

4th June 2010



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

Camp at Totara Springs

Senior School camp was a wonderful experience for our children, teachers and parent helpers. Here are some photos taken with our new Canon cameras, along with a selection of excerpts from student diaries.



"A friend that stands out in my mind for doing something amazing was Kauthar because she said, 'go Sarah, you can do it!' and it helped me to climb down the wall."

By Sarah Winchcombe (Room 5)

"The most enjoyable time at camp was when I tried rock climbing because I got all the way to the top."

By Crystal Pan (Room 5)

"The funniest moment on camp was when Tamara told us stories at lights-out about her class last year."

By Emily Kawana (Room 5)

"The most enjoyable experience on camp was crate climbing. I got 17 crates up and beat the instructor's record. I found it challenging and I like challenging things."

By Sarah Pearson (Room 5)

Congratulations to the PTA

The PTA has donated \$10,000 to pay for the digital cameras and a data projector and electric screen for the school hall. This is an outstanding result. Thank you all for supporting the PTA's fundraising events. Thank you also to the PTA for organising a wonderful fun afternoon with planes, kites and bubbles.

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 median 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.

School Sports Teams and Fun Days

Our school participates in a number of 'Fun Days' and sports competitions. These events are organised by the Howick and Pakuranga Principals' Association. 'Fun Days' and non-competitive days include soccer, netball and hockey. These events are for children to broaden their sporting experience by participating in a team event and any child is welcome to participate. We organise a number of practices prior to each event so the children can become more familiar with the rules, improve their skill level and enjoy participating. For these events our more experienced players are often spread across the teams so these children can support those who are learning the game.

School teams are selected for a number of interschool competitions. Many of these competitions take place during lunch times and the competition that takes place over several weeks often ends with a playoff. For some competitions the top team is presented with a cup. These competition teams consist of each school's top players.

I trust that this explanation clarifies any questions that you may have over the difference between these two sporting events.

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.

Class Photos

Please note that the class photos will now be taken on **Thursday 17th June** (not Thursday 10th June as previously advised).

School Donations Lucky Draw

We are pleased to advise that the Tarapore family were the winners of our lucky draw. All families who paid their school fees in full by 3:00pm on 30th April 2010 went into the draw. The Tarapore family will have their \$180 donation fully reimbursed.

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.

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

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.

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: trpg@auckland.ac.nz

Website: www.triplep.net

PET CENTRE & GROOMING SALON

Pedigree & Domestic Companion Pets

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.

