

# HUKERENUI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

**Thank you for the wonderful response in sending baking for the contractor's morning tea. You are a fantastic community!**

We have started with our science learning journeys and our students have shown lots of interest. Avoca lime has offered to come and teach us how to make compost. They will loan us their thermometer to measure the temperature in there and inform us what to do at different temperatures. We are so thankful! Due to sport commitments, we are doing this work after lunch on 1 day a week. Last week I talked about how each class was developing their knowledge with or projects – Room 5's focus will be increasing native plants for food for the bees, making oils and expanding on their knowledge on how and what to plant.

### Questionnaires

Thank you very much to those parents who have returned the questionnaires. We haven't received many so I thought it would be wise to send them out again as I understand that time gets away on us and papers get lost. I would appreciate your input very much – you really don't have to write a lot or anything – if you only want to fill in the yes/no part that will be fine too. Thank you for your understanding.

### Working bee

After a very successful working bee last term, it is important to have another one so we can get the fencing wires up. Please complete the attached form if you think you may be able to help us weather permitting on Sunday 28 May from 10pm – 2pm. The school does not have fencing tools so if anyone has any that we could use on the day it will be most helpful. The posts are all in so it is a matter of getting the wires in the alpaca paddock up and the chicken wire on for the vegetable garden. If anyone has more tyres for us to complete the lavender garden – please drop them at school. We also have an enormous amount of tree branches to get rid of – which may be a good day to do this too. Any ideas are welcome!

### Marae trip

We are planning a marae trip during the last week of school. Please put this in your diary, as we will need as much support as we can get and will appreciate it if you can help. More information to come later.

### Matariki celebrations

On Thursday 29 June we are planning to have a special day at school where students rotate through workshops to learn about Maori Culture. We also ask if you know of anyone who may be able to help us with knowledge to run the workshops to let us know. We are looking for anyone who has a knack for Maori Legend storytelling, flax weaving, rakau stick games, poi making, etc. Please share your Ideas for this day please! We appreciate your input.

*Thank You*

*Bastienne Kruger*  
**Principal**

### Upcoming Dates:

May	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y7&8 Winter Sports Tournament
26 <sup>th</sup>	Cheese Toasties \$3
28 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee
June	
7 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting 7pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Winter Sports Tournament
9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco
30 <sup>th</sup>	Maromaku Sports Day

**Scholastics orders** are due this Friday.

**Strep throat** – we have had a couple of affected children, please take your child to the doctor if they experience any symptoms.

### Absences

Please notify the office by phone, text or email if your child is absent from school, stating the reason why they are absent. If no explanation for the absence can be obtained, the student will be marked as Truant. If the student is absent for 4 or more continuous days, the school requires a medical certificate from a healthcare professional.

### Netball Draw - Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Hukerenui Gold – 9.15am, Court 5A  
Hukerenui Diamond – 8.30am, Court 16  
Hukerenui Stars – 8.30am, Court 4  
Hukerenui Blue – 10am, Court 10A  
Hukerenui Int. – 11.05am, Court 12