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HOBSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Respect, Responsibility, Achievement, Pride

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are already almost half way through the final term of 2011. What an exciting year so far – Rugby World Cup ... and our own Wearable Arts Show. What an amazing event. We are now preparing for a number of end of term events – the school choir performance in the Auckland Town Hall, Picnic Evening, Year 8 Graduation as well as our junior and middle school prizegivings.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

CITIZEN CUPS

The following students won the Citizen Cup for their team last term. The cups were awarded at the whole school assembly on 19 September. Congratulations to the students who were awarded the cups. Very well deserved.

Pohutukawa Team	Ella Midgley	Room 25
Nikau Team	Rylan Partlow	Room 12
Rimu Team	Hannah Dudley	Room 16
Matai Team	Joel Parton	Room 8
Kowhai Team	Natalie de Coning	Room 10



Y7/8 NORWEST TOUCH RUGBY

Yesterday both the boys and girls teams did extremely well representing our school at the Norwest Touch Tournament. The boys won their pool section convincingly and came up against West Harbour in the semi finals. They narrowly lost by one try and should feel very proud of their performance. The girls were unstoppable. They topped their pool and then won their semi final and completed the final hurdle by beating Waimauku 2-1 in overtime. Congratulations to both teams – you did Hobsonville very proud. *Mr Hill*

WEARABLE ART SHOW

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Wearable Art Show and thank you to all the teachers, helpers and sponsors who made this amazing show possible. Profit from the show was \$4,291.21

NETBALL

The following students were awarded merit certificates for Netball. It is pleasing to see students improving their skills through their commitment and team work during the season. Thank you to all the parents who give their time to ensuring the success of our out of school sports teams.

Team 1	Most Improved – Alex Parton	Sportsperson – Lucy Fenner
Team 2	Most Improved – Courtney Standing	Sportsperson – Geena de Beus
Team 3	Most Improved – Kristin Wolhuter	Sportsperson – Brearna Fearnley
Team 4	Most Improved – Alex Harvey	Sportsperson – Marica Stanisich
Team 5	Most Improved – Trudy Wallis	Sportsperson – Merenia Stockley
Team 6	Most Improved – Olivia Sanders	Sportsperson – Sophie Stewart
Team 7	Most Improved – Isabel Flatt	Sportsperson – Ruby Fordham
Team 8	Most Improved – Samantha Taylor	Sportsperson – Portia Howarth

POETRY

Here is a poem from Room 20:

YELLOW

*I look at the bright shimmery yellow sun as it burns my skin like fire.
I bite into the flavours of the inside of the crunchie bar.
I turn on my bright yellow lantern for people to see in the perfect moonlight.
When I watch the favourite SpongeBob episode it reminds me of the yummy
banana I ate for afternoon tea.
I gasped at the moon as it covered the sun and the bright fabulous sky turned into this boring plain sky.
My feet soaked into the yellow sand as the crabs nibbled on my toes "OW! OW! OW!"
I skipped around the autumn tree as the bright yellow leaves came sprinkling down on me.
I sat down at the yellow table to finish my yellow poem.
I sat down to read a book called "The Yellow Petal".*

By Henna Wahdati, Cassady Carr and Quintin Hyndman Room 20

Margaret Doherty

ULTRANET

A few of you may have noticed your child doing homework on a website called "Hobsonville Ultranet". Over the next few weeks I will be sending you more information concerning this site – it's benefits and functions. Until then here is a brief overview.

Ultranet is a cloud based solution, developed with the Ministry of Education, which allows schools to access software and security protocols, which when fully implemented will allow students and parents to make a greater link between what is happening in the classroom and home. Many of you may have already come across these tools with older siblings at secondary school.

At present we are still in the development stage, in 2012 we will gradually increase the use of this tool. Some classes have already started to use Ultranet as a homework site, where students access their class page using their password and continue with work started in class, or follow a link to a curriculum website.

When finally up and running "Hobsonville Ultranet" will be our official website, with all the usual notices and information. The main difference being up in the right hand corner you will see a login button, this is where you as parents and your child will be able to access a more interactive zone, including 'learning tools' and 'work in progress' using your passwords.

