



Howick Primary School Newsletter 1 Term 4 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you feel rested, relaxed, and ready for the busy term we have ahead. Here are some dates you may want to stick onto the fridge door:

Wednesday, 24 October	Flower Show - displays on show in classes from 2:30-5:30pm
Thursday, 25 October	Camp 2019 Parent Meeting, 6pm
Wednesday, 31 October	Senior School Athletics
Friday, 16 November	Interschool Athletics - Lloyd Elsmore Park
Wednesday, 21 November	Junior School Athletics
Wednesday, 5 December	Parent Helpers thank you Morning Tea
Wednesday, 5 December	Family Fun Night
Tuesday, 11 December	School Leaving Families Morning Tea
Tuesday, 11 December	Prize giving - 9:15 - 10:30
Wednesday, 12 December	Y6 Graduation Dinner
Friday, 14 December	LAST DAY OF TERM- school will close at 12:30pm

Our first annual **Flower Show** takes place next Wednesday and we have extended our classroom open hours to accommodate working families. I hope you can come in to see the work our children will present on Wednesday. If you can help supply any quantities of flowers or foliage, please drop these at the office.

Wayne Johnson is the new **sKids** owner of the before and after school care at Howick Primary. Many of you would have already met him. He aims to provide a high quality programme and to be part of the school community.

To register or book please do so at skids.aimy.co.nz or contact Wayne on 021 616 513 or wayne@skids.co.nz



Wayne Johnson and his family

Camp 2018

Following a review of this year's camp and a survey of parents, we recognised the challenges presented by our current camp model. We struggled to get enough parents and many who did initially commit, withdrew their support at the last minute, leaving us scrambling for enough adult cover for the Health and Safety aspects of camp. Also, the question of cost arose as a growing difficulty so the Board of Trustees decided to look for some alternative options. The concept of camp is still very much desired by the parents who commented on the questionnaire, however a new destination was sought that was possible closer, cheaper and less nights. Mo Stewart and myself visited "Sonshine Ranch" near Clevedon to see if their facility might meet our requirements. They can offer us one night and two days for approximately \$140-\$160, including transport. Parent helpers will cost \$30 each but maybe this figure can be fundraised in advance or parents may be quite happy to cover this themselves. I would like to hold a meeting about camp next **Thursday at 6pm in the library**. If your child is in year 4 or 5 this year, please make yourself available to come and find out about camp and see if you can commit to help. One night and two days will be all that we ask. So far we have the second week of term 1 pencilled in -February 11-15 - so we need to mobilise now and plan. We will need 14 parents altogether and those coming will need to commit to stay overnight.

As we are a **Sunsmart School**, **Hats** must be worn in term 4. Without a sunhat, children will need to play in a restricted, shaded area. Hats are available at NZ Uniforms in Botany South. Please **name, name name hats!** We always have a pile of unnamed hats littering the lost property bin!

Colgate Community Garden Challenge



Howick Primary School is joining the community challenge to collect as many oral hygiene packages as possible so that we can be in with a chance to win a garden bed for our school. Oral hygiene packages that we are collecting include:

We don't just need to collect as many oral hygiene packages as possible, but also need as many online votes as we can to help us win the recycled community veggie patch. Please go onto the link below and vote for Howick Primary School so that we can win a great prize for our school.

<https://www.terracycle.co.nz/en-NZ/contests/colgategardenvoting>

Reading books - please return any school readers

We have been checking our inventory of reading books and are well down on numbers, which can only mean one thing - that you have our reading books at home. Please can you do a big check of your bookshelves, under beds and anywhere you might have a school reading book stashed. We will have an amnesty box in the office and the library. When we spend money replacing existing readers, we are unable to buy new and more exciting reading materials. We will be implementing a programme where children will not be given a new reader to take home if they don't bring one back.

Kelly Sport - Fun Sports starting next week

Just a friendly reminder about the KellySport programme starting next week. Please ensure you have paid for your child - Junior school \$10, Senior school \$12. Paying through the Kindo payment system is easiest. Link is here <https://tgcl.co.nz> Children who do not pay will have to remain in the classroom while these programmes are happening.

Have a wonderful Labour Weekend break and enjoy an extra day's rest. I will be cycling around in the Taupo district with a group of likeminded bicyclists.

Kind regards

Leyette Callister
Principal