



# NEWS



Thursday, 4 February 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope you have all had a chance to recharge the batteries whilst enjoying our beautiful summer weather. It was a pleasure to welcome your children back to school on Tuesday, mostly eager and looking forward to what promises to be a busy and exciting year ahead.

Thank you to all those who have ensured that stationery has been paid for. Virtually every child was fully equipped by the end of the second school day enabling teachers to make a productive start with teaching and learning.

## MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

All parents/caregivers are invited to this informative evening on Wednesday 10 February. Please meet in the hall first by 7.30pm for a short introductory session. You will then have the chance to hear about class and syndicate organisation and expectations as well as meet your child's teacher. We hope you can all come!

## DONATIONS

As a decile 10 school (highest socio economic rating determined by the Ministry of Education) we receive considerably less operational funding from the government than lower decile schools. The board is putting considerable effort into reducing expenditure on fixed costs to try and free up as much money as possible for teaching resources. Nonetheless we once again are going to be reliant on the support of parents through the school donation scheme.

We have maintained the level of school donations unchanged for a number of years due to the high percentage of families who contribute. To those who choose not to pay please be aware that those who do pay are actually subsidising your child's education. Thank you everyone for your support.

The money this year will go specifically to fund staff over and above our entitlement including music and other specialist teachers. These teachers provide a range of expertise that benefit all students and staff and as well, has the effect of reducing class sizes during writing and maths times particularly.

## KEY DATES

**Friday 5 February 9am**  
**Keeping Ourselves Safe**  
**meeting for parents in the library**

**Wednesday 10 February**  
**7.30pm**  
**Meet the Teacher evening**

**Thursday 11 February**  
**Leadership Day for year 6**

**Friday 12 February**  
**5.30pm onwards**  
**Family picnic on field**

**Tuesday 16 – Friday 19**  
**February**  
**School camp for year 6's**

**Monday 22 February**  
**7.30pm**  
**BOT meeting**

**Thursday 25 February**  
**10am**  
**Middle Swimming Sports**  
**1pm**  
**Junior Swimming Sports**

**Friday 26 February 10am**  
**New parents' morning tea**



**Room 2 Ring a Ring a Rosie!**

## KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME

Keeping Ourselves Safe has been designed by the N.Z. Police to provide children with skills to cope in situations that might involve abuse. As part of the programme parents are invited to an information meeting to be run by Constable Murray Fenton, tomorrow morning:

**Friday 5 February at 9am in the school library**

The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme will be taught by teachers and Constable Fenton. Years 1-3 and Years 4-6 have separate programmes. Some activities will come home for children to work on and we ask that you participate as much as possible so that you can reinforce the messages children are getting and assist them to use new skills with confidence.

## PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAMME

This programme designed to help year 1 students develop fine and gross motor skills is run in the hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9 -10.30am. We are reliant on volunteers to help run it who are trained by our coordinator. If any parents or grandparents are willing to assist, even for just one day, we would love to hear from you. Please contact [kerry@hauraki.school.nz](mailto:kerry@hauraki.school.nz) or phone the school office 489 4568.

## UNIFORM

I spoke to all children at assembly this week and reminded them about the importance of wearing their school uniform correctly and with pride. Most are well presented but please be aware of the following:

**Footwear** should be black sandals or plain black shoes and silver grey regulation ankle socks only.

**Hats** must be regulation and it is essential that these are named. Embroidered initials on the back of the hat is helpful for identification although this is not essential. Those who do not have a hat are asked to play under the pergola.

**Undergarments**, if they are worn should not be visible and be a neutral colour only.

**Girls' hair ties**, head bands, ribbons etc should be the school colours only i.e. grey, dark green, or black.

## PLAYGROUNDS

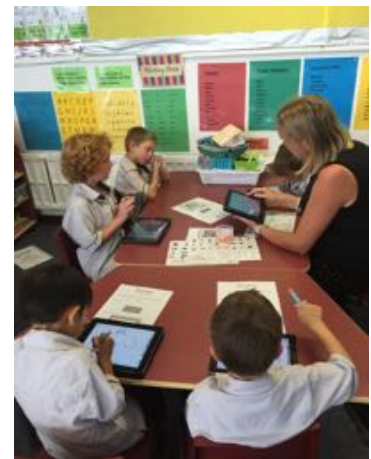
A reminder please that no children are to play on the playgrounds before and after school as there aren't any teachers on duty at these times. Also, after school teachers are wanting quiet to conduct meetings and/or work in their rooms. This request extends to pre-school children. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## SAFE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please note that the school is officially open from 8.30am each day. Those who arrive earlier are to wait under the pergola quietly till the 8.30 bell. Please be aware that we do offer a before school service from 7.30 -8.30am in the hall.

