a box, a fake egg and spoon, a broom, a pink hat.....anything that made the day run smoothly.

In the past the PTA hasn't thanked individuals as much as we might have, so here are the names of some of those who made a difference. Apologies for any omissions, you know who you are and how you made a difference.....

Emily Dick Sarah Furlong Claire Bennett Susan Biering Dean Edmonds Kylie Gladding Dorothée Basel Seann Ashley Ian Cassidy

Dave Main Mo Younes David Knight Brett Cornforth Joanna Stewart Elena Still Heidi Le Sueur Olga Sawyer Brent Gladding

Lilah Furlong Antony Medemblik Lisa McLiver Nashwa Younes Rosanne Morley Nicole Harden Matt Manning Matt Grainger Clarinda Franklin

WILL WE HOLD CAMP@SCHOOL AGAIN?

We have been blown away by the positive response to this event.

We will definitely do this again... just like this... but maybe without the lockdown.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you have some feedback you'd like to offer?

Ideas for improving CAMP@SCHOOL or even other great things we can do to build our community, raise funds for the COOL SCHOOL POOL? Awesome!

We'd like to meet you and hear about it.

Don't say... "You should..."

Do say... "We can..."

Our next meeting (alert levels allowing) is in the staffroom at 7:30 PM on Wednesday 24 March. If we can't meet in person we'll Zoom instead.

Email Sarah to get the agenda and join our contact list HaurakiPTA@outlook.com

Thank you.

Bianca Cornforth
PTA Chairperson



COMMUNITY NOTICES

A children's community

EASTER CARNIVAL

Friday 26th March 3.30—5.30 p.m.

Takapuna Methodist Church
427 Lake Road, Takapuna, Auckland 0622

Please join us for an afternoon of making simple Easter crafts, Easter themed activities, bouncy castle and served afternoon tea.

A FREE community event. *All very welcome.*



Enquires: takapunamethodist@xtra.co.nz



Wave Warriors Holiday Surf Programme

The NZ Surf Academy are running their popular holiday surf programme over the autumn holidays for 6-16yr olds at Orewa Beach

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6-16yr olds | 5 & 4 Day Programme | \$195 per person

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