

18th June 2010



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

White Out at HPS

It was so exciting to see the New Zealand All Whites score their first ever Soccer World Cup goal early on Wednesday morning. White Out is a way of celebrating our inclusion in the Soccer World Cup and the great result from our first game. We look forward to sharing some of the photos from today's White Out in our next newsletter.

Silly Bands Day with Crazy Hair Mufti Day

Silly Bands are the latest craze overseas. We will have packets of multicoloured Silly Bands available for sale on crazy hair mufti day on Wednesday 23rd June. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of ICT equipment to support the children's learning.

Family Maths

A group of parents and their children have just completed a series of six Family Maths workshops. As you will see from the comments below, these workshops were excellent as they provided the opportunity to learn more about maths through games and practical activities. Next year there will be another opportunity for parents and children from Year 4 and Year 5 to attend a further series of Family Maths workshops.

Comments from parents:

- * An eye-opener as to how you can deliver maths to your child very simply.
- * The handouts have been an excellent source to use at home for homework and games to practise basic facts.
- * It has made maths more enjoyable - my daughter is actually **wanting** to practise her maths and **asking** to play some of the games we were given.
- * There was no pressure while at the classes.
- * I can now see where some of my son's answers come from.
- * The games were great in teaching us the different options of teaching the same concepts.

Kapa Haka - Middle School Performance

The Middle School will be performing several Kapa Haka items at a special assembly on Thursday 1st July at 2:30pm. We have scheduled this performance at the end of the school day so you can come slightly earlier and celebrate the children's learning with us. Next term the Kapa Haka programme will focus on preparing a group for the local Koanga Festival to be held on Thursday 9th September. Year 2 classes will also have Kapa Haka lessons next term. In Term Four the Year 1 children will participate in Kapa Haka lessons with Emerson Nikora.

Our Own Howick Weather Report

Did you know that you can check out the Howick weather by viewing the great little Howick weather website that David Banks has set up at his home very close to our school boundary? David has allowed us to link from the school website: www.howickprimary.school.nz. We have put a link directly under the big photo on our home page. This will be great for parents checking to see if their children need raincoats etc. Thanks to David for allowing us to share his local weather information.

Hockey, Soccer, Netball

Our hockey children really enjoyed the hockey fun day. Thanks to Margie Joubert for preparing the children by providing them with a basic understanding of the skills and rules of hockey. This fun day was funded through our KiwiSport funding.

Our school teams continue to be involved in interschool soccer and netball games each week. Thanks to the parents who transport the children each week and provide

encouragement and support. Thanks also to Kirk Broadfoot and Sarah Aye for their work with the soccer team, and to Claire Simpson and Jocelyn Ashley for their work with the netball team.



Thanks to Doug Humby, a Pigeon Mountain Primary School granddad, for sending us the above action shots.

World Vision Choir

Our choir sang with Suzanne Prentice at the World Vision 'Kids for Kids' concert at the start of this week. This was a wonderful concert and we were very proud of our choir members who sang beautifully. Thank you to Christina Bevan for her work in thoroughly preparing our children for this concert.

Senior Gardens

Many of you will be watching the progress in the senior gardens on the Willoughby Avenue side of the school. As you can see from this photo, things are growing well.



Room 13 Help Out

The children in Room 13 decided to make some transport vehicles to help Mrs Savidan (our Property Manager) and her sidekick, Rambo, move heavy things around the school. Here are some of the children with a trolley they made.

Crossing Roads

We have had a number of concerning reports related to our children and road safety. There is only one safe way to cross Pakuranga Highway. All children must use a crossing controlled by lights. Crossing the road by using the medium strip in the middle of the road is very unsafe. If your child needs to cross Pakuranga Highway would you please ensure that they know the safest route and that they use the Howick Intermediate or Highland Park crossings?

Bikes at School 8:15am to 3:15pm

Children who are riding bikes to school need to dismount at the school gate and push their bike within the school grounds. Children are welcome to ride their bikes within the school in the late afternoon, the weekend and in the holidays.

Dogs in the School Grounds

This is a reminder that dogs are to be kept out of the school grounds from 8:30am to 9:00am and from 2:40pm to 3:15pm. To maintain a consistent approach, Rambo will not be in the school grounds when children are arriving at school in the morning and leaving in the afternoon. There is also a request that parents collecting children from Kidz Patch do not bring their dogs into the school grounds and buildings.



The HPS PTA are once again selling the new 2010/2011 Entertainment™ Books, available at the school office for only \$65. The value of these books is incredible, providing hundreds of 25% to 50% off and two-for-one offers from the finest restaurants, cafes, attractions, theatres and accommodation, including movie theatres, mini golf, bowling, Auckland Zoo, pizza, takeaways ... the list goes on and on. Purchase your Entertainment™ Book today from the school office and you will be helping our fundraising efforts!

Banking

Every Thursday morning from 8:15am to 8:50am in the boardroom (next to the office) your child can bank at school with their own Howick Primary School Tellers. This is a great way for your child to learn about the essential life skills of savings. Each child who opens a School Plus Account will receive an Opening Pack and a Deposit Book. Application forms are available at the school office or you are welcome to come along on Thursday morning at 8:15am to meet with a staff member from The National Bank. There is a benefit to the school from your child using this banking system.



Vision, Virtue and Habits of Mind

This term the Vision focus is 'Trying New Things', the Virtue is 'Courage' and the Habit of Mind is 'Taking Responsible Risks'.

HOWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2010	
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

School Lunch Ordering

A reminder that lunches are only sold on Fridays.

Prices:	Sushi	\$4.50
	4 inch Sub	\$4.50
	3 inch Sub	\$3.50

Please order at the hall kitchen by 8:50am.

School Car Park

Parking spaces in the school car park are very limited and we are unable to cater for parent parking.

We ask all parents and caregivers when visiting the school at any time to please ensure you park outside the school gates and not in the staff car park.

This also applies when dropping your children off in the morning and picking up at 3:00pm.

Thank you for your co-operation.

REWARD POINTS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Since 1st March 2010 HPS can earn *intelligent rewards points* for every dollar you spend with Renaissance Education Division. You can also reward our school by joining the TelstraClear network and nominating HPS to receive points from your monthly TelstraClear account. HPS will earn 1.5 *intelligent rewards* points for every dollar you spend.

GBS Dollars for Schools

The Prospect of Howick, in association with GBS Bar & Restaurant and Trinity Hill, are running a promotional programme to help benefit our school with \$3,000 in prize money. Dine in their restaurant and the total amount spent at your table will be turned into points and credited to our school. Just tell their staff which school you would like the points allocated to and they will do the rest! This promotion runs from Monday 10th May 2010 until Sunday 29th August 2010.

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS AT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS FOR 2011

Please check the specific schools' websites below for information on enrolments for 2011.

Howick Intermediate:

Enrolment packs for 2011 were sent home with Year 5 and Year 6 students this week.

Open Evening: Tues. 29th June 2010
6:30pm (School Hall)

Farm Cove Intermediate:

Enrolment packs for 2011 will be delivered to HPS by Friday 30th July 2010 for Year 6 students who intend to enrol at Farm Cove Intermediate, both in zone and out of zone.

Orientation Day: Friday 26th Nov. 2010
1:30pm to 2:30pm

New Parents' Evening: Wed. 24th Nov. 2010
7:30pm (School Hall)

Websites:

Buckland's 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

JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

July 5th to 8th Painting, Clay

July 12th to 15th Painting, Sculpture

Term 3, 2010, Art Classes for Children

- Mon., Tues., Thurs. 4:00-5:30pm (7-13 yrs)
- Saturday 9+ yrs at 9:00am & 5 yrs up at 11:00am (begins Saturday 24th July)

Where: Children's Art School

Visual Arts Studios

Faculty of Education (incorporating the Auckland College of Education)

University of Auckland, Epsom

For a brochure or further information phone 623-8858 or email c.gunnell@auckland.ac.nz

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