Mr Nelson

COMPETITION SUCCESS

As part of Maori Language Week our students took part in the Te Wananga O Aotearoa colouring competition sponsored by Academy Book Company. Ashley Honig of Room 3 won and for her efforts we were able to choose \$1,000.00 of literacy materials for our school. A wonderful range of books and resources arrived this week and will be well used and enjoyed by students and staff. Congratulations on your success Ashley and thank you to Academy Book Company for this very generous prize. The books will be on display in the library shortly. *Mrs Hallstone*

BASKETBALL

During the last week of the October holidays Arianna Barrett represented Waitakere Under 13 Basketball for the NZ National title in Napier. They are currently the winners of the National Title for Under 13 Girls. Shania Ahipene also represented Waitakere in the Under 15 Basketball Team in Nelson. They won all their games and are now the current winners of the NZ National Under 15 Girls Title 3 years in a row. Both girls have had a great season with representing NZ Breakers Under 14 Girls over in Melbourne in July this year and were undefeated for the whole tournament. Shania is currently performing in the Junior Elite development programme and Arianna is currently in the Junior development programme. Well done girls.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING NATIONALS

Amy Lim competed at the 2011 Synchronized Swimming Nationals held in Hamilton in the school holidays. She obtained a gold medal for her Dolphin team event. The Dolphin Team consists of girls who are in their first year of competition so this is a fantastic result. Amy also placed third in her figures competition which tests the basic skills of synchronized swimming. Congratulations Amy.

Y2/3 RIPPA TOURNAMENT

Due to lack of interest from other schools in the Y2/3 Rippa Tournament on 16 November it has been cancelled. The organizer is looking at holding it next year. *Mrs Meek*

WEETBIX KIDS TRYATHLON

It is the 20th anniversary of this event 2012. If your child is interested an information sheet can be obtained from the office. *Mrs Meek*

TOUCH RUGBY

Touch Rugby will be starting in Term 1 2012 on Wednesday 8 February and finishing on Wednesday 28 March. Games are played at Moire Park from 4.00pm. It is available for all students (Y1 – Y8). Due to such a short timeframe to get everything organized before this start date, registration forms will be available from the office on **Friday 25 November and due back no later than Friday 9 December 2011.** You have the option of paying the fees and bond now or paying them by the end of the first week of Term 1 (Friday 3 February 2012). The total amount to pay will be \$40.00, which includes registration fee (\$30.00) and uniform bond (\$10.00 which is refundable). Trials will not be held next year as the competition is not graded.

WEARABLE ART SHOW PHOTOS AND DVDS

The Wearable Arts Show photos will be on display in the office foyer **until Monday 14 November**. If you wish to order any photos please complete an order form with payment by cash or cheque. Sorry we cannot accept eftpos for the photos but internet banking is available. Photos = 5 x 7 = \$10.00 10 x 8 = \$20.00

There are still a few DVDs left and once these have been sold we will take orders if necessary. DVDs are \$10.00. Payment by cash, cheque or eftpos.

YUMMY STICKERS

Thanks to everyone who collected Yummy stickers this year. The school won \$1,120.00 to spend on PE and sports gear. Please keep on collecting the stickers for next year's promotion.

TERM 4 EVENTS

Monday 14 November	NW Schools Athletics Trust Stadium
Tuesday 15 November	NW Schools Badminton Tournament Trust Stadium
	APPA Choir Festival held in the Auckland Town Hall
Wednesday 16 November	Y2/3 Rippa Rugby
Thursday 17 November	Y5/6 Touch Rugby Moire Park
Tuesday 22 November	Emergency Evacuation (lunchtime practice)
Friday 2 December	NE 2012 Open Morning Final newsletter
Wednesday 7 December	Christmas Tree viewing Board of trustees meeting – 7.00pm Meeting Room
Thursday 8 December	Y8 Graduation
Friday 9 December	Prizegivings – Junior Y0-3 Middle/Senior Y4-7
Monday 12 December	Written reports home
Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 December	Christmas Tree viewing before and after school
Wednesday 14 December	Classes 2012 – 9.30am
Thursday 15 December	Last day of Term 4 – school finishes at 12.30pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following days during the Christmas holidays:

Thursday 26 January 2012 – 9.00am – 3.00pm
Tuesday 31 January 2012 – 9.00am – 3.00pm

P.T.C.C.

This group of parents is losing some key members at the end of the year. Please give some consideration to becoming a member of this innovative and hardworking group. If you are interested please contact the school office.

2012 Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 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

2011 School Donation

Thank you to all the families who have already paid their school donation for the year. Reminders will be sent home shortly to those who haven't yet paid.

1 child	= \$160.00 per year
2 children	= \$300.00 per year
3 children	= \$400.00 per year
4 or more children	= \$500.00 per year

\$40.00 per term for children starting throughout the year.

LUNCH ROOM

We need more volunteers to help in the Lunch Room in Term 1 of next year due to losing some of our long term helpers whose children are moving on to new schools next year.

If you can help on either a Monday or Friday just one or two times during the term please fill in the form below and return to the school office by the end of November. There is no cooking involved just a desire to help!

If you have any queries please phone Michelle on Ph. No. 416 7375.

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Name:.....

Ph. No. (Home):.....

Mobile:.....

I can help on a
 Monday
 Friday

PRINTERS

We are selling some printers that we no longer need and uniforms which are still compliant but are being discontinued (see below).

