



NEWS



Thursday, 5 March 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are excited about our new website that went live a week or so again. Feedback from the community survey at the end of last year was taken into account. Certainly making the website more user friendly, giving it a fresh new look and increasing the amount of information were all objectives when creating it. In doing so we have ceased using KnowledgeNet and access to the daily notices and your child's classroom pages are all now accessible via a click on the top right hand side of the front page of the web site. We were fortunate to have Mrs Virginia Cattell, ex-parent and board member prepared to share her wonderful skills with the formatting of it. Do take time to have a look as it is a main source of communication between home and school.

Last week I submitted planning and reporting documentation that the Ministry require on an annual basis. The annual report for 2014 provides an overview of achievements over the course of the year, and National Standards data reporting. This is now posted on our new website under the tab BOT (Board of Trustees)

The 2015 School Charter is about to be put on the website as well. This includes our newly developed strategic plan as a result of school community consultation late last year. As well, there is this year's annual plan that includes specific areas we are targeting.

A WORD FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

"As Chairperson of our Board of Trustees, I'd like to extend the very warmest of welcomes to all our Hauraki families for 2015. It's lovely to say hi to our returning families and equally pleasing to say greetings to our new families. We're already half way through Term 1 and, as usual, we look forward to a busy and exciting year. There are some upcoming events which the Board and staff are looking forward to. These include: an upgrade of the Junior playground, additional computer and classroom equipment and a review of the library system.

As a Board, we appreciated your feedback in the community survey and would like to say that you're more than welcome to attend our monthly board meetings which are held in the staffroom. The dates are published on our newly updated school website. Do enjoy the remainder of Term 1 and also the lovely weather which we've all been experiencing".

Anna Malone (**Chairperson BOT**)

KEY DATES

Wednesday 11 March 7.30pm
Fair meeting in school staff room all welcome we would love to see new faces with ideas!

Thursday 12 March
Mufti Day for whole school

Friday 13 March 9-10.45am
Open Day for prospective parents and children

Tuesday 17 March 2.15pm
Sharing assembly

Thursday 19 March
Bruce Potter, illustrator, to talk to all children in syndicates

Thursday 26 March
inter-School Swimming sports

Thursday 31 March
Seniors to watch TGS perform *Oliver*

Thursday 2 April 8.30am
Students sharing their term's work



Teachers learning about Cracker Jacks, a new values based P.E programme to be introduced.

LIFE EDUCATION

As many of you will be aware the Life Education caravan has been on site over the past week and children have been learning about different aspects of health. The focus for juniors has been being special and unique, in the middle school the theme has been 'I'm Different' and the seniors have been learning to understand that our bodies are made up of different parts that work together as teams. If anyone would like to know more about any of these programmes you are welcome to come to the caravan at 3pm tomorrow i.e. Friday 6 March and the instructor will happily answer your questions.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MUFTI DAY

Habitat for Humanity is an organisation that works to aid families in need by building them homes with comfortable living conditions. The company gives people in need who are living in inadequate living conditions a helping hand and this year, one of these projects is happening on the front field of Takapuna Grammar School. The school is taking an active part in fundraising for the costs of building the house in a variety of ways, including hosting gold coin donation muftis at schools willing to help out.

One of our ex-pupils, James Keene now at TGS, is involved with developing a business plan for this cause, and we have agreed to support this community event as one of the charities we will support in 2015. Therefore a mufti day is to be held **Thursday 12 March** in exchange for a gold coin. On that day if children choose to wear mufti they should give their gold coin to their teacher. Thank you in advance for your support.

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING

Hauraki School will be selecting a team for the Inter School Swimming competition be held on **Thursday 26 March** at the Takapuna Aquatic Centre. Notices for those selected will be sent home tomorrow by Mr Pipes.

SHORE TO SHORE

A reminder that this year's event is on **Sunday 29 March**. It begins at Takapuna Grammar, goes along the beach and finishes at the Milford reserve. It is a lovely family event but you must register if the school is to benefit. We are given funding for sports equipment and the amount depends on the numbers who enter. Please visit www.shoretoshore.co.nz to register.

ROAD PATROL HELPERS

We are very much in need of supervision on the pedestrian crossing from 2.55 – 3.15pm as well as mornings from 8.25 – 8.55am. If you can help at any time please email, deputy principal Mr Christopher Pipes. He would be delighted to hear from you!

