

HUKERENUI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Tālofa lava. Afio mai.

It is getting colder now and it is really important that students come to school dressed warmly. We know children don't feel the cold, but please make sure they are warm. The weather changes so much in one day we often have students shivering by the end of the day.

Another big problem now is that if all clothes are not named, we cannot get the property back to the child. It is incredible the amount of lost property that is left in the baskets at school. We can only help if they are named. Please make an effort to do this.

Our last fundraiser for the problem solving team is on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets to attend, or donated money in support. I hope you all have a fabulous evening! Have fun on the bus – make it a fun trip!

The field is very wet and muddy and we cannot always keep the children from playing there. It is a very good idea to put a clean change of clothes in your child's bag. We have already had so many muddy children who had to be re-dressed ☺

Teachers are doing many assessments now. Please make sure students are at school – it is really important.

Thank You

Bastienne Kruger
Principal

Hukerenui Netball: Saturday 26 May

Gold Y3/4 – 9.15am Court 4 – Andrea's team
Stars Y6 – 10.00am Court 13 – Kim's team
Blue Y1/2 - 9.15am Court 5a – Ursula's team
Diamonds Y5 – 9.15am Court 14 Jared's team
Intermediates – 12.55pm Court 7 – Steve's team

Upcoming Dates:

May

25th Sausage sizzle \$2
26th Duke of Marlborough Dinner

June

4th Queen's birthday
5th WPSSA Y5 & Y6 Sports Day
13th WPSSA Postponement Day
15th R6 & R7 Matariki Hangi
21st Teachers Union Meeting
29th Maromaku Sports Day

Rooms 6 and 7 Matariki Hangi

To celebrate Matariki this year, Ms Craig and Miss Baldwin are putting down a hangi. If there is anyone in the community that could assist, it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the office if you are able to help with planning and laying the hangi.

We have a lovely new sign at school!

It shows you where all our exciting projects are in the school grounds. And yes, the gardens leading to the office are undergoing a revamp too!



Teachers Union Meeting

Our teachers will attend a Union meeting on 21st June. Buses will leave school at 12pm to allow them to attend the 1pm meeting.

Juicies will available for \$1.50. Proceeds will go towards Year 7 & 8 Camp.

Coming to our school soon:

Kids Safe with Dogs has been created to educate children on how to interact with dogs safely with the aim of reducing dog bites in NZ.



Hukerenui Playcentre update

If you've been to school recently, you will have seen the new building going up opposite the Tech Centre. This is the new, purpose-built Hukerenui Playcentre, which has been a work in progress for the last few years. The building is almost complete and work will start on the playground soon.

Our Playcentre families are planning on starting Term Three in the new building which is very exciting. In the meantime, everyone is welcome to come along to a session in our current building. To find us, please just carry on up the driveway, past the shed with the red door and into the next carpark.

We are open Mondays and Thursdays 9am until 12.30pm and welcome all children ages 0-6. We also have a wonderful Transition to School Program on Friday mornings 9am-12.30pm for four year olds. We have a close relationship with the new entrant class and these sessions are an amazing opportunity for our four year olds to meet their new teacher and classmates in a fun, relaxed environment.

We'd love to see you at any of our sessions.



This is not a stick...

It's a wand
It's a guitar
It's a shovel
It's a horse
It's a baton
It's a telescope
It's a sword
It's a microphone
It's a ski pole
It's a spoon
It's a fishing pole
It's a treasure finder
It's a paddle.

and anything else a child can imagine!

Garden transformation!



These keen gardeners from Room 2 came up with a proposal to revamp the gardens in front of the office. They planned a design, a list of plants and presented it to Mrs Kruger.

They are transforming this area from an overgrown shrubbery into an edible garden. Their first challenge is clearing the shrubs and weeds and they have been out there at every opportunity.

Once that is done, they will prepare the soil and be ready to plant their edible plants! They will experiment with propagating some plants from the school orchard, such as the dwarf guavas. If anyone has any edible plants or seedlings they'd like to donate, please let the office know. These students have planned this all themselves, and would appreciate any donations.



Piano Lessons

We have someone who can potentially come and teach piano/music theory at Hukerenui School during school time. This would be an arrangement between the tutor and the family. We are unsure of the cost, at this stage we would just like to gauge the interest. Please contact Helen in the office if you are interested.