Please can you let your child's teacher or the office know if your child is not going to be present on any one day, [office@hauraki.school.nz](mailto:office@hauraki.school.nz) or phone 489 4568 and leave a message. This would save us phoning you which we will do if we haven't heard.

**Right: Year 1 students being taught by Mrs Burson how to draw, write and voice record using the see saw app**



## MEDICATION

If your child has medication at school please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that this is up to date and not expired. Your support with following up on this would be much appreciated.

## COMMUNICATION

The following is a summary of sporting and cultural opportunities that are likely to be offered at Hauraki School this year.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Age level</b>
Basketball	Terms 1 and 2	Years 5 and 6
Netball	Terms 2 and 3	Years 2-6
Hockey	Terms 2 and 3	Years 3-6
Cricket	Term 1	Years 5 and 6
Rugby – rippa, tackle	Terms 2 and 3	Years 4-6
Soccer	Terms 2 and 3	Years 4-6
Flippaball	Term 4	Year 4
<b>Cultural</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Age level</b>
Orchestra	All year	Year 5 and 6
Marimba	All year	Year 4
Senior Choir	All year	Year 5 and 6
Middle Choir	All year	Year 3 and 4
Senior Kapa haka	All year	Year 4-6
Junior kapa haka	Term 2 or 3	Year 2-3
Middle School Dance	Term 3	Year 4

Cricket, rippa, tackle rugby and soccer are one off field days while other sports are played weekly throughout the season. Please keep your eye on this newsletter and the daily notices that provide details of auditions, registration dates and so forth.

**Please note there is an expectation that all year 5 and 6 students participate in at least one cultural activity and one sporting code.**

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS



**Walking  
School Bus**

**Travelwise  
School**

### **Walking School Bus Week 15 – 19 February**

A fun way to start the year and get your kids walking to school is by taking



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part in the Walking School Bus Week. There are lots of competitions with great prizes up for grabs.

- Start a new Walking School Bus in this week and you could win 10 movie tickets.
- Get your kids walking to school this week and dressing up on these days and they could win a cool goodie bag:  
**Monday 15 February:** Step out in a crazy pair of shoes for Funky Feet day.  
**Tuesday 16 February:** Put on your wackiest hat for Hilarious Hat day.  
**Thursday 18 February:** Wear your loudest brightest clothes so your whole bus is seen in the AMI Be Bright Be Seen day.
- Join in the Giant Walk on **Friday 19 February** and the kids get to have a swim in the school pool at lunchtime on that day. Meet at the Countdown car park on Jutland Road at 8.25am and walk down to school. Or join the walk on the way down Jutland Road.

Walking School Bus Week is open to everyone regardless of whether you are part of a Walking School Bus or not. So come along and join in the fun. Check out more details at <https://at.govt.nz/cycling-walking/school-travel/walking-school-bus/> or email Sally at [sallogan@live.com](mailto:sallogan@live.com)

## NEWSLETTER

This newsletter will be emailed to you every second Thursday. We appreciate you reading it so you can keep up with school happenings. It is also on the school web site [www.hauraki.school.nz](http://www.hauraki.school.nz)

Look forward to seeing you at Meet the Teacher next Wednesday evening.

Sincerely

**Clarinda Franklin**  
Principal



Room 2



Room 3

**First day at school for these brand new five year olds in our new entrant classes**



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## PTA News 2016

Hi Everyone, Welcome back from the PTA. Hopefully, everyone had a wonderful break. We have a couple of events planned already for the year, starting with the annual family picnic that will be next Friday 12th February from 5.30pm. So come along with your blanket, picnic and relax with family and friends. BYO ... everything!

### PTA AGM and First Meeting of 2016

The PTA is really in need of some fresh faces and ideas. Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 8th March and is followed by our first meeting. It would be wonderful to see some new faces there. Our meetings are relatively short (mostly an hour long) and we only meet in total six times a year. So, why not take the opportunity to get involved with your school community! Getting involved means you get to shape the way the PTA supports our children, teachers and community.

### New Families Morning Tea

Periodically there is a morning tea to welcome new families to Hauraki School. This term it will be on Friday 26th February. It is always nice to welcome families with a little bit of baking and some friendly faces. If you could help in the morning with set up and service, please email Clarinda - [principal@hauraki.school.nz](mailto:principal@hauraki.school.nz) or myself Sarah - [sj\\_gillespie@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:sj_gillespie@yahoo.co.nz)



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### MUSIC EDUCATION CENTRE

The Music Education Centre provides an opportunity for students to learn piano after school in the music room at Hauraki. There is potential for them to provide lessons for other instruments as well such as violin, saxophone and flute. See the flyer in your child's school bag today (years 3-6 only) if interested.