CRICKET

We hosted a cricket match against Belmont School yesterday and both our 1st and 2nd x1 teams won. They were great games and thank you to parents who came and supported or providing afternoon tea. We now look forward to our next inter-school match.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

There are a number of extra curricular opportunities on offer since earlier communication when basketball, orchestra, marimba and dance were mentioned.

Creative Arts

Kapa haka

With regard to creative arts these include kapa haka that years 4-6 students are able to join led by specialist, Matua Garry and our very own, Sue Malone. There is also a junior kapa haka for years 2 and 3 and any year 1's who are particularly keen. Practices are to take place 1-2pm on Thursdays for the seniors, and 12.45-1.15pm on Fridays for the juniors after they have eaten.

Choirs

Senior choir for year 5 and 6 students is Mondays 12.45 – 1.30pm. Auditions have already been held but any one else who may have missed this chance and wants to be part of it should let teacher in charge, Miss Rebekah Waller room 12, know at rebekah@hauraki.school.nz Auditions for the middle school choir under the direction of Mrs Wendy Saelmans have also taken place. However, anyone wanting to be part of this group but may have missed the opportunity to audition should see Wendy in room 7 or email wendy@hauraki.school.nz They will practise Wednesday lunch times.

Sports

In the sporting arena there are a number of opportunities on offer that we have just received information about. Further information will also be put on our newly updated website as it comes to hand. Please keep checking.

Hockey

This is offered to year 3-6 students, and teams are organised in groups, years 3/4 and years 5/6 that both play 6 aside across the field. In addition, there is a six aside advanced players option in years 5/6. Teams play on Monday nights beginning 4 May and last throughout terms 2 and 3. The games are played on water based turf at the Hockey Stadium, Rosedale Park, Albany. Times for the games vary each week between 4-6.30pm and are of 30 minute duration. Younger teams usually play earlier 4-5.30pm. Cost is approximately \$110 per person. A coach and manager is required for each team. A letter with further details will be sent home tomorrow with all those children who are interested and also sent digitally. Forms must be returned by no later than **13 March**.

Netball

Netball North Harbour has confirmed that year 4-6 students are able to play and the season will run from 4 May to 21 September. Year 6 students will play on Wednesday evenings at the AMI stadium on Northcote Rd or on a Saturday morning at Westlake Girls' High School. A decision will be made once we have feedback from parents on their preferred competition. Approximate cost is \$105 per student. All interested children will be asked to collect a notice from Mrs Golightly tomorrow that needs to be returned by no later than 13 March. It will also be sent digitally. Once we know the numbers who are interested in playing and trials by North Harbour have been held here in school time, we will confirm numbers of teams.

We are still to be advised of junior netball details.

Rugby

This includes three rippa and tackle rugby tournament days to be held in either terms 2 or 3. For rippa there is opportunity for a girls' 7 aside, year 5/6 boys' 10 aside, and a year 3/4 10 aside. Also there can be a 10 aside tackle team that has a weight restriction of 55kg. Teams are subject to trials. Cost is approximately \$10 per student. A notice will be sent home with interested students tomorrow and sent digitally as well. Please ensure that this is returned by no later than 13 March. I know it is early but North Harbour require numbers of teams being entered soon after date for their organisation.

Please note that it is an expectation for all year 5 and 6 students to take part in at least one cultural/creative arts activity and one sporting opportunity. Many will take part in more than one sport and one creative activity.

Also please take special note that next Friday 13 March is the last day for expressions of interest for the above sports, hockey, netball and rugby. No money required at the moment.

CAMP

Once again camp proved to be a great week of learning for our year 6 students with many new opportunities provided including some challenging activities. It was rewarding to see children prepared to endeavour and benefit from the many experiences. We are fortunate to have teachers Mr Chris Pipes and Mrs Donna Golightly who are prepared to organise this event and do such a wonderful job. Thank you too the great parents who were all so supportive. We can now look forward to 2016!



