



30 JULY 2010

TERM 3 # 1

RRAP - Respect Responsibility Achievement Pride

What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people. It is the people. It is the people

He aha te mea nui o te au? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata

Welcome back to Term 3 everyone,

Our Principal, Margaret Doherty is on sabbatical for this term and Chris Neison and Anne Leitch are sharing the role of Principal. We are both very pleased to have the opportunity to be in this role and have enthusiastically embarked on leading the school and the new learning involved!!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Citizen Cup Awards

The following children were awarded the Citizen Cup for their team at the whole school assembly held on the last day of Term 2 for showing R.R.A.P. values.

Pohutukawa Team - Matthew Sunderland, Rm 26 **Nikau Team** - Jack Adlam, Rm 19 **Rimu Team** - Abigail Hogg, Rm 14
Matai Team - Caleb Bishop, Rm 13 **Kowhai Team** - Kristin Wolhuter, Rm 3 and Braun Pilling, Rm 1 **Kauri Team** - Lewis Rakich, Rm 23

Sports News

This term we have begun two major lunchtime competitions for Yrs 5-8: Netball and Basketball, of which a large number of your children have signed up for, culminating in a grand final at the end of this term.

Some exciting news regarding the multipurpose (rugby and soccer in one) goals posts: these have been installed and will be ready to use for anyone once the weather improves and the fields are reopened. This is an exciting time as we now have our own multipurpose sports field with full size soccer goals and rugby posts.

Rugby

One of our students is a North Harbour Rugby Representative: congratulations to Liam Fearnley Y8, Rm 21 who last Sunday made it through the final round of the trials to be selected as Fullback for the North Harbour Rugby team.

Y7/8 Norwest Netball

Yesterday was a fantastic day for our four Y7/8 Girls' and Boys' Netball teams. All four teams displayed outstanding sportsmanship, high skill levels and sound knowledge of the rules. Both girls' teams narrowly missed out on a top four placing in very tough competitions. The Year 7 Boys team placed 4th overall and huge congratulations to the Year 8 Boys for winning the Y8 tournament for two years consecutively. An excellent day shared by all.

Mr Hill

Literacy Learning

As part of learning in literacy we have our annual Book Week focus and some authors and illustrators were invited into the school to share their writing and illustrating experiences and knowledge with the students. Author **Maria Gill** and illustrator/story teller **Lyn Kriegler** entranced our students and teachers this week and we now have even more enthusiasm in our writing, reading, drama and visual art programmes!! A visit to the library with your child would support further learning about these authors and illustrators and continue the enthusiasm generated by these experiences.

Professional Learning to Improve Student Achievement

During the holidays three teachers - Amanda Neighbour, Rachael Sole and I had the opportunity to attend the **International Reading Conference** and had the experience of listening to authors - Joy Cowley, Margaret Mahy, and Kyle Mewburn share with us their amazing life experiences and to attend keynote speakers and participate in workshops with leading professionals in literacy. We completed our three days feeling highly motivated, better informed but also affirmed that Hobsonville Primary School has teachers who have high levels of literacy knowledge and practice and the knowledge that our students are being taught very well.

Points from the Conference to Encourage Home Learning

- Reading to your child is extremely important. Your children are never too old to be read to. Make reading a regular part of your daily life. That alone improves reading!

- Oral Language helps your child communicate with the world they live in. Ensure they have a wealth of experiences they can talk, write and connect to, e.g.: walking on the beach in the winter, playing in mud, cooking with Dad, Mum or Nana, etc.
- Poetry brings language alive ... have fun with words.
- Research has shown that students can drop in attainment levels over a long holiday period. This is called the **Summer Learning Effect – SLE**. To ensure this does not happen with your child it is essential that reading is an integral part of each day. More information on this in Term 4.

What is Happening.....

Welcome to our new teacher in Pohutukawa Team. **Ms Alice Nicholson Byers** who begins teaching in Room 27 in Week 3 and Mrs Linda McKenzie will “grow” the next class of new entrants in the small teaching room. These students will move to Room 9 towards the end of Term 3 and the music throughout the school will take a different format.

Maori Language Week

The following opportunities to learn have been organised to take place during lunch interval next week. They will be advertised on the RRAP News each day.

- Waiata ringa-ringa
- Poi using senior girls
- Stilts for Seniors
- Te reo kori games
- Art
- Weaving
- String games
- Tira rakau (long sticks)

Learning together as a family

Below are the words for a Karakia which is said before eating.

E te atua,
Hei aranga enei kei
Whangaia hoki a matou wairua ki
Te taro o te ona
Ko ihu karaiti to matou
Kaiwhakaora, Amine

The following website will help you with pronunciation
www.cybersoul.co.nz/tauihu/k_kai.html

An example of Persuasive Writing

in response to a letter from Mrs Leitch to Room 19

Dear Mrs Leitch

I am writing to stop you from removing the sand pit. I don't know if you know but it can be a good hiding spot. There is a secret passage way that leads in to the sand pit.

