



Thursday, 4 February 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope that this newsletter finds you relaxed, recharged and ready for another year ahead, hopefully one without interruption. The school year has begun with 498 students and was a buzz yesterday morning as everyone arrived. A special welcome to all our new families.

As you may have noticed much has happened on the property front over the past month and as a result we are delighted to have all the juniors move into our new classrooms and the seniors return from the field. Getting the field back in its entirety was always the goal so we are delighted that this has been achieved. An opening of the new block will take place later on once the area in front of it is landscaped and the junior playground relocated.

A container of old junior tables and chairs went to Fiji in the holidays to schools ravaged by recent cyclones.

**Right: A container filled of old furniture filled by volunteers**



## STAFF

We are pleased to welcome to Miss Gaea Ladley who will be teaching a year 6 class in room 21. Mrs Rebekah Mirander-Higgins has returned to help out one day a week during term 1. Everyone else has returned.

## MEET THE TEACHER

Just in case you missed the message the other day there is a Meet the Teacher evening **tonight**, 4 February at 7.30pm for about an hour. Everyone is to meet in the hall first before dispersing to classrooms. We encourage you to attend so that you can meet your child's teacher and learn about routines and school expectations.

## ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Everyone is expected to enter and exit the school grounds round the end of the senior block. Please do not use the office foyer as a thoroughfare nor should you go round the back of the admin and carpark area and up the driveway. Everyone is to use the concrete pathway between the palm trees and the boundary fence instead. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## KEY DATES

**Thursday 4 February 7.30pm**  
Meet the teacher – all parents invited

**Friday 5 February 9am-3pm**  
Leadership Day for all year 6 students

**Tuesday 9- Friday 12**  
Year 6's at camp

**Wednesday 17 February 7.30pm**  
PTA Meeting and AGM

**Friday 19 February**  
Trip to Rangitoto for middle school

**Tuesday 23 February**  
Junior Swimming Sports  
9-10.30am Year 2 Rooms 7, 9, 10  
11am – 12 noon Year 1 Rooms 2,4,5,6

**Wednesday 24 February**  
Middle Swimming Sports  
9-10.30am Year 4 Rooms 14, 15, 16  
11 – 12.30pm Year 3 Rooms 11, 12, 13



**Play time on the first day back!**

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Children are encouraged to come to school from 8.30am onwards but no later than 8.50am so they are ready for a 8.55am start. If your child needs to come to school before 8.30am they must wait under the hall veranda until the bell goes.

## A WORD ABOUT COMMUNICATION

This **school newsletter** is our main avenue of communication and will be sent to you via email every second Thursday. Virtually all information we want to convey is in there so please read these each fortnight to keep abreast with school happenings and so your children do not miss out on important opportunities. Newsletters are also on our website as are key dates. It is therefore essential that your contact details are up to date. If email, phone number or address has changed in recent times please see the office or email them so our records can be updated. [office@hauraki.school.nz](mailto:office@hauraki.school.nz)

Syndicate letters will also be sent home this week. Please take note of all the important dates and information in these.

Also year 1-5 students are using seesaw for communicating homework and notices. Tomorrow, Friday we are sending codes home with login details along with syndicate letters. Please look out for these in your syndicate letters.

## BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT AND TRIP AGREEMENT

These forms were sent home yesterday. Please make sure you find them in your child's bag, and once read, please sign and return. We require 100% response to this.

## SPORTING AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of extra curricular opportunities for students to participate in and in years 5 and 6 we expect all students to be part of at least one cultural and one sports team. Main opportunities include choirs, orchestras, kapa haka, chess, also dance and drama at selected times. Sporting opportunities that are dependent on parent assistance include netball, hockey, and basketball. Soccer, cricket and rugby tend to be club based but we do have two or three school based tournaments for these over the course of the year. Information and cut off dates for registration will always be in the fortnightly newsletters so another reason to please read this. An arts festival is expected to take place late in term 3.

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please note that as per our school policy, all children are required to wear a coloured vest and helmet when riding to and from school on a bike or scooter. This includes children who are riding with their parents i.e. who are under 9 years of age. We would be most grateful for your cooperation with this important safety matter.

Bike and scooter testing for those children who have not been tested before and are 9 years of age or over or turning nine this term can bring their bikes to school for testing on Thursday 18 February, and scooters can be brought on Friday 19 February.

## ROAD SAFETY

Please respect the road rules! We know that parking close to the school is not easy but we do ask that cars are never parked on the yellow lines or across driveways or corners for drop offs or pick ups, not even momentarily or when it is raining – all in the interests of child safety. Please, too, do not drive down into the school to drop off or pick up children unless it is an emergency situation.

## SWEET TREATS

Please be reminded that no sweet treats such as bags of lollies or birthday cakes are to be brought to school and distributed to children at any time as this is not part of our healthy eating policy.



## ABOUT BOOKS

Reading books that are sent home daily for many children and must be returned the next day. School policy is that your child will not be given another one until the previous day's book is returned. Please understand the need to adhere to this rule given the cost of books that are so costly.