SPORTS RESULTS

SWIMMING SPORTS

Thank you to all parents and families who came to support the junior and middle school swimming sports on a lovely warm Friday last week. Results for 7 and 8 year olds in the competitive events are as follows:

MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Freestyle 7 year old boys	Sammi Gillies	Anthony Fossi	Tom Clark	-
Freestyle 8 year old boys	Alfie Steedman	Ryan Gillam	Ben Clark	Luke Burtenshaw
Freestyle 7 year old girls	Summer Robertson	Lily Gray	Gemma Leathley	Imogen O'Rourke
Freestyle 8 year old girls	Amy Lee Pateman	Nessa Vaiseli	Caci Matangi	Anna Stevenson
Backstroke 7 year old boys	Luca James	Sammi Gillies	Sage Austin	Josh Greenway
Backstroke 8 year old boys	Josh Thompson	Ben Clark	Antony Hu	-
Backstroke 7 year old girls	Gemma Leathley	Scarlett Somerville-Ryan	Imogen O'Rourke	Lily Gray
Backstroke 8 year old girls	Nessa Vaiseli	Emily McNamara	Saskia Nyhoff	Maia Madsen-Brough
Relay	West	North	East	South

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Please look out for sports results in this section during the course of the year.

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

Freestyle	10 year old boys	10 year old girls	Backstroke	10 year old Boys	10 year old girls
1 st	Connor Cunningham	Isabella Webb	1 st	Connor Cunningham	Isabella Webb
2 nd	Alex Leonard	Louise O'Rourke	2 nd	Taine Kearney	Melissa Snashall
3 rd	Jackson Hayde	Melissa Snashall	3 rd	Alex Leonard	Emily Davies
	9 year old boys	9 year old girls		9 year old Boys	9 year old girls
1 st	Keegan Smith	Amelie Bowman	1 st	Keegan Smith	Amelie Bowman
2 nd	Luke Robertson	Issy smith	2 nd	Luke Robertson	Caitcheon Thain
3 rd	David Lin	Layla James	3 rd	David Lin	Issy Smith
	8 year old boys	8 year old girls		8 year old boys	8 year old girls
1 st	Marcus Snashall	Hope Sakey	1 st	Marcus Snashall	Hope Sakey
2 nd	Harry Tu'isilia	Charlotte Coyle	2 nd	Harry Tu'isilia	Jasmine Spiers
3 rd	-	Lola Ross	3 rd	-	-
Breaststroke	10 year old boys	10 year old girls	Open Butterfly	Boys	Girls
1 st	Alex Leonard	Isabella Webb	1 st	Jackson Hayde	Isabella Webb
2 nd	Jackson Hayde	Lucy Arthur	2 nd	Keegan Smith	Amelie Bowman
3 rd	Connor Cunningham	Louise O'Rourke	3 rd	Alex Leonard	Louise O'Rourke
	9 year old boys	9 year old girls			
1 st	Luke Robertson	Amelie Bowman			
2 nd	Keegan Smith	Layla James			
3 rd	Rocco Gillies	Nikki Bublitz			
	8 year old boys	8 year old girls			
1 st	Marcus Snashall	Hope Sakey			

The winning relay team was North house



Junior swimming sports. A noodle race



Senior backstroke race

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. There is also a copy on our web site.

**Sincerely, Clarinda Franklin
Principal**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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PTA NEWS

What's New with the PTA?

Hello to everyone!

AGM: We held our 2015 AGM on Tuesday 24th Feb and are pleased to announce that the following officers were appointed:

Claire Bonham-Holden	Chairperson
Susie Signal	Vice-Chairperson
Maggie Liu	Treasurer

A big thank you to them for continuing or taking over these roles this year.

We still need a secretary for the PTA so if you are keen to become more involved you might like to consider this role.

It doesn't require any sales! Just the odd class rep email along with taking, typing and emailing out the minute of each PTA meeting. Oh, writing the blurb for the newsletter this week.

If you are interested or would like further information please email Sarah sj_gillespie@yahoo.co.nz

Shore to Shore Fun Run 29th March

The fun run is fast approaching and it is always a fun family event that also supports the school. In previous years we have had a Hauraki School site at the end of the fun run. This is a place where our school community can all meet, recover, relax and enjoy the atmosphere. and where we usually sell sweets and drinks. Last year, we did not have this site as we did not have any volunteers to organise it. The PTA had some negative feedback because we weren't at the event but unfortunately because we are such a small group we just can't do it all.

So, we thought that this year we would see if there was a small group or a couple of people in our school community who would be interested in organising a stall or meeting place. If this sounds like something you would be interested in please email Susie at signalfamily@xtra.co.nz

Twilight Fair 2015

Yes, its back!

Its a fair year and we would really like to make this a fun and exciting event.

The first fair meeting is Wednesday 11th March, 7.30pm in the school staffroom

This is our biggest fundraising event and we really need our whole community to support it and make it a successful and fun day.

We are always open to new ideas, experienced hands and eager novices,

so please come along on Wednesday and get involved!

