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HOBSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Respect, Responsibility, Achievement, Pride

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This term the children will be showcasing their Wearable Art creations completed in Term 2. The show to be held in our auditorium promises to be a highlight and we are looking forward to all seats being filled on each of the two nights – 28 and 29 September.

Next week classes will be fortunate to have a New Zealand author Des Hunt and illustrator/ storyteller Ross Kinnaird visit our school. These visits are motivating and inspiring for our budding writers. Monday 15 August - Y5-8 and Thursday 18 August - Y1-4.

Student Achievement

This year student achievement has been measured against National Standards and you will have received a written report at the end of last term giving information about your child's achievement.

We are very pleased with whole school achievement in all three core areas – reading, writing and maths.

After one year at school 89% of students are achieving at the standard or above in maths.

In reading 92% are achieving at the standard and above and in writing 90% of students are in this category.

After two years at school 92% are achieving at or above in maths, 93% in reading and 87% in writing.

After three years at school 89% are achieving at or above in maths, 78% at or above in reading and 92% in writing.

These are exceptional results that confirm excellent teaching is taking place.

At the end of the year information will be available about the levels of achievement for our Year 4 to 8 students.

Teachers place students in categories above, at and below and these judgements are based on a number of both standardized and school assessment tools. Teachers also assess how students are achieving in other curriculum areas as well as their competency skills.

Citizen Cups

The following students were awarded the Citizen Cup for their team at the whole school assembly held last term. Congratulations to them all for proving themselves as exceptional members of the school community.

Pohutukawa Team	Bree Hyndman	Rm 26
Nikau Team	Kahlia Sa'u	Rm 19
Rimu Team	Naoki Yamasaki	Rm 15
Matai Tem	Sophie Stewart	Rm 9
Kowhai Team	Allan Wu	Rm 3
Kauri Team	Sue In Lee	Rm 10



Y5-8 Norwest Hockey Tournament Results

On Wednesday 6 July Hobsonville Primary School sent three teams to the North Harbour Hockey Club in Albany and played in some rather interesting weather conditions. With hockey being a relatively unfamiliar sport at Hobsonville, the skills and knowledge of all players increased greatly during the day and it would be great to see some of the students take it another step forward and join a club. The results are as follows: Y5/6 placed 2nd, Y7/8 Girls placed 3rd and the Y7/8 Boys placed 4th. Congratulations and we look forward to an even better, more experienced group of hockey players next year. *Mr Hill*

Netball



On Wednesday four Y7/8 netball teams went to Te Pai Netball Courts for the Norwest Netball Championships. Both the Y8 boys and girls teams had convincing wins early on but unfortunately lost their last couple of games, which ultimately meant they never qualified in the top four teams, so narrowly missed out on semi-finals. The Y7 girls were a very novice team and displayed great improvement throughout the day. The surprise team of the day were the Y7 boys team. They won all their pool games and played an outstanding semi-final which was a draw at full-time but sadly lost in overtime in a very nail biting match. They finished 4th overall. Special mention from that team needs to go to Rafee Rahman for defence and Dylan Fraser-List for offence, with everyone else contributing immensely throughout the day. I could see that everyone in all four teams had a great day. *Mr Hill*

Rippa Rugby

The Hobsonville Rippa Rugby Y5/6 team were privileged to reach the final of North Harbour Rippa Rugby Tournament games and played against Kaukapakapa at North Harbour Stadium on Sunday. The game was action packed and both teams played well reaching a draw at the final whistle. This was a great achievement for the players. There were 110 Rippa Rugby teams in this tournament so placing 1st equal is an incredible feat.

A very big thank you to Miss Yap who coached the team and the parents who supported and transported the players to and from the playing venues.

Graham Henry remarked on one of the Hobsonville tries, saying it was a good try. I think he was pleased to see talented young players taking an interest in the game.

Character Vignette by Cheyenne Ormsby Year 8, Room 22

He stands motionless. His face could be carved in stone, for all the emotion it betrays. His usual mischievous, sarcastic self, is traded for a solemn, unresponsive replacement. He sets his dead gaze on the coffin, his strange, differently coloured eyes, shining. A tear trickles out of the brown one, gliding its way down his pale cheek. His other eye a leafy green remains dry.

He brushes his dark brown hair out of his eyes, the months of refusing to cut it beginning to show. The dustings of freckles that usually inhabit his face are barely noticeable now, as if sensing the sombre mood.