## HELP REQUEST

We are seeking help from parents or grandparents to assist with a perceptual motor programme for junior students on Wednesdays from 1.45- 3pm and Fridays 9am – 10.30pm in the hall. If you are available for one or both of these slots we would love to hear from you. Please email Belinda at [belinda@hauraki.school.nz](mailto:belinda@hauraki.school.nz) or let the school office know. Thanks.

## TEACHER ONLY DAYS

I wish to let you know well in advance that three teacher only days are planned for the first half of the year. The first is Friday 26 March which coincides with Belmont Intermediate, then Wednesday 7 April at the end of Easter, and Friday 4 June that leads into Queen's Birthday Weekend.



## spanish club



Dear Parents,  
Spanish Club at HAURAKI Primary School

There is nothing more valuable than children learning a language at an early stage of their development. Fun Languages offers an opportunity for children to learn Spanish with our native speaker. Children are taken on a journey of discovery through the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries. The focus is on fun games and activities that will enable them to use their new language for real purpose. If your child(ren) would like to come along to Spanish Club, please contact me at the following address [mary@lcfclubs.co.nz](mailto:mary@lcfclubs.co.nz)

EVERY FRIDAY FROM 12:45 PM TO 1:30 PM



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

## UNIFORMS

All children are expected to wear the correct school uniform each day. No undergarments showing and hair accessories should be the school colours only. A special note about footwear! This is either plain black sandals or plain all black shoes with no coloured or white soles and regulation silver grey ankle school socks. These should not be white, black or long. Girls may wear black tights in the winter. Please name garments clearly, especially jumpers and hats. Long hair must be tied up each day. Reminder too that all children must wear their regulation school hat in the playground. If they do not have this their playtime will be restricted to under the shade sails.

## EZLUNCH

[Log in to myKindo](#) to take a look at your menu online and set up your order! These lunches are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## SUSHI ORDERS

Children are able to purchase sushi for lunch on Fridays. ORDER directly with supplier Fishy Business as below:  
Payment to: 06 0323 0666763 03

Reference: Hauraki School/child's name and room number. Send a screenshot of payment and order to [helen\\_cana@hotmail.com](mailto:helen_cana@hotmail.com) or text Helen on 021 036 1148 no later than Friday 9am.

## NO DOGS

A sign at the school entrance says that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds and this applies 24 hours a day. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Right: Rita Katova who achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a national synchronised swimming competition during the holidays. Congratulations!**



[www.hauraki.school.nz](http://www.hauraki.school.nz)

Term 1 Value:  
**Hauora**

## SPORTS

### Basketball

Please be advised you are able to register your child for a term 1 and 2 Hauraki basketball team that will take part in the competition at the YMCA. Details have been sent via email but here is the link that you can access from here.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlHx0HX6bVwV1I5xqTswxG9GIhEzOUUpQZrRAplzZwF61xAq/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlHx0HX6bVwV1I5xqTswxG9GIhEzOUUpQZrRAplzZwF61xAq/viewform?usp=sf_link)

This is for all year 4-6 students. The completed form must be returned by no later than 16 February for your child to be able to enter a team. Please note that once a commitment is made to a team you cannot pull out so please consider this carefully in the light of other sporting opportunities that may arise. The teams are reorganised at mid year for terms 3 and 4.

## AFTER SCHOOL MUSIC

Are you the next great pop star?



We are the largest specialist music provider in Auckland. Teaching music is what we do!

We are completely focused on giving your child the best musical learning possible.

Our programmes are individualised to develop your child's musical passion and ability.

We have lessons in piano, guitar, drums and other instruments starting in term one right here at school! [Enter the URL below into your browser to enrol your child today!](#)

<https://pw304-b54866.pages.infusionsoft.net/>



## CLOTHING LABELS

**PURCHASE NAME IT LABELS & SUPPORT** [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LYDIASDREAM/](https://www.facebook.com/lydiasdream/)

Hi parents, it's the time of year when we're reflecting on 2020 and thinking about 2021. Here's a way you can support a local Devonport business and **Lydia's Journey to 2 feet on the ground**, at the same time as planning ahead for labelling your child's school uniform, sports and camp items.

Go to <https://www.nameit.co.nz/> and use the code **LYDIA** at the checkout to receive a 10% discount of your order; and NAME IT will donate 10% of your purchase to <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/lydias-journey-to-2-feet-on-the-ground>

If you lose one less hat or uniform item next year from labelling your child's things, the labels will have paid for themselves! ...and I'm sure your child's 2021 teacher will thank you for it too!

Please share this code with your friends and family - it can be used as many times as you like, and has no expiry. Esme Barber

Look forward to seeing you all tonight!

