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HOBSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Respect, Responsibility, Achievement, Pride

Dear Parents and Caregivers

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Kapa Haka

Earlier this term the Kapa Haka group took part in the North West Schools Multicultural Festival for the first time. The group gave an outstanding performance representing the school magnificently. Well done team you made us very proud. A big thank you to our teacher Mrs Lillian Weiland, who worked hard to give the group the confidence and skills to present themselves proudly.



Choir

This talented group of students gave another great performance in the Auckland Town Hall, after lots of hard work and commitment from the students and their trainer, Mrs Vanessa Felix. It is always a pleasure to see our children singing as part of a large combined choir.

Children's voices are wonderful. Well done.

Citizen Cups

Congratulations to the following students who received Citizen Cups at the last assembly. The students have proved they are excellent role models demonstrating the responsibilities of good citizenship.

Pohutukawa Team	Keira Phipps	Rm 26
Nikau Team	Emily Rowe	Rm 18
Rimu Team	Dylan Minifie	Rm 17
Matai Team	Danny Lee	Rm 9
Kowhai Team	Jalen Wilson	Rm 6
Kauri Team	John Staiger	Rm 22



Citizen Cups Term 3

In the last newsletter The Kauri Team winner was omitted from the list of Citizen Cup winners for Term 3. A special congratulations to Jack Davies from Room 10.

Touch Rugby

Congratulations to the following boys from our school who made the following Auckland Touch Rugby Teams.

Devon Gatcum	Auckland Under 11 Mixed Elite
Jacob Errey	Auckland Under 11 Boys Elite
Sonny Tuala	Auckland Under 11 Boys Elite
Shadow Wirori	Auckland Under 13 Mixed Elite

We wish them all the best for the nationals being held in Rotorua in February next year.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

EOTC Y5/6 Team

What a great two days to be involved in outdoor pursuits. The activities were challenging and lots of fun for the students. They had to use team problem solving skills to complete some of the challenges provided. The climbing wall, archery and raft building were exciting and lots of fun especially when most of the children ended up in the pool. A little chilly! Thanks to the teachers of Kowhai Team for organising this opportunity for their students.



Picnic Evening

The annual Picnic Evening is being held on the 13th December and families are welcome to find a spot on the top court area from 5.00pm onwards. Let's hope for a fine evening.

The Christmas trees decorated creatively by each class of children will be able to be viewed in the Multimedia Room and the junior performances commencing at 6.00pm will take place in front of the Multi Media Room. Prior to this Kowhai and Kauri teams are organising games for children to participate in. There will be a choice of delicious food available on site so you don't need to pack a picnic tea. Mark the date in your diary and come along and enjoy the final school community event of the year.

Picnic Evening Programme

5.00pm	Food stalls set up – families arrive
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Sports activities
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Santa Claus and Christmas tree viewing
5.45pm – 6.00pm	Marimba Group
6.00pm – 6.40pm	Junior School and music groups perform in the following order: Pohutukawa Team Nikau Team Rimu Team Choir Matai Team Zumba Finale song to sing together
6.40pm	Finish
6.40pm – 7.10pm	Christmas tree viewing

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2012

10.45am

STAFF ROOM



All our wonderful parent helpers are invited to join us for morning tea to thank you for your help and assistance in the classrooms, library, lunch room, road crossing and with fundraising activities and school events during the year.

P.T.C.C. (Parent Teacher Community Committee)

Two members of the group are unfortunately standing down at the end of the year and we would like to acknowledge their commitment and hard work during their time as part of the P.T.C.C. Mrs Linda Cavanagh who has been a long standing member and Mrs Sharon Sadgrove will be a great loss. Thank you to both and to the other members who have organised some great events as well as raising \$27,000.00 during the year.

Next year please give some thought to joining the group. It is very worthwhile and is a good way of making friends and having fun while helping the school. Please contact Rae Hawkes in the school office if you are interested.