We can be creative by making a sand volcano. We can use our imagination.

Please don't take the sand pit away!!!!

Yours faithfully

Alexander Pearce Y2 Rm 19

Hobsonville Primary School Website - www.hobsonville.school.nz

Our website is an important communication link to our school so please have a look as it has had a “face-lift”. Remember you can download the newsletters – school and team – from the website and also keep in touch with what is happening with your child's learning.

Book Character Parade

Remember to support your child to be prepared and organised for the parade!! Teachers are getting organised! Our senior students have an important role in the organisation and presentation of the parade which will take place on **Friday 13th August at 9.30am in the auditorium**. We are always pleased to have parents attend.

Book Fair

Please support our school by purchasing books at our **Book Fair** which is on **Thursday 12th August from 12.30-8.00pm** in the library. The school receives 20% commission from Scholastic Books to spend in our library. Visiting the Book Fair will also give you the opportunity to view the excellent work produced by students from each level of the school.

“Learning to be confident, connected, actively involved life-long learners”. NZ Curriculum

Anne Leitch

REMINDERS

Out of School Sports Team Photos - Tuesday 24 August 2010

Photolife is coming to Hobsonville Primary School on **Tuesday 24th August** to photograph our out of school sports teams in the auditorium. Players need to be ready to have their photos taken at the designated time and must be in their correct sports uniform. If a member of the team is not present and the photographer is ready, then unfortunately the photo will be taken without that player.

Netball teams start photos at **8.00am** **Basketball teams (Season 2 only)** start photos at **8.45am**

Shaun Cox (Out of School Sports Coordinator) will be in charge of the organisation on the day. If your child is unable to be present for these photos please contact him prior to this (phone: 021 065 1461).

Lynne Fletcher – Out of School Sports Administrator

Absences

Absences are to be notified via the absence phone line which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or by email to admin@hobsonville.co.nz Please let the office know before the class teacher as this avoids problems if teachers are absent. We are now using a computerised absence system.

Medication

Student's medication e.g. asthma inhalers is not to be kept in children's school bag. All medication must be kept in the school sick bay and a Medical Action Plan must be completed and signed by a doctor.

TERM 3 EVENTS

Monday 2 August
Wednesday 11 August
Thursday 12 August

Whole School Assembly
Board of Trustees Meeting – 7pm in the Meeting Room.
Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences

School will finish at 12.30pm – the bus will be running at this time and Hobbycare after school care is available from 12.30pm – 3.00pm.

National Standards discussion – an opportunity to discuss how Hobsonville Primary School is implementing National Standards. We will be available in the staff room between **4-5pm and 6.30-7pm**

Book Fair selling in the Library 12.30pm to 8.00pm. Pop in and browse before or after your Parent/Teacher/Student Conference.

Friday 13 August

Book Character Parade and prizegiving – 9.30am in the auditorium. Parents welcome.

16 – 20 August

Maths Week

Tuesday 17 August

6.30 – 8.30pm - P.T.C.C. Meeting

Tuesday 24 August

Out of School Sports Team Photos (see times above)

Wednesday 25 August

Y5/6 and Y7/8 NW Speech Finals Competition – Waitakere School – during the day.

Thursday 26 August

Y3-8 Tackle and Ripa Rugby Tournament

30 August – 17 September

Life Education –

Yrs 0-6 - \$4.50 per student, Yrs 7-8 - \$6.00 per student.

Monday 13 September

7.00pm -Y5/6 APPA Speech Final – Ponsonby Primary

Tuesday 14 September

10.00am - Sports Assembly

6.30 – 8.30pm – PTCC Meeting

7.00pm – Y7/8 APPA Speech Final – Ponsonby Primary

Wed 16 September

Y8 Girls HPV Immunisations

Y7 Immunisations

MATHS WEEK

We are holding a Maths Week in Week 5, 16-20 August. All students will be involved in a number of maths activities throughout the week. In order to make this successful we require some parent support with our maths problem solving afternoon and help making resources. **If you are able to help, please return the slip below to Mrs Graham in Room 7.**

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- I can help with Maths Week
- I can help making resources
- I am available: (between 2 August and 13 August)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pohutukawa / Nikau	Monday 16 th August	1.30pm – 3.00pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kauri	Tuesday 17 th August	11.15am – 12.30pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	Matai	Wednesday 18 th August	1.30pm-3.00pm

Name:..... Child's Room No.:..... Contact No.:.....

Date:..... Time:.....