Sincerely

Clarinda Franklin  
Principal



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# PTA NEWS

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Please come to our first meeting of the year and AGM on **Wed 17 February 7.30pm** in the school staffroom. If you can. We would love to see some new faces.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**LITTLECOOKS AT BELMONT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

**TERM 1  
FEBRUARY 5 - APRIL 9  
FRIDAYS  
3.30-4.30PM**

**FOOD TECH ROOM BIS**  
email team@littlecooks.co.nz to enrol

cost: \$288 (inc GST)



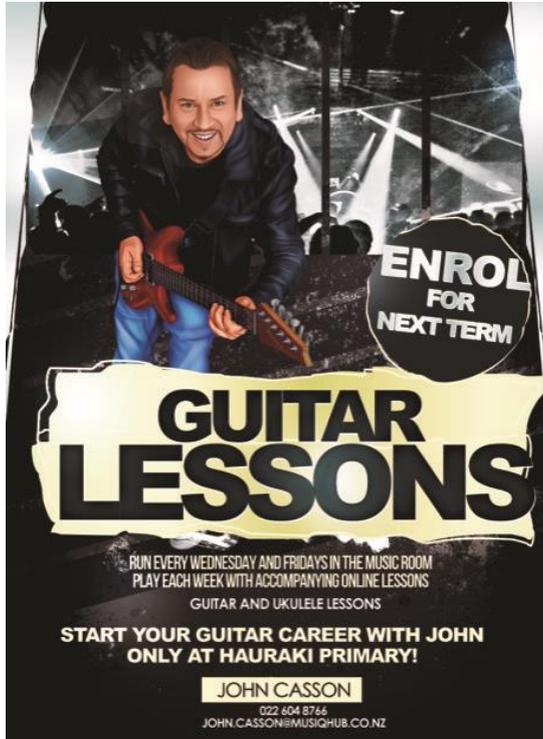
**TAKAPUNA Junior Rugby**

Come and Play Tackle and Quick Rip Rugby In 2021

Grades Available  
Tackle Boys – J6(U8) – J1(U13)  
Tackle Girls – U11, U13, U15  
Boys & Girls Ripa – J8 & J7 from 4 years old  
Girls Ripa Only – U9, U11, U13, U15  
Boys Ripa Only – U9, U11, 13



Registrations will be:  
Tuesday 23rd Feb & Wednesday 24th Feb – 5pm till 7pm  
Saturday 27th Feb – 3pm till 5pm  
checkout the details at [www.takapunarugby.co.nz](http://www.takapunarugby.co.nz) or email [juniors@takapunarugby.co.nz](mailto:juniors@takapunarugby.co.nz)  
or join the facebook page: [www.facebook.com/TakapunaRugby/](http://www.facebook.com/TakapunaRugby/)



**ENROL FOR NEXT TERM**

**GUITAR LESSONS**

RUN EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS IN THE MUSIC ROOM  
PLAY EACH WEEK WITH ACCOMPANYING ONLINE LESSONS  
GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS

**START YOUR GUITAR CAREER WITH JOHN  
ONLY AT HAURAKI PRIMARY!**

**JOHN CASSON**  
022 604 8746  
JOHN.CASSON@MUSICHUB.CO.NZ



**CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAMME**

Dear Parents,

Playing chess in school helps students achieve many learning outcomes faster and more effectively. Chess enables all students to shine and develop intellectually in a way they really enjoy. Playing chess develops self-confidence, concentration and problem-solving skills.

Put simply, chess makes kids smarter.

We are pleased to continue the Chess Coaching Programme at our school and look forward to bringing the excitement, competition and educational benefits of chess to your children.

Chess Power has been educating Chess in many schools in Auckland and across New Zealand. Our coaches are all professionally trained and accredited and our support systems are world-class.

**WHAT HAPPENS IN A CHESS POWER COACHING PROGRAMME?**

- ✔ Grow Kids Minds!!!
- ✔ Improve concentration and focus
- ✔ Develop important life skills - fair play and decision making
- ✔ Develop Tactical & Strategic thinking
- ✔ Prepare for Chess Tournaments against other schools
- ✔ Develop a love of chess, of learning and of thinking
- ✔ Play Chess Online safely and for free



Each session starts with a formal lesson; all players will learn a new strategy, idea or skill each week. Then they put those skills into practice with activities and games. All games are monitored and supervised by the coach who provides individual feedback along the way.

Throughout the programme, we reward kids that do well and encourage and support kids that are struggling. At completion of the programme, we recognise each child with a certificate based on their performance.

**CLASS DETAILS**

Sessions will be held weekly on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 pm in Library starting Wednesday 17 February 2021. The last session will be held on Wednesday 14 April 2021. This is 9-weeks program.

The fee is \$110 for the term per student.

**REGISTRATION**

If your child would like to be part of this for Term 1 please visit our website: [www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration](http://www.chesspower.co.nz/class-registration)

It is easy to register. Just choose your school/group and fill out the online form. A payment link will be available to you on the form. Payment can be made online by bank transfer or credit card via PayPal.

TO LEARN MORE:  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.CHESSPOWER.CO.NZ](http://WWW.CHESSPOWER.CO.NZ) AND CLICK PARENTS CENTRE