

2nd July 2010



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

Today brings us to the end of a term packed full of special events and great learning opportunities for our children. The welcome of the Queen's Baton for the Commonwealth Games relay was an exceptional day. Camp for the Senior School was a wonderful learning experience as the children involved themselves in a number of challenging outdoor activities. Many children were involved in netball, hockey and soccer fun days and interschool competitions. The Senior School and Rooms 9 and 10 extended their culinary skills and made a range of yummy soups, using the vegetables from their gardens. Visits to MOTAT and the marae provided a focus for the Junior School and Middle School learning. White Out Day supported the All Whites to play their best in the Soccer World Cup and the Middle School became confident Kapa Haka performers.

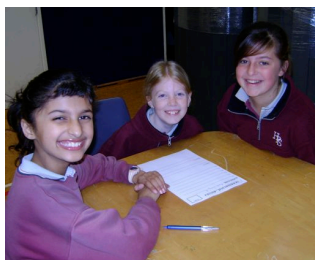


Digital Storybooks have provided very exciting learning opportunities in the classrooms. This activity involves

writing a short story, creating a number of scenes to support the story line, photographing these scenes to load on to the computer and adding sound to create the digital story. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this learning experience and they will be sharing their work in school assembly using our new datashow. We will let you know when the dates are set for the premier showing. Here is a photograph of our new electronic screen being installed in the hall.



Two Howick Primary teams competed in the Writers Quiz at the beginning of this week. Here is a photograph of Khorshed Tarapore, Jessica Knox and Brieah Glynn enjoying the competition. Thanks to Val Hoerbergs and Linda Clifton for their work in preparing the children for this annual event.



Uniforms

The Board of Trustees has confirmed that the cargo pants, which were introduced as part of the uniform for boys, can also be worn by the girls. We did research into trousers especially designed for girls. However, we were unable to find any with a suitable cotton content. The decision to identify these trousers as unisex uniform items has also been made in many Auckland primary schools.

School Sports Day Routines

If you have attended a school sports day and it is near the end of the school day, you can take **your own** child home

with you. However, you will need to return to school to sign your child out at the school office if the leaving time is before 3:00pm. All children must travel to and from sports events using the transport decided in advance by the school. Any exceptional circumstances need to be in writing to the teacher organising the event.

Camp DVDs

As outlined in the special notice sent home yesterday, camp DVDs are for sale at \$10.00 each. Parents who attended camp as helpers will receive a free copy.

Cross Country Advanced Notice

Next term we will be selecting a school cross country team to compete in the interschool competition. We thought that we would provide advanced warning for this event as we have a number of keen cross country runners who may wish to do some training in the holidays.

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.

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



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

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.

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



Being the Parent You Want to Be

Even the best parents and caregivers get stressed sometimes. Do you want to take the heat off?

Parent Trust offers programmes for you (Being the Parent You Want to Be) that deal with the day-to-day stresses and help you to feel more confident with difficult feelings, and to develop new and creative approaches to parenting that are practical and relevant to you and your family.

Please visit our website www.parenttrust.org.nz or phone (09) 376-0400 to find out more.

AUCKLAND METRO BIRD CLUB

The Auckland Metro Bird Club is holding its **100th Annual Bird Show at Botany Downs College, Chapel Road, on 3rd & 4th July**. Over 700 of the top birds from the North Island will be on display, including a huge range of different coloured budgies, canaries, parrots, parakeets and finches. Members will be on hand to answer any of your bird questions, and birds and accessories will be on sale. The wonderful colouring competition entries will be displayed and there are plenty of refreshments available. It will be an interesting and 'learning' way of spending some of your time this weekend.

Opening hours: Sat. 3rd July 12:00noon to 6:00pm

Sun. 4th July 9:00am to 1:00pm

Cost: Children \$1.00, Adults \$4.00 Families \$8.00

For further details please phone (09) 576-2535

THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Faculty of Education

Triple P-Positive Parenting Programme: Discussion Groups

Are you concerned about your child's behaviour?

Is your child between 3 & 5 years of age?

Do you experience problems dealing with:

- 1. Fighting and aggression, or**
- 2. Establishing good bedtime routines?**

The University of Auckland is conducting research on the effectiveness of two separate 2-hour discussion groups aimed at supporting parents to develop positive strategies to deal with difficult behaviour in preschoolers and improve overall family functioning.

Two groups are on offer:

- One aimed at managing fighting and aggression.
- One aimed at dealing with bedtime problems and developing good bedtime routines.

Parents can participate in ONE of the groups. Groups will be held at our centre at the Faculty of Education at Epsom.

The group is **free** of charge and you can keep all the materials that are given to you. You will also be asked to complete a series of questionnaires as part of the study.

If you are interested in volunteering for this research project or would like further information, please contact:

Cathy or Marcela Phone: (09) 623-8899 Ext. 83042

Email: tprg@auckland.ac.nz

Website: www.triplep.net

PET CENTRE & GROOMING SALON

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Ivan & Jan Willis

Proprietors

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Buy Pro Pac dog food from All About Pets and 10% of your purchase goes directly to our school. Pro Pac is a great new, premium dried dog food, similar to Eukanuba, Hills, Advance, Royal Canin etc. – but it's a lot cheaper (up to 38% less – that makes it cheaper feeding than supermarket brands but it is a lot better). It is a leading brand around the world but has only recently been introduced to NZ.

Don't forget to mention Howick Primary School when you purchase Pro Pac.

Andrew Blowers Rugby Academy

Join former All Black, Andrew Blowers, for a run and action-packed rugby programme. All programmes are for players of all abilities. Kids will be grouped by age, ability and experience. Participants receive quality coaching, AB Academy t-shirt and a final award ceremony.

Ages 5-8 years 9am-12pm 5th-6th July \$80

Ages 9-13 years 9am-3pm 7th-8th July \$130

Contact Andrew Blowers on 0276.626544

Email: abrugbyacademy@gmail.com