

HUKERENUI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

Thanks to so many of our wonderful parent community. We had an amazing working bee last Saturday. Everyone arrived with a can do attitude, some gear and found a task to be completed.

All the bark has been shovelled into the playground; the grass around the fruit trees trimmed and mulched; the vegetable garden's post for fencing is in; the lavender garden has been doubled, the bark trailered up the hill and shovelled around the plants, the alpaca paddock's dividing fence now has the posts in.

A lot of hard work went into fixing the fence between the neighbours and us. The fence has had it and it is more difficult to fix it than to put a new one in. It looks as if that is what needs to happen. Thank you Steve Purvis and Bruce Keen for the hard work with the fence.

A special thank you to Pam for running around the countryside trying to find a farmer with a tractor with a post rammer to help. Luckily, she found someone whose children are not at school yet. What an awesome guy! Thank you very much.

We had mums and nanas cooking sausages, taking turns looking after children and at the end Rochelle and Scott cleaned the gutters at the back of room 7! We are so lucky to have this awesome support and willingness from our parents. There was such a huge amount of work done – and watching it happen made me realise that we could not have done that on our own at all.

Thank you to the PTA for being so thoughtful in proposing and organising this day!

Thank you Carol and Marc Head for coming to help even though you had to rush off to a wedding! Pam was supposed to go away but changed her plans to be there. Ursula and Gavin Buckingham also came despite having to be at another function by 3pm. Thanks Nana Karen for always being there! Evan and Shirleen came straight from a meeting to offer their help and Robbie Van Harlingen's grandmother Ann Marshall also came to work in the lavender garden once again!

Thank you to the Hayes, Purvis, Levi, Smeath, Green, Weston-Arnold, Coyne, Keen, Head, Foster and Buckingham families for giving up your day to work so hard at school.

Unfortunately, there are always things that go wrong too. It was with great sadness that our Year 1 students, who have been watching the peaches grow this term, have been looking after them and planned how to use them, eagerly walked up on the given day with their teacher to pick them. Much to their horror, they found them all gone. ☹️ You can imagine how upset they were. The lesson that was planned to stew some apples and peaches had to be changed to try and save the day but it was all very sad. They even organised for Rob Reid to trap a possum who they found was starting to eat bits of the fruit – and luckily he caught him!

It is rather upsetting to know that between Wednesday and Friday someone had come – just as the peaches were ready for picking and stole them. Please look out for people on our property doing things like this and let us know.

On a better note - please think of Lillian Reid who is doing the Relay for Life this weekend!

We have a lot of lost property out in the corridors. Shona kindly folded every item so beautifully it looks like a shop – please make a plan to come look through it. We struggle to find the owners if the clothes are not named properly.

Mosaic: On Monday morning at 9.30am we will have a little celebration of our mosaic work done at the pool with Mrs Marija Walker who led the whole project.

The vet came to look at one of our Alpacas as she was walking a bit funny. It seems as if she has some arthritis. Hopefully the injection and supplements will help.

The Country Calendar filming has finished now and it looks as if the Country Calendar story will be showing on 4 June. It has about 8 minutes of footage of the school.

Thank you very much to everyone who has paid the donations to support the school. It supports us to provide better services to our students. One very big issue for us is to keep our class sizes small or provide teacher aide time. Because of your support, we have been able to do this! 😊

Thank You
Bastienne Kruger
Principal

Upcoming Dates:

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| April | |
| 2 nd | Weetbix Tryathlon |
| 3 rd | Swimming Pool Mosaics 9.30am |
| 5 th | PTA Meeting 7pm playcentre |
| 13 th | End of Term 1 |

Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Jacqui Kehoe for helping us sort out the resources in the Junior Resource room.

PTA Lunches

Ham & Cheese Toasties - \$3 – Friday 31st March.

ROOM 2 REQUEST

We are on the search for small ottoman seats or even the small footrests that we can have as seats in our class for when we are working with the teacher. If you have any lying around and you don't want the anymore we would love to have them. Thank you.



Hukerenui School PTA is doing an awesome fundraiser!

We're selling books of discount vouchers for Auckland, Northland and Bay of Islands areas. You only have to use a few vouchers and the books has paid for itself. Each book is \$70 and the PTA will receive \$14 for each book sold. There is even a digital book for easier savings. Retailers include McDonalds, nectar café, NZ fudge farm, Ezibuy, JB hi-fi & Magshop to name a few. There is a sample book in the foyer at school. Purchase before 8th April to receive early bird bonus offers. Contact Chrissy Harrison for more info.

Riponui Hall

Working Bee & Community Lunch, 10am Sunday 2nd April

Goals for the day:

Painting the exterior (preparation for this will be executed prior) General clean and tidy up of the inside

Have a casual shared lunch and an informal chat as to how we wish to proceed improving and renting the hall.

Bring a plate to share - bbq sausages & bread provided ☺

Please bring any paint brushes, mops, buckets and anything you think might be handy on the day

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Bernie Collins 4338322 or Annette Brown 021 498028

Creative Writing Workshops

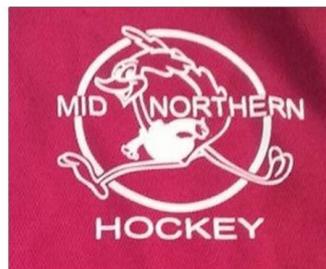
Do you love writing stories? Join local author and creative writing tutor, Donna Blaber, on Thurs 20th and/or Fri 21st April from 9am-3pm. Only 12 per class; best suited to Yr5 & 6 students. \$35 per day. For more info please visit www.donnablaber.com/schoolhols.html and follow the links to book.

Room 4 Preschool Visits

Today in Room 4 we welcomed Evelyn, Wyatt and Jack for their first visit to school before next term. We are looking forward to seeing you all again next Thursday!



Baby Boss Movie night supporting girls KIS Hockey. Wednesday 19 April at 6pm \$20 a ticket including small drink and popcorn plus spot prizes. For tickets phone Kim 0275 339973/4339973



MID NORTHERN HOCKEY

We are looking for a few extra players for our E and C grade teams. Have you got a Year1-2 or Year 5-6 looking to play a winter sport. Starts May 13th.

Encourage your child/ren to come along to give it a go day on Monday 3rd April lunchtime @ Hukerenui School courts.

Look us up on Facebook or contact Stacey Ruddell on 0273652233