Just then the sun scampers behind some clouds, leaving the world bathed in a joyless, grey light. The clutches of a dull mournful grey have already tainted his heart, so this does nothing but lower his spirits further. Looking at him, back hunched against the wind and standing apart from everyone else, it would appear as if he carried the weight of the world on his shoulders. With shabby jeans and an old windcheater; people wonder if he has any good clothes at all. But then again, you can never expect too much from a thirteen year old.

Book Fair

Once again we have enjoyed a very successful Book Fair. The students enjoyed browsing the selection of books on offer from Scholastic New Zealand and this year we were delighted to have Children's Specialty Bookshop, Next Page Please to cater for our senior students and offer more variety. I know many of you took the opportunity to talk to Maria about future reading for your children. Maria said "It was very noticeable and lovely to see such a large group of parents actively involved in their children's reading". Maria was also impressed with the depth of knowledge the Year 7/8 students had about a wide variety of books. We thank all the families who supported our Fair. Over the next few weeks we look forward to purchasing new books for our library!

Our students will enjoy the new books kindly donated to the library from the following families: Alisha Duthie, Madeline and Brianna Speck, Cameron Carter, the de Beus/ Morrow family, Nicole Miller, Abigail and Jamie Hyde, Sarah Wheeler, Tiffany Bunce-Leverne, Poppy Selby-Page, Maiana Patterson, Finnley Woolnough, Tia Anderson, Francesca Tolich, Alex Parton, Andrew Cross, Ben Stuart and the Makea Family.

A special thank you to Mrs Miller and Mrs Duthie for helping with Book Fair preparations and for the time they give up every week to help in the library.



Choir

A group of girls from the school choir performed at the Purple Heart Gala Fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy Sufferers at the end of last term. About \$2,000.00 was raised on this occasion and they sang for 11 year old Lisa-Marie from Papakura at the Manukau Sports Bowl.

Alex Parton, Edie Brennan, Erin Felix, Kacy Scott, Imogen Sutcliffe, Georgia Foley, Brooke Ahipene, Astha Reddy, Emily Hansen, Jordan de Vries, Alex Harvey and Mrs Felix.

Fundraising

Thank you to the helpers from our P.T.C.C. who organized the Pizza lunch option at the end of last term. A yummy treat. This fundraiser raised \$386.80. They also held a sausage sizzle at the opening of the North West motorway link to the North Shore. Total amount of funds raised still to be advised. What a difference the motorway has made to Hobsonville Road. No more queues.

Margaret Doherty



Cheerleaders

Last term Brooke Ahipene, Cassidy Mack and Greer Wilson participated in the All Star Cheerleading Rock'N'Cheer National Championships at the North Shore Events Centre. As part of the "Whenuapai Shooting Stars" teams they won second place in their grade. There were over 900 cheerleaders participating and teams came from all over the country. Well done girls.



Running

Brearna Fearnley (Y6 Room 1) ran on Sunday at Unitec on Carrington Road and ran a 2 km road race for the Massey Running Club. She placed 9th out of around 30 runners from all over Auckland. It is a great achievement to be placed in the top 10 and the club is proud of her achievement.



Transition to Ultranet

Although our website is still valid and a source of information for parents, some classes are using Ultranet to share information. Until all classes have interactive pages on line the school website will continue, however classes will not double up and have the same information on both sites.



Measles Outbreaks

The measles outbreaks in Auckland and Waikato are mainly affecting unimmunised school children.

By 8 August, 175 measles cases had been reported this year, including 19 who needed hospital treatment. Most cases were in the Auckland region, although 24 cases were reported in Hawke's Bay this year. In the past week, 12 cases have been reported in the Waikato region, mainly around Te Awamutu.

Measles symptoms

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops after about three days. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia, and, more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation. About one in ten people infected need to be hospitalised.

The best measles prevention is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children.

TERM 3 EVENTS

Class Payments Trips etc.

Please make sure cash payments are given to your child's class teacher not the school office. Payment by eftpos should be the only payments received in the office area.

2012 Out of Zone Enrolments

Application forms are available from the school office for 2012 out of zone enrolments. If you already have a child at our school and live out of zone you will need to complete an out of zone application form for siblings who are turning 5 next year. **Applications close Tuesday 27 September.**

2012 Term Dates

Term 1

1st February to Thursday 5 April 2012

Term 2

Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June 2012

Term 3

Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September 2012

Term 4

Monday 15 October to 17 December 2012

School Donation

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have paid their children's school donation for the year. The school relies on the payment of this donation to continue to fund extra programmes and resources for our children.

