



Initiative, Enterprise, Responsibility

HOBSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Respect, Responsibility, Achievement, Pride

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Student Achievement

Parents often ask how they can support their child's learning. Although homework appropriate to the child's level and age group can be helpful, one of the most important ways to show your child you care about their learning is by providing feedback and positive praise. Ask open ended questions about their learning and inquire how your child feels about the progress they are making and where they want to get to. As parents we need to be patient and realize that children make progress at different times, in learning spurts as well as plateaus and not necessarily in a linear fashion. You can make a real difference to your child's learning; after all maths, reading and writing are part of our lives and learning about them happens all the time not just at school.

Citizen Cups

The following students were awarded the Citizen Cup for their team because of the way they have demonstrated the attributes of being exemplary members of our school community.



Pohutukawa Team	Sophie Davis	Rm 26
Nikau Team	Austen Head	Rm 24
Rimu Team	Poppy Holmes	Rm 20
Matai Team	Alfram Head	Rm 7
Kowhai Team	Kane Tipene	Rm 4
Kauri Team	Alisha Duthie	Rm 22



Te Wananga o Aotearoa Competition

Congratulations to Ashleigh Honig in Y6, who won the Te Wananga o Aotearoa colouring competition held during Maori Language Week. Ashleigh won \$200 worth of vouchers and a \$1000 book voucher for the school. This was a most welcome surprise for the school. The children who entered the competition are helping choose books for the library.

New South Wales Tests

Congratulations to these students for receiving Awards for Distinction in their University of New South Wales Test scores:

Computer Skills

Briar Chisholm Y5
Imogen Sutcliffe Y6

Science

Matthew Burns Y5
Samantha Stagg Y7

Spelling

Ruby de Beus Y5

Congratulations to Jamie Hyde Y4 for receiving a 'High Distinction' in Spelling.

APPA Speeches

Ryan Trehy from Y7 represented the school in the Y7/8 section of the local schools competition held at Sunderland School. He confidently delivered a speech on the "Death Penalty". The Y5/6 section of the competition is being held next week.

North West Cluster Speech Competition

Congratulations Alisha Duthie Y8 and Edie Brennan Y6 also represented our school at the annual North West Schools Competition. Both girls confidently presented well researched speeches, capturing audience attention. Alisha gained second place for her speech "Being Different".

Cross Country

Congratulations to the students who are representing the school at the North West Schools Cross Country Competition next Wednesday. We wish them well and hope that all their training helps with their overall placing.

Netball

The out of school netball teams celebrated a successful season at the North West Schools prizegiving held at West Harbour School on Saturday 27 August. Hobsonville Primary School students received awards in a wide range of categories including fair play and most valued player won by Alisha Duthie. Selene Wolhuter (Team 1), Meghan Palmer (Team 2), Jay Lee (Team 3), Grace Connew (Team 4), Nicole Miller (Team 5), Ella McAneaney (Team 6), Jessica Dickson (Team 7) and Yasmin Livingston (Team 8) were awarded as most promising players for each of their teams. Team 3 were exceptional in winning C Grade and Team 6 did really well in being runners up in E Grade.

Thank you to the co-ordinator, coaches and managers of all the teams. Their support and enthusiasm is much appreciated by the players and the school.

Literacy Week

We celebrated literacy week in the Library with excellent visits from author Des Hunt and illustrator Ross Kinnaird. Des shared his passion for science and showed how he cleverly connects this with his writing. Des had his audience hooked and as a result there is not one of his books left on the library shelves. As some of the students said, "It was like watching a magic show!"

Ross shared some of his books, explained what he does as an illustrator and then presented a very entertaining session with his drawing skills. He had his audience in stitches! We thank New Zealand Book Council for arranging these visits at a subsidized cost.

Library lunchtimes were a hive of activity with a range of literature based activities taking place. These were enthusiastically supported by the students. *Mrs Hallstone*

Teacher Achievement

One of our teachers, Miss Annabel Greenslade has recently come back from building a simple house for a mother, Maritza and her children in Mexico. She went with a New Zealand volunteer travel organization called "Breakfree Expeditions". This lovely family was in desperate need of a home and in three days Annabel's team built, painted and furnished a house for them. Maritza and her children now have a wonderful home full of love and joy. What an amazing experience!

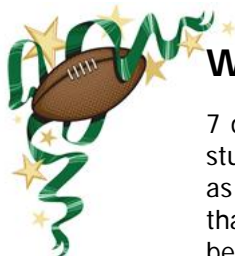


Daffodil Day

Thank you to all the families who donated to the Daffodil Day Cancer Appeal last Friday. The school raised \$653.60 for this very worthwhile cause.

Road Safety

Some reminders about keeping road safe. Even though the road is less busy now children still need to use the school crossing and cross between the white lines. They have been reminded by their teachers about the road rules particularly when crossing the road. We would appreciate your co-operation by observing the same rules as children do model adult behaviour.



World Cup Celebration – Black Out Day Friday 9 September

7 days to go to the opening of the Rugby World Cup and to support the New Zealand All Black team students are able to wear something black or emblems to show our support. Face painting is allowed as long as this is done at home. A gold coin donation will help to raise funds for the school. We know that families will be supporting other teams but I'm sure everyone as New Zealanders will be happy to be part of the day.

Margaret Doherty

If you are planning to take your child/ren out of school on Friday 9th September please notify your child's teacher.

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Name/s:.....

Room/s:.....

Time leaving:.....

Signature:.....

