



Tuesday, 26 May 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers

New research at the end of 2014 from the National Literacy Trust in the UK suggests yet again that *'evidence about the benefit of parents being involved in their children's education in general, and their children's literacy activities in particular, is overwhelming'*. It also goes on to say that regular involvement with reading at home has significant positive influences not only on reading achievement and students' interest in reading and attitude towards it, but parents who spend time reading to their children also create nurturing relationships, important for a child's cognitive, and social emotional development.

Ideas to enjoy at home during these winter evenings and weekends:

- Select a variety of books. Stories come first but find books about interests or start new interests together. Read about different cultures and countries. Read poetry together and learn simple verse by heart. Find books in the library about big events in children's lives.
- Read and discuss newspaper articles that are interesting for children.
- When reading aloud, bring the story alive by using your voice dramatically. Ask children to make sounds like the wind howling etc.
- Read aloud to older children too, or share by reading one page each.
- Interpret pictures together.
- Sometimes stop and ask what do you think will happen next? Why do you think this happened? How do think he/she felt?
- Relate the story to children's own experiences. Ask them if they have ever felt the way the character feels.
- Ask children to read out recipes, directions, menus in a restaurant, headlines, information on packets, maps and signs. Young children can identify the initial letter and guess the word.
- Create a family dictionary and encourage your child to add new words to it that are appropriate for their age.
- Try to use a new word again in your conversations so that it is as natural as possible. Say to your child, "This is the word we read last night. Remember?"
- Above all reading should be FUN!

KEY DATES

Friday 29 May

Dental van leaves today

Monday 1 June

Queen's Birthday – school closed

Tuesday 2 June

Annual Cross Country Event

Wednesday 3 June 8am

Chess Club begins

Wednesday 3 June 5.30pm

Board of Trustees meeting

Tuesday 9 June

Inter-School Cross Country Event

Friday 12 June 9-1.45am

Open Day

Monday 15 June 7.30pm

PTA meeting in staffroom

Monday 29 June

Mid-year reports go home

Wednesday 1 July 2-8.30pm

Parent Interviews

Friday 3 July 3pm

End of term 2 – school closed for two weeks



Mrs Saelmans and some of her children enjoying reading

ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability is our value of focus this term. In assemblies and daily classroom life we have been helping children to understand what this means and encouraging them to practise it. Arriving at school or practices on time, bringing back reading books, completing homework, washing hands after the toilet and before eating, listening carefully, following instructions the first time, speaking respectfully to others, being prepared to help, and exercising self control are just some examples of accountability that we encourage. Many of these are also important at home so we would be grateful if parents could also encourage these. Next week as part of homework children will have an accountability exercise to complete and may ask for some input! Thank you in advance.

A WORD ABOUT ROAD SAFETY

A reminder that we are being vigilant about ensuring no one parks on yellow lines, on corners or across driveways, not even momentarily. Last week three vehicles doing just that were reported to our local constable with photographic evidence that he followed up on.

And it has just been brought to my attention that one of our neighbour's cars was rather badly damaged this week as a result of a bus having to manoeuvre back and forth to get round the corner of Jutland and Pineridge because parents were parked across the corner and on yellow lines. This is of course clearly unacceptable and potentially a serious danger to children. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

OPEN DAY

This is scheduled for **Friday 12 June 9-10.45am** and all prospective parents and their children are invited. If you know of anyone who may be interested do let them know. The format for the morning is a word or two from the principal, a guided tour around the school, time in a new entrant class, junior assembly at 9.50am, and a morning tea to conclude.

CROSS COUNTRY

You are all invited to attend our annual cross country event on **Tuesday 2 June**. (just after Queen's birthday) The event will begin just after 9am with 5 and 6 year olds followed by 7 / 8/ 9 / 10 + year olds on the same course that children have been practising. At the conclusion of the last race children will have interval. You are invited to join them.

An awards ceremony will be held after interval, in the hall, probably around 11.15 am but please understand that we cannot be exact with this.

We look forward to seeing you at this event, in fact to run it successfully we will need some adult supervision on the day please. This would involve an adult being placed at various stations on the course. If you are able to help on the day please contact Mr Pipes chris@hauraki.school.nz

Children on the day can wear their sports uniform to school, black shorts and their house t-shirt (these are on sale at the school office for \$20) but should have their sweat shirt at school for warmth. We recommend children have their uniform in their bag to change into afterwards as they may well be wet or muddy.

Children must also bring any preventative medication that may be required and have a drink bottle with water.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOOLS SHORE CITY COMPETITION

We are currently lying 3rd in the Dollars for Schools Shore City Competition. The top 10 schools that get the most votes will have the chance to earn their share of \$25,000 and these schools will be announced on 2 June. From that day until 30th June keep any Shore City receipts and take them to the Customer Services so they can credit these to Hauraki School, or have your children drop them at the school office. The Dollars for Schools counter will be updated daily so you can check how we are doing. Go to www.DollarsForSchools.co.nz Happy shopping! If in the meantime you haven't registered that would be much appreciated to ensure that we stay in the top 10. This closes on 31 May so please encourage all your family and friends to vote for Hauraki school and from next week start collecting receipts!



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SPORTS

Rugby Tournament



Our tackle rugby team participated in a Barbarians Primary School Rugby Fun Day on Sunday 17 May that was held at Ngataranga Bay complex and well attended by teams from all over Auckland. We won one game and lost the other. A great day was had by all that included a parents v student game!

Basketball Results



I watched a stunning game of basketball last Thursday evening won convincingly by our year 5 Hauraki team. Congratulations to all team members and a special thanks to Ari's family for their coaching and management of this team and to all other parents for their support.

Netball Results

Hauraki Year 5 vs Birkenhead 14 – 2 win

Hauraki Year 4 vs Takapuna Primary 15-0 win

Hauraki Year 4 vs Windy Ridge 6-1 win

Hauraki Green team vs St Leos 2-1 win

Photo: Hauraki green team enjoying their game



WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Any parents interested in becoming part of these bus routes please contact Sally Logan for more details on 021 128 4535. At present we have a route from Lone Star Restaurant down Jutland Road to school and another from Hart Road (opposite Spencer Terrace) into Francis Street and then right into Jutland Road to school.

Enjoy this long weekend and I look forward to seeing you on cross country day!

Sincerely

Clarinda Franklin (Principal)



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PTA NEWS

KIDS MOVIE

We are planning a kids movie for Hauraki School children later this term during a weekend! Keep an eye out for further details.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

STAR MUSICIANS Congratulations to Chloe McCutcheon, Drew Cotter, Samantha Bates and Briar Carter who have received Star Musician Awards for term 2. If you are interested in enrolling your child for piano lessons at school for term 3, please contact the Music Education Centre at lessons@musiceducation.co.nz or pick up an enrolment form near the noticeboard in the senior corridor.

TEACHER WANTED for small, child and teacher friendly pre school 5 mornings, experience essential. Please phone Val 445 2288

Small is Beautiful

27A Summer Street Devonport.

TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL will act as host to over 20 students from Nishinomiya High School in Japan in August 2015.

These students will require homestays for 10 nights from 12-22 August. Payment is \$360.00.

If you would be interested in hosting one of these students please email Bronwyn and Carole:

homestay.coordinator@takapuna.school.nz