Margaret Doherty

Parking

We have had several complaints from the farmer on the neighbouring property on the eastern side of school about cars parked across their driveway. Please don't park across the driveways as this stops the farmer from being able to enter and exit their property.

Swimming

Swimming tuition starts in the first week back to school in Term 1 2012. All students in Years 0-3 are encouraged to participate. Please explain to the class teacher if your child is not participating. Students who are not confident in the water from Years 4-8 have also received a notice. Also students new to the school have the opportunity to take part if they are not at Level 1. Our aim is to have all Hobsonville students confident in water. Please take this opportunity to give your children professional swimming lessons at a very low cost. Students will be put into groups according to their ability.



Swimmers at Level 1 will have an instructor in the water with them. Any queries please contact Mrs Dianne Meek room13@hobsonville.school.nz *Dianne Meek*



Basketball

Basketball will be starting up in Term 1 2012 and runs for Terms 1 and 2 at the Massey Leisure Centre (YMCA). Trials will be organised but a date is yet to be confirmed. The fees for this sport are \$85, which include \$75 for registration fee and \$10 for uniform bond (which is refunded at the end of the season). **Registration forms will be available from the office on Wednesday 1st February and will be due back on Friday 10th February 2012, with your payment.**

The following teams are in the semi-finals of the out of school basketball competition held at the YMCA Massey Leisure Centre. Congratulations.

U7 Lancasters, U9 Harriers, U9 Typhoons, U13 Jets, U13 Nimrods, U11 Meteors

Lunch Room – Help Needed

Our lunch room desperately needs more volunteers to help with the processing and packing of lunch orders. The Lunch Box operates on a Monday and Friday from 9.00am to 12.30pm and we need more people to maintain a decent pool of volunteers to help keep our lunch room operating.

Even if you can help one day per term this will be of great assistance and really appreciated. There is no cooking involved, just a desire to help! If you can help please fill in the form below and return to the school office **before Thursday 15 December** so that the roster can be prepared for Term 1 2012, or feel free to contact Michelle on Phone No.: 416 7375.

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Name:.....

Phone. No.:.....

Yes I can help on a Monday

Yes I can help on a Friday

EVENTS to the end of the school year

Wednesday 7 December	Board of trustees meeting – 7.00pm Meeting Room
Thursday 8 December	Y8 Graduation – 6.00pm – to be held in the auditorium
Friday 9 December	Prizegivings – Junior Y0-3 – 9.30am Middle/Senior Y4-7 – 11.15am
Monday 12 December	Written reports home Christmas Tree viewing before and after school (gold coin donation)
Tuesday 13 December	Picnic Evening and Christmas Tree viewing from 5.00pm (see programme)
Wednesday 14 December	Classes 2012 – 9.30am
Thursday 15 December	Last day of Term 4 – earlier finish of 12.30pm to be confirmed

2012 Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 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

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.

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

UNIFORM POLICY

A reminder that shoe styles that are acceptable are sneakers, flat-soled shoes or sandals only. No boots or jandals to be worn.

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 Rae Hawkes at the school office. Phone 416 8619 ext 234

SNAGGOLF The SNAG player pack makes a great Christmas present. The high quality equipment is made to last and will give the family many hours of fun. Order online for \$150 at www.snaggolf.co.nz before **10 December** with \$30 of the cost going back to the school.

REMINDERS

Wearable Art Show DVDs

We have seven Wearable Arts DVDs left at \$10.00 each. Please purchase from the school office. **These are the last ones.**

Printers For Sale

The School still has three printers for sale as follows:

HP LaserJet 2300n	\$20.00
HP DeskJet 810c (Colour)	\$20.00
HP LaserJet 2420n	\$20.00

Please ask for Sue at the School Office, between 8.30am and 3.30pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Lunch Room

