



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

New Cameras for HPS

Funds raised by the PTA have been spent to purchase 42 digital Canon cameras. Each teacher will have a classroom camera available for both the teacher and the children to use. Two sets of eight cameras will be available for the Middle and Senior Schools to use and a set of four cameras will be based in Rooms 9 and 10. The Junior teachers will each have an additional classroom camera and a further set of five cameras will be available for Junior use. This will make digital photography readily available to support children's learning. A big thank you to Canon for the amazing deal and for their support of HPS. This photograph from the Juniors' MOTAT trip shows a new camera in action.



Sports Events and Instruction

Soccer

Our first sports fun day for the year was held at Lloyd Elsmore Park. 56 Year 5/6 children enjoyed a day of soccer with all the costs covered through our KiwiSport funding. Thank you to the parents who acted as team managers and enthusiastic supporters.

Swimming

Swimming is on the timetable for both the Middle and Senior school children. The lessons at Lloyd Elsmore are sponsored by the *John Walker Field of Dreams* initiative. This programme has the sole purpose of improving the children's swimming with tuition from trained instructors.

Netball

Our school team played their first game at Bucklands Beach Primary last Friday. The result was a win to HPS with a score of 15 goals to 8.

Junior Sandpit and Wilderness Project

You may have noticed that this project has started. The plan is to deck around the sandpit, cover it with a roll-back cover and remove the 'cage'. A wilderness area will also be created alongside the sandpit so the children can play around the plants and along constructed paths. We will be seeking the children's input to assist with the planning of this special play space.

Poppy Day

The Howick RSA sent a thank you for our involvement in the annual Poppy Day appeal. The national total was \$42,000 and that money goes to

the welfare of Returned Service Personnel, their widows and immediate dependants.

Safe Arrival of HPS Babies

March 2010 was a happy time for the HPS team. On 7th March Victoria Kitchen and her husband Alex announced the safe arrival of their gorgeous wee son, James Alexander Lloyd Kitchen.



Then on 20th March Emma Klokke and her husband Eugene announced the safe arrival of their beautiful wee daughter, Joni Rose Klokke.

Warmest congratulations to both families.

Paid Union Meetings for Teachers

The teachers second scheduled paid union meeting is on Wednesday 12th May. Children will not need to go home early. Some classes will be combined from 2:15pm to 3:00pm so that teachers can attend this meeting.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop

A second-hand uniform shop is now based in Room 15. A range of uniform items are 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.

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. The next certificate assembly is on Monday 10th May. Room 4 will share their artwork and the guitar group will perform.

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.

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



CUBS

Fun and adventure for boys and girls aged 7½ to 10½ years. Make new friends and learn new things.

Monday nights from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at Minerva Scout Hall on Pakuranga Highway (behind Howick Recreation Centre).

For more information call Andrew on Ph. 534-6249 or mob. 021.02374727

UXBRIDGE CREATIVE CENTRE

We are hosting our *Musician at Dinner* with a classical twist: main course, dessert and a glass of wine, with the beautiful sounds from musician Polly Sussex. Have a relaxing evening enjoying good food, music and great company.

Date: Monday 10th May 2010

Time: 6:15pm

Cost: \$22.00

Why not book for the cinema screening, 'Young at Heart', which costs \$8.00 and starts at 7:30pm and make it a really good night out.

For bookings phone (09) 535-6467

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

HOWICK PLUNKET BABY FAIR

Date: Sunday 30th May 2010

Time: 10:00am to 12:00noon

Venue: Howick Recreation Centre

For further details: www.howickplunket.org.nz



NANNY / AU PAIR

Do you need before school/after school childcare? NZ Nannies International have au pairs available to care for your children and help with housework for up to full-time hours in exchange for free board and \$200-\$250 per week. The au pair can stay for 12-24 months as required. For more information:

Email: kristina@nznannies.org.nz

Website: www.nznannies.org.nz