



*Initiative, Enterprise, Responsibility*

HOBSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Respect, Responsibility, Achievement, Pride**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The miserable wet weather has not put a dampner on the excitement and enjoyment of learning opportunities offered to our students throughout the term. There has been a great deal of creative activity around the preparation of costumes for the Wearable Art show to be held at the end of the third term and students have developed numerous skills and competencies around the concept of communication through visual art.

## **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

### **Targets**

At the beginning of each year targets are set pertaining to student achievement. They are based on information collected the previous year to assess student achievement school wide. During 2011 we aim to raise student achievement by continuing to embed effective classroom practice within each classroom therefore ensuring students have clarity around their learning and understand the next steps needed to make progress in each of the learning areas. Specific groups of students have been identified according to need and this year there is a focus on raising their achievement in Writing. Achievement data has also identified a specific group of boys who are under achieving in Maths. Our aim is to make shifts in their achievement.

Another target is to develop our students' physical and sporting skills using Ministry funding allocations made to schools for this purpose. A specialized programme presently for senior and middle school students is underway and junior students will be involved later in the year. The expected outcome is that all students will increase their skills in a range of physical and sporting activities.

### **Table Tennis**

The Year 7/8 Table Tennis team comprising of Finley McLaren, Cheyenne Cottier, Ben Pearce, Lucy Fenner, Jacob Newton, Tarquin Robinson, Sam Newton and Cole McIntyre had a most enjoyable day at a tournament hosted by Huapai District School. Against some very experienced players, Jacob Newton and Tarquin Robinson still managed third place in the Boys Doubles and Sam Newton gained fourth place in the Boys Singles. *Mrs Meek*

### **BP Challenge**

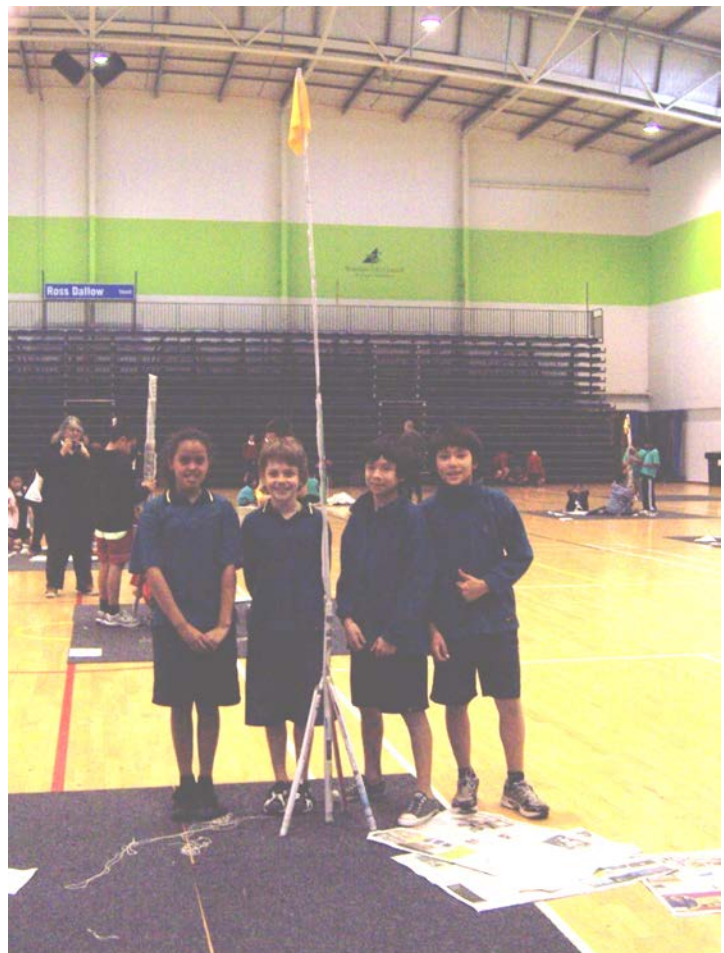
As part of our Gifted and Talented programme a group of students from Y5-8 have been working with one of our teachers, Miss Love to develop their problem solving and thinking skills by completing various challenges each week. Their 'can do' attitude and resourcefulness was rewarded by their successes at the annual interschool BP challenge held at the Trust Stadium on Thursday this week. A number of prizes were gained with the Y5/6 team winning the overall achievement prize. An excellent team effort. Well done.

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June Gus Clelland, Ryan Duthie, Jalen Wilson, Kristin Wolhuter, Jack Davis, Mele Ramsey, Connor Brown and Jemina King represented our school in the annual Nor-West BP Challenge.