The Lunch Room will be open on Friday 9 December for the last time this year and will be closed on Monday 12 December. The Lunch Room will re-open on Friday 10 February 2012.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Waitakere City Swimming Club: Can you swim two pool lengths and are in Years 4-7? Would you like to represent your school in a 5 week (Saturdays) swimming league competition held at Diocesan Pool, Epsom, in Term 1, 2012. Training is on Mondays from 6 -7 pm from the 16 Jan to end of term 1 with Waitakere City Swimming Club at West Wave. Cost is \$100. Limited to first 20 applicants - cut off date is 3 December. Contact Stephanie Pilling (WCSC Pres) for further info on 416 5311 - 021 0343 565 or email jeffpilling@kiltanon.com

Before and After School Care Phone Bev Ph. No. 416 01113

TODAY Pacific in the Park 2 December Moire Park Massey 3-9pm – this is a free family event with a Pacific flavour. We have great information and food stalls and chances to win fabulous prizes. Come along and bring your picnic blanket and enjoy great entertainment from Three Houses Down, Ria, Hypnotics, Lil Saintz, Karnel Williams and others. There are bouncy castles and activities for the kids. Bring the whole family for a great evening.

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER Teddy Bears Picnic, Western Springs Park, 11am – 4pm - FREE – featuring Happy Feet Two movie release – meet the characters Erik, Mumble and Lovelace and Looney Tunes characters Bugs Bunny and Tweety Pie.

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER to FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER The Bruce Mason Theatre presents The Night Before Christmas Monday - shows 10am and 12pm daily tickets \$16 per person at the Bruce Mason Centre. The Night Before Christmas colouring competitions available from the school office. Colour it in and take it into the Bruce Mason Centre by Monday 19 December for a chance to win some great prizes. Or post to P O Box 33640, Takapuna Beach, Auckland 0740. Winner will be notified by phone Tuesday 20/12.

THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER 6.30PM - SPCA Can Drive – The Bruce Mason Centre has a special evening show this year, bring a can of cat or dog food along when you buy your ticket and your ticket will cost \$10 plus booking fee instead of \$16. What a great way to help our furry friends enjoy a Christmas show too. Book now from Ticketmaster 970 9700 or www.ticketmaster.co.nz Bruce Mason Centre, cnr Hurstmere Road and the Promenade Takapuna Beach Ph 488 2940.

Free kids and youth activities on Wednesdays after school at the Hobsonville Point Farmers Market, Buckley Avenue, Hobsonville Point. (on the former Hobsonville Airbase) 14 December 4-6pm Street Games – pedal car bikes, swing ball, scooters, skateboards and more. No need to book, just turn up. For more info check www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz

Woodhill Girl Guide District: We will be holding our 2012 Registration Day for new and existing members at Huapai School on Tuesday evening 14 February from 6pm to 8pm. Bring the family, a picnic and your togs. Pippins (aged 5 and 6 yrs) meet on Monday evening from 4-5pm. Brownies (aged 7 to 9 ½ yrs) meet on Monday evening from 5.30 to 7pm. Guides (aged 9 ½ yrs to Year 9) meet Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm. All groups meet in St Chad's Church, Oraha Rd, Huapai. The Brownies will be holding a Dad and Daughter Camp in Early March 2012. If you are interested in joining Brownies and coming on the camp please contact Alison Hucke phone 412 5821 before 30 November. For more info email the District Co-ordinator nikis@clear.net.nz

TuiGlen Farm Kids Camps: Exclusive horse riding camps catering for beginners to advanced riders. Ages 8-16 years – 1 to 7 days (day campers are also welcome). Maximum 15 kids. What does it include? Full 24 hour supervision – accommodation – three meals a day – all activities – individual attention. For other activities and info check our website www.tuiglenfarm.com. Enquiries and bookings welcome 07 3236 or 027 232 5367

Marching Team – looking for girls to join our marching teams. If you are interested email royalguards@xtra.co.nz or phone Jennifer Ph. No. 838 0330 or 021 186 9685

January Holiday Art Workshops Jan 16-19 Clay, Painting Jan 23-26 Painting Screen printing. **Term 1 2012 Art classes** for children at the Faculty of Education University of Auckland Epsom. For a brochure or further info please phone 623 8858 or email c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz