



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

Welcome back for the start of Term Two. The beautiful summer weather certainly provided plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities so that both the children and the teachers returned rested and relaxed. We look forward to working with you all this term. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new families.

April	27	PTA meeting 7:30pm
April	28	Open hour for pre-schoolers and parents 9:30am to 10:30am (Room 17)
April	28	Camp meeting in the library for Senior School parents 6:00pm
April	29	Junior School to MOTAT
April	30	Walkathon Prize-giving 11:00am
May	3	Soccer Field Day
May	4	Mufti Day (PTA)
May	5	Raffle Draw Assembly (PTA) 2:45pm
May	5,6,7	Dental screening van at HPS
May	7	BoT Elections final day for voting
May	8	HPS Choir/Auckland Boys Choir performing at St Aidans 6:00pm
May	10	Certificate Assembly
May	11	Rooms 9/10 Marae visit
May	11	PTA meeting 7:30pm
May	12	Inter-School Chess Competition
May	12	HPMA Trust meeting
May	17-20	Senior School Camp
May	18	Middle School Marae visit
May	19	Plane Day (PTA)
May	21	40 Hour Famine
May	25	Netball Field Day
May	25	BoT meeting 7:30pm
June	7	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
June	8	PTA meeting 7:30pm
June	9	HPMA Trust meeting 7:30pm
June	10	Class photos
June	14	Choir singing at World Vision Concert
June	15	Hockey Field Day
June	21	Certificate Assembly
June	22	BoT meeting 7:30pm
June	28	Writers Quiz Competition
June	28	Parents meeting for pre-enrolled new entrants 6:30pm to 7:30pm
June	30	Term Two reports and portfolios go home
July	1	House Points Mufti Day
July	2	End of Term Two
July	19	Term Three begins

Staff Changes

We welcome Alison Wood who has joined the Junior School team. Alison is team teaching with Maggie Ogram in Rooms 16 and 17. Meredith Stocker, Office Assistant, was also welcomed this week. We would like to thank Leonie Jackman for relieving in the office. Vicky Booth has joined our teaching team in a part-time position.

Paid Union Meetings for Teachers

The teachers' union has scheduled paid union meetings for all members. Our teachers' attendance will be spread over two days so children will not need to go home early. Some classes will be combined from 2:15pm to 3:00pm on 3rd May and 12th May so that teachers can attend these meetings.

Congratulations Graduates

Four of our teachers have completed additional qualifications in the last few weeks. Dee Gordon and Charlene Jacobs have gained Montessori Teaching Diplomas. Maggie Ogram and Linda Harvie were capped as Masters of Educational Leadership and Management last week. Congratulations to these teachers for successfully completing their study goals.



Bus Stop Removals

A letter from the Board of Trustees to Manukau City Council (MCC) highlighted two unused bus stops in the streets where many parents park both before and after school. The MCC has agreed that these bus stops are redundant and they will be removed. Thanks to the Board for their initiative with this matter.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

A second-hand uniform shop is now based in Room 15. There is a range of uniform items available. However, there are no new polo fleece sweatshirts or cargo pants in stock. Our administration office has a list of uniform items available and we can arrange for someone to assist you. Good quality second-hand uniforms can be donated to the school or sold on your behalf. Bring any uniform items to be sold to the office and our staff will provide a small form to be completed and attached to each item so we can track each sale. Items are sold at 50% of the new prices and the school retains \$5 for each item sold.

Family Maths

Year 4/5 students and their parents have the opportunity to attend a series of workshops on Wednesday evenings. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to learn more about maths through games and practical activities. Detailed Family Maths newsletters have gone home to all families of Year 4 & Year 5 children and additional copies are available from the school office.

School Assemblies

Our full school certificate assemblies are now timetabled for once a month at 8:50am. This will allow for you to come to assembly after dropping the children off.

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'.

Junior School Playground Painting

A big thank you to Glodina Rogers, Grant Rogers and Tilly Erasmus for repainting the concrete paintwork in the Junior playground. Your work has brightened up this space and enhanced the children's play.



Lucky Draw – School Donation Refund

All school donations paid in full by 3:00pm on 30th April 2010 will go into a lucky draw. The prize will be the full refund of one child's school donation.

Walkathon Money

Many families have sent in the money raised through the walkathon. If you wish to add additional sponsors, these extra funds will count towards your child's total. The prize-giving will be on Friday 30th April at an 11:00am assembly. This will include a prize for the family that raises the greatest amount of money and prizes for the top individual fundraisers.

School Lunch Ordering – Term Two

From the beginning of Term Two, lunches will only be sold on Fridays. The first date for ordering will be Friday 23rd April.

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

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

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

REWARD POINTS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

From 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.

EVERY PARENT WANTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN SAFE

- Construction workers, truck drivers and labourers all wear high visibility clothing, yet ironically our cherished children are walking, cycling and out and about without the advantage of garments that will help to keep them **safe and seen**.

Geared® has designed these fantastic raincoats with fluorescent and reflective fabrics for enhanced visibility. They are 100% wind and waterproof, with seam sealing, and have a concealed hood, plus they roll up for easy storage in school bags.

In the Roadworks® range are: Jackets, Vests, Thermal Jackets and Pack Covers.

Howick Primary School receives \$5 for every jacket or vest purchased.

A brochure will go home with your child. Should you wish to see the product, we have them on show at the office.



HARVEST COMMUNITY CARE

Harvest Community Care is based in Howick. We provide **Social Work Support to families** in Manukau East (Howick, Pakuranga, Botany). Services we can help with include: close support for those living with and recovering from domestic violence, advocacy, parenting skills, life skills, practical home help and assistance, childcare, emergency food and assistance, and visitation.

Phone: Jenny on 537-3712 or 021.242-3939
or Murray on 021.067-2578 (after hours)

Website: www.harvestcommunitycare.com



BUBBLE DOME - NEW!

Afterschool Computer Programme at Cockle Bay

Bubble Dome is launching an exciting new afterschool programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions at Cockle Bay school this term on Thursday afternoons for 8 weeks. This is an 8 week programme, open for all students aged 6- 11 years interested in computers, art, design and inventions. Spaces limited

Telephone: (09) 622-0670

Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz

Website: www.bubbledome.co.nz

KIDS PARTY NAILS

Kids Party Nails is a glamorous occasion, perfect for birthdays, parties and events. Girls will delight in getting their nails painted and adorned with delicate nail art stickers. For each young lady the experience begins with a light buffing and filing, cuticle tidy, two coats of colour nail polish and nail art stickers, with a glossy top coat to finish. While each girl receives an individual nail art experience with our technician, the remaining girls are creating their own stunning HandArt to take home. This is a fully mobile service that is provided at your home.

Phone: Sue Richards - 027.2898474

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