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please see Sue at the office on **Wednesday 16th or Wednesday 23rd November between 8.30am and 3.30pm.** First in first served.

Hobsonville School Sale

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Price Each</u>
<u>Uniforms:</u>			
Long Cotton Drill Navy Shorts			
{Narrow fitting}	4	3	\$20.00
	10	19	\$20.00
	12	27	\$20.00
	14	2	\$20.00
Navy Skirts			
Equivalent Approx 12	57	3	\$40.00
Equivalent Approx 14	62	4	\$40.00
Equivalent Approx 18	87	2	\$40.00
Socks			
Three Pack White Ankle	12-4	14	\$5.00
Three Pack White Ankle	6-10	4	\$5.00
Three Pack Navy Ankle	6-10	2	\$5.00
Individual: Ankle White	6-10	1	\$1.50
Individual: Ankle White	2-5	2	\$3.00
Individual: Knee Navy	6-10	2	\$4.00
Individual: Knee Navy	2-5	2	\$4.00
Other			
Black Plastic Skirt Hangers	Set of 6	2	\$2.00

Printers:

Konica Minolta 7165 <i>Floor Standing Photocopier A4 & A3 Capable of connecting to computer as printer</i>	1	\$500.00
Hewlett Packard Model Q5958a <i>Medium size colour printer A4</i>	1	\$25.00

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Waitakere City Swimming Club is a family orientated club run by volunteers to enable young people to enjoy the sport of swimming at casual and competitive levels. Training fees are \$50 per term for one training session per week, or \$100 a term for up to four sessions a week. Mon – Thurs at Westwave. The Auckland Swimming Assn fee is paid yearly and is \$135.00 a child and \$77 for each additional child. Come down on a TUESDAY for a free trial for club entry (must be able to swim 50m freestyle/backstroke). Please contact Stephanie Pilling, Club President at jeffpilling@kiltanon.com or 416 5311 or 021 0343 565 for further info.

Waitakere City Swimming Club – represent your school in a 5 week swimming league competition. Requirements are must be able to swim two pool lengths and be between 8-12 years of age (Years 5-8) Relay and individual events held in Term 1 2012 over five Saturday afternoons (only 1 hour) from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Diocesan Pool, Epsom. The final round will be held at West Wave. Cost \$100.00. Last day to register Saturday 3 December 2011 limited to first 20 applicants. Please contact Stephanie Pilling on 416 5311 or 021 0343 565 or email jeffpilling@kiltanon.com.

Massey Amateur Swimming Club is now open for enrolments – a local swimming club run at Massey High School, with a training session and a club night per week running through the summer. The club is run by local volunteers to coach local children to swim and gain water confidence for more details phone Desley on Ph. No. 833 7982 or send an email to masseyswim@gmail.com

Riverhead Athletics Club for 2-14yrs. Every Wednesday 5.30pm. Just turn up.

Marching Team – gives an opportunity for girls to develop fitness and physical health, self esteem and confidence, friendships and working as a team, intricate rhythmical movements set to music. For info email royalguards@xtra.co.nz or phone Jennifer 021 186 9685 or 838 0330 or Gail 027 5080 292.

DARE TO EXPLORE

Dare to Explore is the NEW Auckland Libraries Summer Reading Adventure. It is designed to be fun, flexible and free. It aims to increase children's love of books, reading and the library, and to help them maintain and improve their literacy skills during the summer holidays. Registration for Dare to Explore opens on 12 December 2011.

Bubbledome is in your area with an exciting afterschool programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions this term at Marina View, Balmoral, Victoria Avenue and Blockhouse Bay Primary School. WE are also excited to be launching our popular Science, Inventions and Technology course at Cockle Bay Primary School. Courses start Week 2. Book online at www.bubbledome.co.nz Ph: 0800 438 282 or email info@bubbledome.co.nz

Polkadots Christmas Extravaganza Saturday 17 December 11am and 2pm TelstraClear Pacific Stadium 770 Great South Rd, Manukau. Don't miss out only \$6.00 a ticket. Go to www.kidzgrab.com

Kids Giftmaking Saturday 3 December, Corban Estate Arts Centre, Shed 2 9.00am – 3.00pm (2 sessions 9-11.30am and 12.30-3pm). This is a free children's event. Registrations are essential. We are looking for volunteers on the day to assist the children making their gifts. Donations of resources suitable for gift making are also welcome. If you are interested in volunteering or donating items please phone Ellis Galuszewski on 838 4455 ext 208 or email eilislovestrees@hotmail.com Parents need to ring our registration hotline on 839 0400. Or go online to register at www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Before and after school care, holiday care anytime. Contact Bev Ph. No. 416 0113.