No. of children	Full Year	Paid by term
1 child	\$160.00	\$40.00
2 children	\$300.00	\$75.00
3 children	\$400.00	\$100.00
4 or more children	\$500.00	\$125.00

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos or by electronic transfer to our bank account with

**ASB Westgate Account No.
12 3085 0423056 00**

Please ensure your child's name and room number appears on our statement, together with the reason for payment i.e. school donation.

Week 3

Monday 15 August
Wednesday 17 August

Literacy Week

Y5-8 Author visit - \$1.50
Y7-8 Rippa Rugby Finals
Y7-8 APPA North West Cluster Speech Competition – Sunderland School – 10am
Board of Trustees Meeting – 7.00pm
Y1-4 Author visit - \$1.50
School Assembly – 2.00pm

Thursday 18 August
Friday 19 August

Week 4

24 August

North West Cluster Speech Competition
Y5/6 and Y7/8 – Waitakere School
(times to be advised)

Week 5

Monday 29 August

Senior Cross Country – Moire Park
(Save Day 1 September – Hobsonville School)

Tuesday 30 August

Sports Team Photos – Auditorium - 8am-10.45am

Week 6

Monday 5 September

Y5-6 APPA North West Cluster Speech Competition – Blockhouse Bay School
Y5-8 North West Cross Country – Helensville

Wednesday 7 September

Week 7

Tuesday 13 September

Y7-8 Auckland Basketball – Trust Stadium
PTCC Meeting – 6.30pm

Week 8

Monday 19 September
Wednesday 21 September

School Assembly – 11am
Board Meeting – 7pm

Week 9

Monday 26 September

Y 5-6 APPA Speech Finals – Ponsonby Primary School
Y7-8 Volleyball
Wearable Arts Show

Tuesday 27 September
Wednesday 28 and 29 September

Wednesday 28 September

APPA Y7-8 Speech Finals – Ponsonby Primary School

Week 10

Friday 7 October

Term 3 finishes

Tuesday 25 October

Term 4 begins

Help our school win iPads

Young Kiwi minds need the best tools to help them learn. And now you can give our school the chance to sink its teeth into up to five juicy Apple iPads with Yellow Local®. All you have to do is nominate our school when you register on YellowLocal.co.nz to help us win.

YellowLocal.co.nz is a brand new website where you can find and share notices, reviews, information and check out local businesses. So if you want to alert the neighbours of a family feline that's M.I.A. or look up your nearest hairdresser, it's the perfect place to do it.

Register on YellowLocal.co.nz to get behind our primary. We only need 250 points to win one iPad, so make your nomination count! From now until **Sunday 21 August** YellowLocal are giving away double nominations. That's right, for every person that registers and selects our school they will give two nominations.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Toukon Ryu Karate: New beginner's class – kids only, Westgate Baptist Church, 67 Hobsonville Rd, 3.30-4.30pm. Karate promotes, self-esteem, respect, confidence, discipline and of course self defence and fitness. Come along and try it out and see if you like it from Tuesday 9 August. For more info please call Paul 021 297 2431 or 416 1266.

Fine Young Artists after school Art Classes: Our after school art classes are designed specifically for kids who are passionate about art. For more info and enrolments ph 631 5358 or visit www.fineyoungartists.co.nz

Massey High School Enrolment Nights (for In Zone Students only): Monday 15 August 7-9m and Tuesday 16 August 4-7pm. Any queries for out of zone students please contact Elaine Curtis 831 0500 ext 526.

Waitakere Bears Softball Club: why not try a new sport for summer – come and join in the fun at Waitakere Bears Softball Club and make some new friends while learning new skills. We run in-house T-ball, Rookie Sox Softball so no travel, and for older siblings we have softball. Register and pay on or before 24 August and receive 10% discount. We also offer family discounts. Need more information give us a call on 836 5160 or email waitakerebears@xtra.co.nz or check out our website www.waitakerebears.co.nz

West Links Family Services supporting families with invisible disabilities eg: ADHD, Aspergers, ASD, etc. We are located at Waitakere Community Resource Centre 8 Ratanui Street, Henderson Ph 836 1941 email wfs.2009@gmail.com

Girls' Brigade is taking registrations now!! Calling all girls aged 5-18yrs: come to GB for fun, friendship, camps, crafts and more. Venue: Northwest Baptist Church (67 Hobsonville Rd). We meet on Mondays from 4:15pm-6:15pm. For more information, phone Veronica on 416 7669 (evenings) or check out our website at www.westaucklandgirlsbrigade.org.nz.

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Wearable Art Show*



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