The Year 5/6 team won a prize for their teamwork in the known challenge and first prize in the mystery challenge. They also won best overall team and were presented with a microscope for our school.

The Year 7/8s created a fabulous looking aircraft in the mystery challenge, which both judges and parents commented on saying it was one of a kind. The team also won a prize for perseverance in their known challenge.

Overall there was a great all round effort from all the Hobsonville School participants and they made us proud! Thanks to Miss Love for coaching the team and the parents that helped us on the day. *Jemina King Y8 Rm 23*



### **Rippa Rugby – Years 3/4 and Years 5/6**

One magnificent morning, four Hobsonville School Rippa Rugby teams ventured out to make a mark for the school at the annual Rippa Rugby tournament at Moire Park. The results were mixed but one thing can be said for sure, all 4 teams represented our school spectacularly by showing great sportsmanship, playing with all they had and remembering to show all their RRAP values outside of school.

Each team played four games consisting of two 10 minute halves. The Y5/6 Team 2 played all their games with no subs, that is, 80 hard minutes of rugby each! The Y5/6 Team 3 played 3 games with 11 players and then pushed on to complete their final game with 10. Even though the day had zapped them of most of their energy, they continued to fight hard to the end. It was wonderful to see our Y3/4 team out there giving it everything they had. This would have been the first Rippa Rugby tournament for most of them. In fact, many players within each of the 4 teams had never played Rippa Rugby before the tournament but you would never have guessed it by watching them on the field! *Miss Yap*

### **Rippa Rugby Results Years 3/4 and Years 5/6**

The results are as follows:

Year 3/4	-	won 2 games and lost 2
Year 5/6	-	Team 1 – won 4 and lost 0
Year 5/6	-	Team 2 – won 2 and lost 2
Year 5/6	-	Team 3 – won 1 and lost 3

The Year 5/6 Team 1's convincing 4 win and no loss result means that they qualify to play in the Rippa World Cup Qualifying Tournament on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The winner of this tournament will go on to represent North Harbour at the Rippa World Cup 2011. So best of luck to these very talented athletes!



### Seniors Y7/8 Rippa Rugby Results:

On Wednesday, mixed Teams 1 and 2 went to Moire Park for the first of three legs to play in a round robin format against neighbouring schools in our Norwest cluster. Both teams had 4 games.

Team 1, captained by Shadow Wirori had 1 win, a draw and 2 narrow losses (only losing by 1 point in each game).

Team 2, captained by Lewis Rakich, clicked from the word go and won all 4 of their games.

Team 1 players of the day were Shania Ahipene and Jacob Newton and Team 2 voted Adeeva Sotogi and Sam Newton.

Hobsonville Primary proudly represented our school in both skill and sportsmanship and I was proud to manage two teams both on and off the field. Today and the next round (in 6 weeks time), will be practice days and only in the third and final leg will points count to find the 3 top teams to represent our cluster in a Super-City Rippa Tournament on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned.

*Mr Hill*



**TEAM 1**



**TEAM 2**

### Mini World Cup (Rippa Rugby)

Presently we are training several sports leaders from amongst our Y6-8 students and as part of the programme, class teams are being selected both boys and girls for a Rippa Rugby competition to be held during lunch times. Children will play against other classes at a similar age level. This is another opportunity for our senior students to develop their confidence and leadership skills.

## Funky Hair Day (PTCC Initiative)

Lots of creativity was given to some weird and wonderful hair styles. The students and staff enjoyed the chance to express their individuality and have some fun. (See photo right - some of our "funky" staff) Your donations will be going towards an outside sound system for the school.



## Financial Literacy

The workshops facilitated by ASB Bank were very worthwhile and gave students some insights into the basics of managing their own savings and being financially wise. Perhaps we could all use some tips so ask your child what they learned.

*Margaret Doherty*

# REMINDERS



### Student Teacher Parent Conferences

Please return the form sent out today by 17 June if you would like to attend the conferences to be held on Thursday 7 July. It is necessary that your child is included as they have an important role in explaining and evaluating their learning.

### Ashton Scholastic Book Orders

Please return your order form and cash or **cheque payable to Hobsonville Primary School** by **Friday 17 June.**

## Book Fair

This annual event will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The Library will be open for the sale of books between 12.30pm and 8.00pm. Please make time to visit the library to view the wide selection of books that will be on display before or after your Parent / Teacher / Student Conference. The school receives 20% commission from Scholastic to purchase new books for our Library. Eftpos will be available for your purchases.

