

HUKERENUI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

This week we had a lovely meet the teacher evening. A huge thank you to all of you who were able to attend. Unfortunately, we could not play the games due to the court and field being too wet. This did not dampen our spirits and we had a great time talking, meeting new people, students playing and everyone eating sausages!

Thank you very much Josh Hanley & Murry Cutforth for barbequing and helping the PTA ladies out so much. Thank you Carol Head for leading the barbeque! You are a winner!

We also had some wonderful students who stayed and helped with the barbeque and selling of sausages! Thank you Faith, Holly, Isla, Brenna and Shiloh – you did a wonderful job. It is so nice to see how responsible you are and how helpful you can be at events like this!

Our annual swimming sport event is happening on Friday 23 February! As always, this is a very special day at Hukerenui School. We would love your support and we always need marshals to help us run the day. If you can spare some time at all, please let us know if you can help. Please let us know so we can organise.

Our zones swimming sport event will happen the Tuesday after that, and we also appreciate your help there as it is even more difficult running the event with so many schools involved. There will be a sausage sizzle, ice blocks and home baking for sale.

Rules for swimming sports

Swimming sports can be challenging at times. To be consistent in our expectation, we ask that you help us by adhering to the following rules.

Students sit on the bank in their class groups with their teachers. You are welcome to join them there if you want to, but please do not remove them from their classes.

We have had many problems in the past where students decided they will sit with their parents – but really were not and instead running around, and also, taking themselves into the playcentre playground instead of being part of our school activity. We cannot allow some children do one thing and others something else. It gives mixed messages and comes across as unfair.

The juniors will return to their classes after their swimming activities and they will continue with their normal school day. Please do not remove them from their class to join you at the event, as they will be busy with school activities.

Survey

We are trying to gather as much information as possible about your child and would appreciate it very much if you could take the time to complete this questionnaire for us. You do not have to write a lot – just shortly please. Please send it back to school as quickly as you can.

Fundraising efforts

The Hukerenui School Problem Solving Team has won the National Finals in Auckland and is going to compete on international level in America in June. Understandably, this requires money to do so they are starting their fundraising efforts now.

We have some more new teachers to introduce to you:

Mrs Lauren A Richardson is from Karetu and will be teaching 1 day per week in Mrs Hanley's class. She has many years of junior school experience, of which the last 10 years were at Karetu School. She is also fluent in Te Reo and has many years of pre-school experience, specifically in Rudolf Steiner and Waldorf education. We are excited to welcome her to our specialised play based classroom for Year 0's.

Mrs Bev Boswell-Smith is doing all our teachers' classroom release time. She worked at Hurupaki for many years and we are lucky to have someone who has so much experience across all the levels.

Merlene Horsford is teaching cultural responsiveness and Te Reo to all our classes on a weekly basis. This is so exciting, thank you Merlene for being willing and the super effort you have put in.

Pool fence extension – a huge thank you to the PTA for organising and funding this project. The fence is being moved outwards and this will allow for all the students to be in the enclosure for our events. Please attend the opening pool party on 24th February.

Thank You

Bastienne Kruger
Principal

