



# Howick Primary School

## Newsletter 2 Term 2 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have passed the shortest day and, though we are theoretically in the middle of Winter, we are on the downhill run back to Summer! Yay.

**Parent Conferences - Wednesday and Thursday this week:** are an important time for your half year catch-up. The children have been discussing their current learning and will share this with you as well as plan goals for the rest of the year. If you are unable to make these dates, please email your child's teacher and set another time after school for a three-way conference. Room 15 families whose children are still contagious with chicken pox and missed their appointments, can book again on the school conferences website, [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use code wznfv. Thanks for partnering with us to make a difference.

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**Trees for Survival (TFS)** - You may have seen two new cage-like structures in our garden area - this is the new nursery for raising trees for this vital programme. **We were kindly set up by one of our amazingly supportive grandparents, Susan Howe.** The balance has been financed by Rotary who support TFS around the country. Our students will get to learn how to propagate plants and then we will have a big planting excursion to an erosion prone area in a couple of years' time when they are big enough - annually after that. This is an important aspect to us ensuring our children are taking care of the future environment by learning these critical skills and taking action now.



**Outdoor Classroom** - This area needs the final finishing touches so another **Working Bee is being held in the school holidays on Thursday July 19th, 9am-3pm.** If you are free for any time on that day to give us a hand moving some soil, stones, preparing the container gardens, sorting the composting area and generally finishing the area so we can start using it as a teaching space, please come down and join us. We need newspaper for the gardens so please send along any you have spare to the school office. Please RSVP to me if you are able to join us. [l.callister@howickprimary.school.nz](mailto:l.callister@howickprimary.school.nz)

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**Tree Planting** - we have a couple of projects under planning at the present time - trees on the bank overlooking the vege gardens and the development of a native "reforestation" we are calling the "Owairoa Pukatea Kahikatea native reforestation" in the northern corner of the school that was cut off from the rest of the grounds when the Ministry of Education installed the security fence. Pukatea and Kahikatea were the trees that grew here before people were living on the land so we would like to return the land back to what was here before to improve our air quality and potential for biodiversity. We will also take delivery of a lot of Manuka trees, donated as part of the "Trees that Count" initiative and these will be beneficial to our bees as they grow up and fill this area. Watch for the planting day for these trees. We would love your family to be part of our legacy work.

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**Beeswax wraps** - Our Digital technology group has been busy making beeswax wraps to raise funds for their other projects. Beeswax wraps can be obtained via this link [Beeswax wraps](#). They can be collected from the school office when payment by cheque or cash is made. Beeswax wraps will save you money and from sending a lot of single use plastic (cling film) to the landfill as you can reuse these to wrap lunches as well as cover food in your fridge.

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Howick Primary school is so very fortunate to have a truly **Amazing PTA** who organise so many events and opportunities for our community to come together as well as raising vital funds for improvements around the school. Please support their work as everything they do comes straight back into the school in the form of either resources or enhancements to our facilities. Just look at the awesome brand new playground and the sandpit cover. Much more is planned but only possible as you support their work - and remember to suggest your relatives might like to also have an Entertainment book subscription or chocolate if your own pocket is tired of being hit. Invite your friends along to make up a table for the **Movie themed Quiz Night on August 24<sup>th</sup>** and the **Mission Impossible Movie Theatre night on August 2<sup>nd</sup>** - tickets available here, [pta@howickprimary.school.nz](mailto:pta@howickprimary.school.nz).



The poster features a red background with a film strip graphic at the top. The text is centered and includes the event title, date, location, and ticket information. A silhouette of a head is visible in the background.

**HPS**  
**Quiz Night**

24 AUGUST 2018

HPS SCHOOL HALL  
WILLOUGHBY AVE, HOWICK

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM,  
QUIZ BEGINS 7.30PM TILL LATE

\$20 per person - incl table snacks and a raffle ticket  
(8 people per table). Tables are limited.

THEME: Hollywood Movies  
Pick a Movie for your Table and Dress Accordingly

Cash Bar (Eftpos Avail) - Food Truck  
Games - Auctions - Spot Prizes  
Bring Gold Coins on the Night to Be In To Win

Tickets available from School Office  
or  
Email - [w.mitchell@howickprimary.school.nz](mailto:w.mitchell@howickprimary.school.nz)  
or  
Text - 0211612872

Register your Team now  
to avoid disappointment

 

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**EOTC review** - Thanks to the 40 families from years 3-5 who responded to the review of Camp and Education Outside the Classroom. The reason for the review was to find out about the high number of students who didn't go to camp and the difficulty we had to secure parents to accompany our children. The BoT discussed the findings at the board meeting this week and will be reporting back to the community their recommendations and a plan to go forward.

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Coming up in term three - **Consultation evenings for our Pacific Peoples, Maori and Chinese communities**. Please mark the relevant night on your calendar and prepare to come and share food, discussion and plans for the future. We are very keen to hear your thoughts and continue to respond in

ways that meet your needs and desires for the best outcomes for your children. Members of the Board of Trustees will be present.

- **Pacific Peoples night - Wednesday 1 August 6-7pm,**
- **Maori families - Thursday September 13 - 5-7:30** - hopefully incorporating a hangi.
- **Chinese families - Thursday September 27** - including our Mandarin Language Assistant as our interpreter.

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We will be welcoming **new parents** at a “wine (and soft drinks) and cheese” night put on jointly by the Board of Trustees and PTA on **Thursday 26 July**, in our first week back next term. This is a great opportunity for the BoT and PTA to talk about their roles and find some new potential members. Invitations will be sent out this week. Please RSVP for catering purposes to [w.mitchell@howickprimary.school.nz](mailto:w.mitchell@howickprimary.school.nz).

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One of our parents, Simone Jonelle of Ray White Real Estate, has offered to partner with us in helping raise funds for the PTA. If you refer any clients to Simone for a Free market Appraisal, she will make a small donation to the PTA. If any of these appraisal referrals choose to list and then successfully sell their property through Simone, she will donate \$500. If she sells a house through a school contact she will also make a donation to the PTA. Currently [2/6 Angelo Ave](#) is for sale by Negotiation and is an easy walk to school! [Click here](#)

Thanks for supporting one of our own community which in turn, helps us.

**SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**

**RayWhite**

**Simone Jonelle in partnership with Howick Primary School PTA  
SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME**

I want to partner with **Howick Primary School PTA** to reward the school for referring clients!

**How it works:**

Refer a client to me for a **FREE MARKET APPRAISAL** of their property (irrelevant if they are thinking of selling) and I will **personally donate \$10** to the Howick Primary School PTA.

For any **APPRAISAL** referral (above) who chooses to list and sell with me, I will **personally donate \$500** to Howick Primary School PTA, on the successful sale of the property.

**So, how do you refer:**

Use this link on any digital platforms [click here](#)

**Simone Jonelle**  
Licensee Salesperson

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Have a safe and fun holiday break. See you at the working bee on Thursday week 2 of the holidays.

Kind regards

Leyette Callister  
Principal