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Drama Develops Kids Helen O'Grady Drama Academy. For over 28 years, our acclaimed, self development programme has been helping young people (5-17 years) to act confidently, speak clearly and develop life skills. Our enthusiastic teachers make learning fun at all levels! Classes held weekly throughout West Auckland. For more info phone Gus and Joy Thomson Ph. No. 810 8242, email dramatiks@vivid.net.nz

Junior Basketball Leagues Under 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15. Two registration days are being held at the Massey YMCA on Tuesday 27 July and Friday 30 July 4-6pm. This is for teams and individuals.

After School Computer Programme at Marina View School. Bubble Dome is launching an exciting new after school programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions at Marina View School this term on Wednesday afternoons starting in Week 3. This is an 8 week programme, open for all students aged 6-13 years interested in Computers, Art, Design and Inventions. Students will be given a software list so they can continue using the software for their own school and personal projects providing hours of learning and creative opportunities! Spaces strictly limited. For questions and to make a booking please Ph 622 0670 or email info@bubbledome.co.nz or visit www.bubbledome.co.nz

Lewis Eady Music School – Term 3 music lessons at Hobsonville School are underway. Lessons take place on Mondays and Fridays during the school day. New enrolments still being accepted. We offer tuition on piano, guitar, drumkit, keyboard, ukulele, recorder, cello and bass guitar. If you would like your child to join one of our music programmes at school **but have not yet enrolled**, please enrol online at www.lewiseady.co.nz

All Star Cheerleaders is running free trial classes in your area for American Style Cheerleading. Everyone is welcome no experience necessary. For more info call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz

Kelly Sports is back for Term 3. Get in quick and enrol your child for \$40 including GST for our fun filled 6 week programme that will be running through Term 3 with the first day being Monday 26 July. If you are interested simply email Jeremy on jeremyb@kellysports.co.nz or you can call him on Ph. No. 443 0254 alternatively you can check out the website www.kellysports.co.nz/eastcoastbays.asp. Hope to see you there.

Children's Community Mobile Ear Clinic is a free service for pre-school and school age children living in West Auckland. Appointments only please phone Wendy (Health Assistant) on Ph. No. 839 0546.

Kids Club NZ is a special new club launched right here in NZ. As a member of Kids Club you can play, learn, enter competitions and lots more. You can even visit the NASA website to learn all about space, or what about Kelly Tarlton's, and learn all about the underwater world. If you join the club – for free – you will automatically be entered into our prize draw for 5 x new Avanti bikes. Visit us every week to see the new competitions. If you register your email address, you will also receive our Kids Blog letter each week directly to your computer. And, guess what, the best part is, we will also help you raise money for your school. Visit www.kidsclub.co.nz

Westlake girls High School in zone / out of zone enrolments will be taken on Tuesday 3 August between 4-7pm. Parents should bring their daughters to the school together with a copy of their latest school report. Closing date for Out of Zone applications is Wednesday 1 September and the ballot for these places will take place on Monday 6 September 2010. Letters will be sent to all successful applicants by 8 September and the cut off date for parents to accept places is 20 September.

Even the best parents and caregivers get stressed sometimes. Do you want to take the heat off? Parent Trust offers programmes for you (be the Mum/Dad you want to be) that deal with the day to day stresses and help you feel more confident with difficult feelings, develop new and creative approaches to parenting that are practical and relevant to you and your family. Our Mums' Programmes in Henderson starts on Friday 30 July 9.15am – 11.45am and Wednesday Evening 4 August 7 – 9.30pm for 8 weeks. Please visit our website www.parenttrust.org.nz or ph. 376 0400 to find out more.

Waitakere Library and Information Services FREE Homework Zone is the perfect way to get help with those tricky homework questions. Learn how to search the internet safely and easily; learn more about useful library resources you can use or borrow; learn about exciting websites such as Any Questions and National Geographic; learn to use Microsoft Office programmes like Word and Publisher to make your work look great! Massey Library Monday to Thursday 3.15pm – 4.30pm.

Glen Eden Library Lockdown! A night of fun and discovery for 7-10 year olds Saturday 21 August 6-9pm. Travel at warp speed in a Rocket Relay Race. Eat like astronauts in a Celestial Cooking Class. Search Glen Eden Library for alien life forms. Create art work that is 'out of this world'. Enjoy stories about aliens, asteroids and space adventures. Dress up in your best space costumes. Bring a plate to share for an evening snack. Limited places. Registrations essential. Registrations open Monday close Friday 13 August. To register for more info ph 836 8000 ext 7805 between 9am and 5pm.

Writing and Illustration Workshops for Children 2010. Saturday 21 August 12.30–2pm. \$15.00 per workshop, all materials supplied. For more info and to book tickets www.storylines.org.nz

Proposed designation to widen Hobsonville Road (SH18). The Council will be hosting an Open Day on **Saturday 21 August 10am-2pm** at Wings conference Centre, 327 Hobsonville Rd, Hobsonville. Council officers will have detailed design plans available for inspection and will be available to answer questions about these proposed changes and the timing for them.