

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

Enrolment in Intermediate Schools

A Reminder for Parents of Year Six Children

All Year Six children should now be enrolled in an intermediate school. If you have not enrolled your child, you need to find out which school zone your home is in and contact that school so you can complete the necessary paperwork. Howick Intermediate has already held their students' orientation day. Parents of children going to Farm Cove Intermediate and Bucklands Beach Intermediate will need to arrange transport for their child to attend the orientation day programme which is on Friday 27th November for each school. We have negotiated with Farm Cove Intermediate for our children to attend the 9:30am orientation session and we recommend the 9:00am session at Bucklands Beach Intermediate. This will allow for everyone to fully participate in the *Manukau on the Move* programme, which starts after morning tea on the same Friday. Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Meeting for Parents of Year Two Children

While the transition from Junior to Middle School is generally a very straightforward process, there are some changes in routine. Last year we sent home special notices, however we have decided that a meeting may benefit parents, especially those who have their first child going into Year Three next year. All parents of Year Two children will receive an invitation to attend a meeting to explain the change from Year Two to Year Three. This meeting will be held from 6:30pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday 24th November. A special notice will come home closer to the time.

Senior School Visit to MOTAT

On Monday the 9th of November the senior students went to MOTAT. We went to the education centre and learnt about different inventions, and explored MOTAT for the day. It was a really interesting trip and I learnt a lot about different inventions.



By Chloe (Room 5)

The Senior School visited MOTAT on Monday the 9th of November. We explored MOTAT and had a lesson on past and present inventions. We saw a double compound pump, which was very cool because it's the only one in the world. Everyone enjoyed MOTAT and the wonders they had there.

By Jimmy (Room 5)

Top Town Day (Manukau On The Move)

Our *Top Town Day* for Years 5 & 6 on Friday 27th November 2009 will commence at 11:00am and finish with prize giving from 2:30pm to 2:45pm.

Australian English and Mathematics Exam Results

We would like to acknowledge the good results of our children who participated in the Australian English and the Australian Mathematics exams, with a special mention of the following results achieved:

ENGLISH:

Achieved with Credit ...

Year 6: Natalya Papu-Tema
Jasmine Goh
Flora Fang
Josh Campion
Year 5: Khorshed Tarapore

Achieved with Distinction ...

Year 6: Cameron Shaw
Daniel Leonard
Year 5: Gabrielle Fields
Elizabeth Leaning
Year 4: Jana Peacock
Jessica Knox
Lucy Ashley

Achieved with High Distinction ...

Year 6: Lindo Croxton

MATHEMATICS:

Achieved with Credit ...

Year 6: Cameron Shaw
Jimmy Olsen
Erica Oguro
Daniel Leonard
Flora Fang
Year 5: Khorshed Tarapore
Liam Nicholls
Elizabeth Leaning
Kevin Guo
Gabrielle Fields
Year 4: Jessica Knox
Kaylee Goodyer

Achieved with Distinction ...

Year 6: Lindo Croxton

Mathex

The HPS Mathex Team recently competed in the interschool competition held at Sunnyhills Primary. Our team, which was coached by Lynne Kilmartin, gained 4th place. This was an excellent result. The team members were Lindo Croxton, Sharon Zhu, Flora Fang and Jasmine Goh. Serena Griffiths supported the competition by being a member of the marking panel.



Request for Life Jackets

Do you have any children's sized life jackets which are perhaps past their expiry date and that you are able to donate to our school? We would like to have the children use these for our aquatics programme during the 2010 swimming season. If you are able to assist with this, please hand in any life jackets to the school office at your earliest convenience.

Athletics

The rain stayed away and the sun shone for our athletics day last Tuesday. It was clearly evident that the children had trained very hard in their class lessons to compete at a high level in the running, jumping and throwing activities. It was great to see many parents supporting and enjoying the children's efforts and successes. A special



thank you to Leanne Hurley and Victoria Kitchen for their excellent organisation. Thank you to all staff for their work in making the day so successful.

Become a Newsletter Sponsor!

We are in the process of updating the school newsletter. The newsletter covers are designed and delivered free to the school; this is made possible by the support of local businesses.

If you would like to support and promote your services to the local community then please contact:

Sue Leonard at Redgate Newsletters
Ph. 0800 639753 (0800 newsletters).

Montessori@Howick Primary Public Open Day

Rooms 9 & 10 invite parents to find out more about Montessori education at Howick Primary School and to see how children learn in the Montessori classes. Parents with pre-school children may be interested in considering Montessori education in the future.

All welcome.

Date: Wednesday 25th November 2009

Time: 9:00am to 12:00 noon

Venue: Meeting in staffroom at 9:00am

Classroom entry 9:30am

For more information contact Pearl Sidwell:

Phone: 535-5127

Email: Admin@MontessoriHowickPrimary@school.nz

Website: www.MontessoriHowickPrimary@school.nz

School Donation

Thank you to the many parents who have paid their school donation this year. If you have not yet paid this year's donation, this can be paid either online or by eftpos at the office. Part-payments and cash payments are also most welcome.

Parents Visiting the School

If parents enter the school grounds during the day (after 8:50am and before 2:45pm) for any reason, they are required to sign in at the school office on arrival. This is for safety reasons, both for the children's security and for our records in case of emergencies such as fire alarms.

BOARDSHORTS

The next HPS Board of Trustees meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24th November in the staffroom.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2009

School will finish for this year at 12:00 noon on Thursday 17th December.

Kids Marathon

Congratulations to Kaylee Goodyer, Amelia Kirkup and Phoebe Yntema, who competed in the Kids Marathon on Sunday 1st November. This marathon was part of the Auckland Marathon. The children trained 4 kms a week for 10 weeks prior to the event. They ran 2.2km on the day and ended the run by crossing over the big Auckland Marathon finish line to receive a medal for their efforts.



Manukau Libraries

No more overdue fines on children's library material at Manukau Libraries!

Manukau Libraries are no longer charging overdue fines on any children's or teenagers' material (excluding hire items).

Existing fines will remain. The removal of overdue fines is for children's materials only and does not apply to adult material borrowed on children's cards.

HOWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2010

Term 1	Thursday 4 th February to Thursday 1 st April
Term 2	Monday 19 th April to Friday 2 nd July
Term 3	Monday 19 th July to Friday 24 th September
Term 4	Monday 11 th October to Fri. 17 th December

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS AT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS FOR 2010

Please check the specific schools' websites below for information on enrolments for 2010.

Farm Cove Intermediate:

Students' Friday 27 Nov. 2009
Orientation Day: 9:30pm to 10:30pm
New Parents' Wed. 25 Nov. 2009
Evening: 7:30pm (School Hall)

Bucklands Beach Intermediate:

Students' Fri. 27 Nov. 2009
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Websites:

Bucklands Beach Intermediate

www.bbi.school.nz

Farm Cove Intermediate

www.farmcove.school.nz

Howick Intermediate

www.howickint.school.nz

Somerville Intermediate

www.somervilleintermediate.school.nz