**Kids Athletics Series, Tuesdays starting 16<sup>th</sup> of February, 4pm-6pm, at Vauxhall Sports Reserve (North Shore Rugby Club grounds).** Kids aged 5ish to 11ish can have a go at a variety of athletic activities for free in a non-competitive environment including high jump, running races, shot put, agility games and more. For more info contact Maria or Carolyn ph: 445 9533 or email: [devonportcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:devonportcommunity@gmail.com)

**Folk in the Park - Sunday 21st February, 1pm-4pm, at the band rotunda, Windsor Reserve.** Sit back and relax while listening to free live music on Devonport's stunning waterfront. There will be food and drink for sale or bring a picnic to enjoy. There will also be a preschool play zone to keep the little ones entertained (caregiver supervision is required). For more info call Hillary ph: 445 2227 or email: [realmusic@xtra.co.nz](mailto:realmusic@xtra.co.nz)

### Come join the French Fun Club!

**Let your child learn French using a fun approach!**

Classes include games, songs, stories, crafts, and worksheets.

**FREE Trial - Just come along!**

**Meets every Friday at 3.15 in the Language Room  
Starts Feb. 5th.**

**Contact:**

**Julie Yu [021-138-2463](tel:021-138-2463) / [julie.yu@lcclubs.co.nz](mailto:julie.yu@lcclubs.co.nz)  
[www.lcclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcclubs.co.nz)**

### Ruth Bramble Ceramics



**Weekly Classes 2016/Children  
Term 1**

**11th February -17th March**

**Beachcomber Ceramic Fish & Driftwood Wreath:**

**Thursday 4:30-6pm**

**6 weeks -\$125**

**Beginners Welcome**

Ruth's Ceramic Summer classes begin on Thursday 11th February-17th March 2016. Classes will be in small groups of no more than 8-10, allowing flexibility to support beginners. Please bring an apron, it can get messy!

**Venue:-**

**Pottery Studio** 25a Northumberland Avenue, Belmont, Northshore, Auckland.

**Contact Ruth to book your place email: [rbramble@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rbramble@hotmail.co.uk) mobile: 021 0233 1834**

Please include your course titles and dates, name, address, telephone number.

The first 2 terms classes are based on Coastal themes and the use of mixed media, clay, driftwood, shells, rope, and metal. (All material are provided). Other courses also available.



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John casson 022 604 8766 : [john.casson@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:john.casson@musiqhub.co.nz)



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Preschools, After School activities, Vision and Hearing, OT's etc...

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### North Shore United Football Club

Junior and Youth registrations now open online for the 2016 season. Register at: [www.nsu.org.nz](http://www.nsu.org.nz)

Come along to our Muster Day on Sunday 21st February from 2pm-5pm at Allen Hill Stadium. Bring the kids for a fun afternoon, there will be an opportunity to purchase kit, watch some football, join in some games, and generally find out more about the club. Contact Alice: [office@nsu.org.nz](mailto:office@nsu.org.nz) for more information.



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### **Hip-Hop Dance Class at Belmont Intermediate.**

These Hip-Hop Dance classes are taught by Professional Hip-Hop Dancer & Nationally re-known Instructor, Shenal August. Her style suits both Male and Female students. Students will have the opportunity to perform and compete at a national level in a crew, or dance just for fun. Great choreography, great fitness, great atmosphere...

**When:** Tuesdays after-school in the BIS Dance Studio.

**Who:** All dance abilities, Boys & Girls 9 – 18yrs.

**Cost:** 10 classes, \$110 (10% discount for extra siblings or when booking more than one Dancesprite class/week). Reduced fee for part-term bookings

**Class Times:**

3.30 – 4.15pm. 9-12yrs Hip Hop. **Email for Trial Class.**

4.15pm – 5pm. 13 – 18yrs Hip Hop. **Email for Trial Class.**

To enrol, simply email the following details: Child's name(s) and age(s).

Online Banking: Westpac: 03-1514-0428201-25. Ref: DANCESPRITE. Part: Childs name.

**Kate Walden:** [kate.e.walden@gmail.com](mailto:kate.e.walden@gmail.com)

**For more info or classes for 3-18yrs:** Check out our website; [www.dancesprite.com](http://www.dancesprite.com).