TERM 3 EVENTS

Week 6

Monday 5 September	Y5-6 APPA North West Cluster Speech Competition – Blockhouse Bay School
Wednesday 7 September	Y5-8 North West Cross Country – Woodhill
Friday 9 September	“Black Out” Day – see information previous page
Tuesday 13 September	Y7-8 Auckland Basketball – Trust Stadium PTCC Meeting – 6.30pm

Week 8

Wednesday 21 September	Board of Trustees Meeting – 7pm
Thursday 22 September	School Assembly – 11.30pm

Week 9

Monday 26 September	Y 5-6 APPA Speech Finals – Ponsonby Primary School
Tuesday 27 September	Y7-8 Volleyball
Wednesday 28 and 29 September	Wearable Arts Show
Wednesday 28 September	APPA Y7-8 Speech Finals – Ponsonby Primary School

Week 10

Wednesday 5 October	Junior Cross Country 11.00am – 12.30pm - Prizegiving 1.30pm
Friday 7 October	Term 3 finishes
Tuesday 25 October	Term 4 begins

Police Seatbelt Checks! Make sure you make it Click

Police in West Auckland have been checking outside schools to make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelts, and to make sure that children under 5 are all in the right child restraints.

Most adults are remembering to buckle up, but there are many children who have been found not wearing their seatbelt. This is a reminder to the driver, that they are responsible for all children under 15 in their car not wearing a seatbelt, or restrained in the correct restraint. Lots of children have also been spotted wearing their school backpacks in the car, please make sure your children take off their backpacks and put them on the floor before putting on the seat belt. The best place for children to be is in the back seat. Remind your children to keep their seatbelts on until the car is stopped before they un-click their seatbelt to get out of the car.

These checkpoints could happen anytime outside the school. The fine is \$150 per person not restrained correctly! So if you need advice about your child restraint the Plunket child restraint office is at 8a Woodford Ave, Henderson open from 9am to 2pm Monday to Friday. You can get advice from trained car seat technicians there for free. Let's keep all our children safe in cars.

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 2011.**

TOUCH RUGBY

Touch Rugby is due to start in Term 4. If your child would like to play out of school Touch Rugby at Moire Park, on a Wednesday, please remind them to pick up a registration form from the school office. The forms will be available from today and are to be returned, with payment, by **Wednesday 14th September 2011.**

Fees are \$50 for the term and include a refundable uniform bond. We are fortunate this year that Nor West Junior Touch has received sponsorship for this season, so fees will remain the same as last term, however, we cannot guarantee that there won't be an increase in fees in future seasons. **NO** late registrations will be accepted, as trials will be organised for the following week. Parents and players will be notified of trials once registration forms have been received.

FUN NETBALL GAME

The coaches and managers from out of school Netball have formed a team to play Hobsonville Team 1. This is a one-off fun game on **Thursday 15th September at 3.15pm.**

Everyone is welcome to come and watch and to cheer on the teams. (Helen Fordham)

2012 Term Dates

Term 1	1 st 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Whenuapai Pony Club new members welcome. We have lots of fun and cater for all ages and levels, including riders without horses and adult groups. For further information please contact Kristen 416 4131 or Jan 416 7818.

Kumeu Cricket Club Registration Dates – Saturday 3 September 11.00am to 1.00pm Kumeu Cricket Club, Tapu Rd, Huapai. Boys and Girls hard and soft ball competitions playing opportunities for all ages 5-18. Enquiries to Christine 416 1005 christinemaber@xtra.co.nz

Air Training Corps is a voluntary, disciplined, uniformed youth training organization that provides opportunities for young people to learn about aviation, the outdoors, leadership and gain an understanding of our military and the role they play in today's society. No 30 (Hobsonville) Squadron, based on RNZAF base in Whenuapai is currently looking for new cadets to join them. Students between the age of 13 to 15 and / or attending secondary school in 2012 are invited to an open day on Saturday 3 September between 10am and 4pm at RNZAF Base. 15 Takitimu Street, Whenuapai.

Community Planting Events (Hobsonville Point and Ecomatters Environment Trust) - Wednesday 7 September 5-7pm together with the first twilight Farmers Market. Meet at 1 Buckley Avenue – RSVP to Darren 416 5022 or 021 308 862

Farmhouse Fun Camps, Rotorua, are suitable for children aged 7-16 years old. We have OSCAR and CYF approval. It's a good opportunity to get kids outside enjoying the animals and farm life. Next camp dates are as follow: 3 days 2 nights 12-14 October, 5 days 4 nights 17-21 October. Contact us on 07 332 3771 or email farmhouse@xtra.co.nz or visit www.thefarmhouse.co.nz

Waitakere Cricket Club - Registrations days for the 2011/2012 season are being held at the Clubrooms, Neil Avenue, Te Atatu Peninsula on 3rd and 4th September from 10 am till 2 pm. The Club is also having an Open Day on Sunday, 11th September from 10 am till 2 pm with various activities set up for children to take part in. Come along and have a go – for ages Year 0 and upwards. For further information visit www.waitakerecc.co.nz or telephone Donna Prichard – 832 7375 or Jeremy Stewart – 813 1473

Northcote Softball Club - Come play softball for the top North Harbour Softball Club this summer!! Northcote Softball offers teams in all grades and all levels of ability, from Under 5's right up to the big kids. All games are played at Rosedale Park in Albany on Saturdays so no need for travelling around Auckland!! We are holding registration days so come along and join us on WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER AT WHENUAPAI SCHOOL (stage by the field) from 4:30pm till 6:00pm and SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER AT ROSEDALE PARK, ALBANY from 1:00PM till 3:00pm. You can also register online at www.sportsground.co.nz/northcotesoftball where you can find a full list of fees and fill out an online registration form. For enquiries contact Sam Fraser-List on 021 124 1689

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