

HUKERENUI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

Things have been quite busy here at school during the last week. Thank you very much to everyone who came out to continue work we started on the previous working bee. It was a fun day and we got so much done!

I would also like to thank Mike Powell and Derek Barnes who were at school on Saturday felling and clearing the large trees on the fence line by playcentre.

Real Deal Tyres were fantastic and delivered a truck full of tyres for the lavender garden – thank you very much!

Our problem solving team has been working hard at planning and presenting lessons. They are working with our teachers to increase the development of science knowledge across the school and hopefully with the experiments that are being run learn how to have larger and successful produce at the end of each cycle.

Each class is now learning to become an expert of one of the hands on learning projects in an effort to ensure we expand and are able to support others with our work too.

We are grateful to Avoca Lime, Raewyn Rouse and Yannick Lelagadec who is so willing to support this learning and are providing much of their time and resource to help us.

Thank you to Jacqui Kehoe and Angie Dadson for their volunteering help in the library and book room. We appreciate your time!

Our upcoming Marae trip is a very important event for us. On excursions like these we always build so much understanding of each others' plight and often find ways to support each other through sharing the mahi!

One of our goals this year is for parents to help us piece Hukerenui School's history and places of significance together so you can help write a whakapapa for Hukerenui School.

When this has been discussed and agreed upon I am hoping a little entrance way can be built in front of Room 7 with designs that tells the story. This forms part of a bigger picture that we are currently working on and that is to turn Room 7 into a meeting house.

I would appreciate it very much if you could come out to the Marae to join this meeting between the Tangata Whenua and us – you being the representatives of our school. Our goal can only be realised once this meeting has happened. I am waiting to hear from Wattie Cooper what he has been able to organise around getting some of their experts together so I will be able to let you know the time later.

We appreciate your donations so far, I am attaching the list again - please if you haven't yet, please see how you can donate as we have 150 people to feed!

Last but not the least – we have decided that there will be enough room for the Year 3's to stay over at the Marae too. We will still allow them the choice.

Thank You

Bastienne Kruger
Principal

Upcoming Dates:

June	
4 th	Country Calendar story TV1 7pm
5 th	Queen's Birthday – school closed
7 th	PTA Meeting 7pm
8 th	Y4-6 Winter Sports Tournament
9 th	PTA Disco
29 th	Matariki workshops
30 th	Maromaku Sports Day

July	
5 th	Marae stay
7 th	End of Term 2

50 Questions To Ask Your Kids Instead Of Asking "How Was Your Day?"

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Does everyone have a friend at break times?
5. What was the book about that your teacher read?
6. What's the word of the week?
7. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
8. Did anyone cry?
9. What did you do that was creative?
10. What is the most popular game at break times?
11. What was the best thing that happened today?
12. Did you help anyone today?
13. Did you "thank you to anyone?"
14. Who did you sit with at lunch?
15. What made you laugh?
16. Did you learn something you didn't understand?
17. Who inspired you today?
18. What was the peak and the pit?
19. What was your least favourite part of the day?
20. Was anyone in your class away today?
21. Did you ever feel unsafe?
22. What is something you heard that surprised you?
23. What is something you saw that made you think?
24. Who did you play with today?
25. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
26. What is something that challenged you?
27. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
28. Did you like your lunch?
29. Rate your day on a scale from 1-10.
30. Did anyone get in trouble today?
31. How were you brave today?
32. What questions did you ask at school today?
33. Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).
34. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
35. What are you reading?
36. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
37. Teach me something I don't know.
38. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
39. (For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your history test?" or, "Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?" (In my opinion, the key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way.)
40. Who did you share your snacks with at lunch?
41. What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
42. What kind of person were you today?
43. What made you feel happy?
44. What made you feel proud?
45. What made you feel loved?
46. Did you learn any new words today?
47. What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
48. If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
49. What is your least favourite part of the school building? And favourite?
50. If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?