

HUKERENUI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

I think we can start counting down to the last day of school now! The year has really flown. School has been a hive of activity and it is so pleasing to see so many parents buzzing in and out, supporting us to get better at what we do.

Today room 2 went on a trip to Kerikeri to visit the bee shop. They are the class who has been taking care of the bees and has learnt so much. Thank you Tessa and Ms B for all the work you have put in to develop the learning and providing fantastic experiences for the class.

Tessa showed Room 2 today how to melt and clean bees wax so it can be used for balms and other products. It was so clever!

Room 7 and some Year 6 students are on the way to their next snorkelling trip – but still need parent support. Room 7 is also going on a survival camp during the last week of school. Very exciting!

Don't forget about Market Day next Friday – 8 December. Please let as many outside people know as you can so they can attend and help buy all our fantastic products! See details on the time further on in the newsletter. Please make sure you are there early as products sell out very quickly!

Thank you so much to the PTA for their awesome support to our school. They have worked so hard to make money for us and will again help with sports equipment, resources for our play based learning class as well as paying to extend our pool fence out so it can become a more social friendly area. It will be so much better if we can fit everyone inside the pool area on swimming sports day! Thank you for all your efforts PTA ladies - we are so lucky to have you!

Our prize giving will be in daytime this year. We will send out letters of invitation – with the class list of students who are receiving awards.

What the award is will not be stated, but it will give you an opportunity to decide whether you want to attend our prize giving. We would appreciate your support in attending. We are trialling it this year and would appreciate your feedback.

It is with great regret that we have to let you know that Mrs Tania Macdonald will be leaving us. We want to congratulate her on winning an RTLB position. We will miss her very much. I have been observing teachers who are interested in the position and hope to be interviewing some candidates next week. I am positive that we will find an awesome teacher for the position.

We now have Bokashi composting systems in each class. This system will help us composting those food types that do not usually go into our outside compost. Dairy, meat, bread are a few of those. This will provide sustainability of dealing with our food scraps here at school – not having to rely on someone who has a pig to feed!

Thank you again to all parents who have been so awesome in transporting and providing supervision to our students when going out on day trips. Without your help, these trips will not be able to take place at all!

Thank You

Bastienne Kruger
Principal

Upcoming Dates:

December	
5 th	Y6-8 2 nd EMR Trip Y0-3 Paihia Trip
6 th	BOT meeting
8 th	Market Day 11.15am
12 th	Prize giving 10.30am Domain Rd
13 th	Year 7 & 8 camp
15 th	End of term 12pm

February 2018

1st **Start of Term 1**

Last day

The last day of term 4 will be on Friday 15th December, school will be closed at 12pm and the buses will depart at 12pm. Thank you.

Start date 2018

The date has changed to Thursday 1st February 2018. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Chicken Pox is at our school, please keep an eye out for spots and keep your child home until the spots have crusted over.

Prize giving

The end of year prize giving will be held at the Hukerenui Hall on Domain Road. We will start at 10.30am. If you would like to take your child/ren home afterwards please let the teacher know. Buses will run at the normal time.

Boxes

We need boxes for packing up library books – if you have any at home please send them in, thank you.

School Pool

The pool is now open for use; your child's teacher will let the children know when they can start bringing their togs and towel. Please make sure all clothing is named as things often get mixed up in the changing rooms.

The pool is available for hire over the summer months, the cost for this is \$90 which includes a \$15 bond for the return of the key. Pool keys are not to be leant out to other families, each family wanting to use the pool will need to arrange their own key. The maintenance of our pool is not funded by the Ministry of Education, all costs associated with the pool are our cost so we appreciate your support.

A copy of the agreement and rules of hiring the pool is attached.

We would like to say **Thank you** to the following farms who have nominated our school to receive the proceeds from Affco's 2017 Bobby Calf Cash for Schools Programme – we have received \$186.80!

Jordan Valley Farm, Imeson family, Corbett family, Glynderm Farm, McHardy farm, Smeath family, Powell family and Van Harlingen family. We appreciate your support very much!

Library

Thank you Angie for spending most of your week at school, we have now done the write-offs for the library in preparation for next week's stocktake....you are a legend!

Weetbix Tryathlon

Sunday 8 April 2018 Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Kids need to be 7-15 years old. Go onto the website to register then make sure you put your kids name under our school group.
<https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/bay-of-islands>

Room 2 trip to Kerikeri

