

23rd July 2010



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

Welcome back for Term Three. A very special welcome to our new families.

New Reporting Format

The start of the new term has been very busy for the teachers, with two afternoons/evenings of interviews. Many parents have commented on the new report format. We welcome further feedback on the new report format and the two three-way conference opportunities. The teachers will be meeting to evaluate the new package early next week. Please email me at l.harvie@howickprimary.school.nz with your comments or write a note and leave it at the office.

Staff Changes for This Term

Emma Heaford is Acting Senior Teacher for the Middle School while Judy Coker is on leave. Jo Brandli is teaching Room 4 children until Judy returns.

PTA Update

The new PTA noticeboard is located on the hall side of the staffroom. Keep in touch with the PTA happenings by reading the information displayed. Have a look at the great photos of Crazy Hair and Silly Bands Day. The meeting for new HPS parents was held at the end of last term. This provided an excellent opportunity to discuss our school with a number of parents. Thanks to Leanne Laloli (PTA Community Liaison) for organising this meeting. The PTA \$2 mufti day for this term is Tuesday 10th August. There are some packets of Silly Bands still available and these will also be sold on mufti day for \$3 a packet or \$5 for two packets.

HPS Chaplain/Counsellor

Brooke Spong is available to support children as chaplain/counsellor each Friday. Brooke's booking system is through children self-referring. In some instances teachers and parents work together to seek Brooke's support. If you do not wish for your child to self-refer to Brooke, please contact the school and we will note your request.

Term Two Dates to Note

July 20 & 22	Three-Way Conferences
July 26	Certificate Assembly 9:00am
July 28	New Entrant Open Hour for pre-schoolers 9:30 - 10:30
August 3	Australasian English Exam
August 4	Montessori Open Day
August 4/5	Dance Festival
August 10	PTA Mufti Day
August 10	Stardome Trip for Rooms 9 & 10
August 11	Stardome Trip for Senior School
August 11	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
August 11	HPMA Trust Meeting 7:30pm
August 16	School Speech Semi-Finals
August 17	Australasian Mathematics Exam
August 18	School Speech Finals 9:00am
August 19	Auckland Boys Choir at HPS
August 20	Movie Night Rooms 9 & 10
August 22	PTA Portrait Photos - fundraiser
August 23	Certificate Assembly 9:00am
August 24	Inter-School Speech Finals
August 24	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30pm
August 27	Daffodil Day: Yellow Mufti Day
Sept. 1	APPA Choir Rehearsal 10:00am-1:30pm
Sept. 3	HPS Cross Country
Sept. 8	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
Sept. 8	HPMA Trust Meeting 7:30pm

Sept. 8	thearts@hps (Sharing Our Learning)
Sept. 13-24	Life Education Programme
Sept. 14	Inter-School Cross Country
Sept. 20	Certificate Assembly 9:00am
Sept. 20	New Entrant Meeting for New Entrant Enrolments 7:30pm
Sept. 21	Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30pm
Sept. 23	House Points Mufti Day
Sept. 23	Junior School Trip to Zoo
Sept. 24	Term Three Ends
October 11	Term Four Begins

Permission to use Photographs of Students

We take photographs of special events and activities on a regular basis. These photos may be posted on our website, used for a newspaper article, printed as part of the prospectus or an advertising pamphlet. If you do not wish for photographs of your child to be used for these purposes, please inform the school office in writing.

Riya's Report from Bangladesh

We have received Riya's Annual Progress Report from Bangladesh.



Riya is our World Vision child and she is supported by all of us through the funds raised with one mufti day held each year in Term One. Riya's school is 200 metres from her home. She is 8 years old and is now in Grade Three. Her favourite subject is Bengali and she has a future ambition to be a teacher. Riya's hobby is swimming, she enjoys playing hide and seek and she helps with the cleaning at home. Our support of Riya and her community has provided Riya with a mosquito net, a Christmas

gift, a Khata pen and a mango sapling. Thank you all for playing your part in supporting Riya.

Another Star Student at HPS

Heath Galloway (Room 2) was selected to be one of the five boys chosen from Pakuranga Rugby Club to ride by train with the All Blacks from Britomart to the new station in Kingsland on Monday 5th July. There were only 20 boys chosen out of College Rifles Mounties, Manukau Rovers, Marist U7 and Pakuranga. Here's what Heath had to say about the day



"On Monday 5th July I went on the train from Britomart to Kingsland with ten of the All Blacks. We had our faces painted; I had half black and half white with a silver fern. On the train I got to sit next to Benson Stanley. I had a big talk with him. After that I had a

photo with Richie McCaw. When we got our rugby ball the All Blacks signed it. The All Blacks were very nice men. We even got to talk to them! My favourite part was sitting next to Benson Stanley. It was an absolutely terrific day."

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.

Montessori Open Day: a message from HPMA Trust Wednesday 4th August, 9:00am to 12:00noon

The year is rolling around quickly and our second Open Day for the year is in just a couple of weeks. This time it is mid-week, which is an excellent chance to see the theory in action - and what makes a Montessori Primary education special.

You will see first-hand how children use the many and varied resources to aid in their learning.

Bring your family, friends or neighbours so they too can discover the benefits of a Montessori education.

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?

IMPORTANT!

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If you, at any time, wish to have medication administered to your child by Howick Primary School staff, **it is imperative that you complete the necessary form at the school office.** We are unable to administer medication on your behalf without this being done. A copy of this form can be downloaded on the Community page of our school website: www.howickprimary.school.nz

All medication brought to school must be handed in to the office. No medication is to be kept in classrooms, schoolbags etc.

IMPORTANT!

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.

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.

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!

Howick Primary School Term Dates 2010

Term 3	Monday 19 th July to Friday 24 th September
Term 4	Monday 11 th October to Fri. 17 th December

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. **Anyone who banks six times or more during Term Three will go into a draw for a prize!**



Vision, Virtue and Habits of Mind

This term the Vision focus is 'Fun and Uniqueness', the Virtue is 'Creativity' and the Habit of Mind is 'Creating, Imagining and Innovating'.

Enrolments for Year 7 Students at Intermediate Schools for 2011

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

Farm Cove Intermediate:

Enrolment packs for 2011 will be delivered to HPS by Monday 2 August 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