Our author visits will take place early in Term 3 along with lunchtime activities in the Library. Details of these events will follow nearer the time. *Mrs Hailstone*

## Facebook

A reminder to parents about Facebook's policy regarding children under 13 years of age is as follows:

*If you are under age 13, please do not attempt to register for Facebook or provide any personal information about yourself to us. If we learn that we have collected personal information from a child under age 13, we will delete that information as quickly as possible. If you believe that we might have any information from a child under age 13, please contact Facebook through the help page.*

*We strongly recommend that minors 13 years of age or older ask their parents for permission before sending any information about themselves to anyone over the Internet and we encourage parents to teach their children about safe internet use practices. Materials to help parents talk to their children about safe internet use can be found on Facebook's help page.*

*Mr Nelson*

**Proudly sponsoring Hobsonville Primary School's  
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# TERM 2 EVENTS

- Thursday 16 June**                      Y7/8 NW Basketball – Trust Stadium
- Tuesday 21 June**                      NSW Spelling and Writing Tests
- Wednesday 29 June**                      Board of Trustees Meeting – **6.00pm** – Meeting Room  
Mid year student achievement data will be presented.
- Monday 4 July**                              Written reports student achievement  
Book Fair in the Library. Students book browse and select favourite titles for wish list.
- Wednesday 6 July**                      Y7/8 NW Hockey – Rosedale
- Thursday 7 July**                              Student led conferences  
Friday 10 June – Form A - booking form sent home  
Monday 27 June – Form B – conference time sent home  
Book Fair in the Library – 12.30pm – 8.00pm
- Friday 8 July**                                School Assembly – 1.30pm
- Monday 11 July**                              Sports Assembly 10.00am
- Friday 15 July**                                Last day Term 2 – school finishes at 3.00pm  
Hell Pizza fundraiser – children will be able to order pizzas for lunch. The usual lunch service will not be operating on the last day of term.
- Monday 2 August**                              Term 3 commences

## Lunch Room Helpers – We Need You!

We would really appreciate some more helpers in the Lunch Room. If you are able to help on either Mondays or Fridays from 9.00am to 12.30pm please complete the slip below and hand in at the school office. Mrs Michelle Thornton-Grimes our Lunch Room Co-ordinator will then contact you.

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Name:..... Phone No.:.....

I am able to help on                       Mondays                       Fridays

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**SPCA School Holiday experience – July 2011.** Bookings essential for 5-7 and 8-12 year olds \$30 per child per session, 13-17 year olds \$50 per child per session. Earlybird price available. Visit [www.sPCA.org.nz](http://www.sPCA.org.nz) to see programmes available.

**Young People's Animal Poster Competition.** Young animal lovers aged 5 to 17 are invited to create an A4 poster on an animal of your choice outlining the "Five Freedoms" that an animal needs to be happy and healthy. (Food and water, vet care, love shelter and exercise). Enter in one of the 3 age categories as nominated on your entry form 5-7yrs, 8-12yrs and 13-17 years. One poster from each category will be selected by an SPCA Education staff to win a prize. Entries close 29<sup>th</sup> July to enter download the online entry form at [www.sPCA.org.nz](http://www.sPCA.org.nz)

**Love to Japan Fiesta Fundraiser – Saturday 2 July at Birkenhead Primary School from 1-4pm.** Bring the whole family and your \$2.00 coins for fun food and entertainment. All funds will be donated to the three worst affected primary schools in Miyagi Prefecture. Japanese food stalls and beverages, origami and calligraphy workshops, Japanese Chin dog display, Kirie paper, caricature drawing, Tea Ceremony, cooking class, Japanese flower arranging, Suzy Cato as MC.

**Westlake Boys High School Open Days and Enrolment Information.** We would like to extend an invitation to parents of prospective students to come to one of our school assemblies on 17 June or 24 June 2011 at 10.25am. This will give you an opportunity to experience our school. Please RSVP to Mrs Carolyn Murphy [office@westlake.school.nz](mailto:office@westlake.school.nz) if you wish to attend.

**Third Form Information Evening** on Thursday 4 August the school will be open to visitors for a tour from 6.00pm. This will be followed by the Headmaster's presentation held in our Auditorium starting at 7.30pm. Enrolment forms will be available on the evening.

**Third Form Enrolments:** The school zone and details regarding documentation required for enrolment can be viewed at [www.westlake.school.nz](http://www.westlake.school.nz) All students are to attend the appropriate enrolment day as follows: Out of Zone (no appointment necessary) Wednesday 17 August 9.00am-8.00pm, Thursday 18 August 9.00am-4.00pm. **Closing date for Out of Zone applications is 1<sup>st</sup> September. Ballot date is 8<sup>th</sup> September.**