

HUKERENUI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Issue No 25: Term 3

30 August 2018

www.hukerenui.school.nz

School Phone: 09 433 9895

Cell Phone: 027 235 0099

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

Congratulations to our cross-country athletes who competed at Barge park on Wednesday! It is a gruelling track and for anyone to even complete it is such an achievement!

On Friday, it is daffodil day! Please make an effort to support by sending some money with your child to buy a daffodil. We would like to support the cancer society to help beat this horrible disease.

It has been concerning to hear of the horrible shooting in Florida. It brought to the fore the fact that the games children play on line has a devastating effect on our youth. They live in a world of make believe, which is extremely dangerous in the long run.

Please make sure you know which games your child/ren are playing on their play stations and against who. We have already had incidents here at school where students engaged in serious arguments because of these games they play online against each other at home.

Students very easily fall in the trap of living in this make believe world, based on competing against virtual figures, but this increasingly becomes their reality. In these games, the characters often have more than one "life". This is very concerning as student start believing that this is reality – thinking that everyone has more than one life.

Congratulations Ms Baldwin for staying at Hukerenui School for 25 years. Thank you so much to Mason's mum Lesley Roberts for baking the most amazing cake for the occasion! It was beautiful and made the day!

The new Playcentre building is looking amazing. Congratulations to all of you who have worked so hard on this vision and dream! It is amazing and such a wonderful asset to Hukerenui! Well done!

Our edible garden in front of the office, designed and planted by some very enthusiastic students in Ms Wellington's room is beginning to take shape now! Thank you Stephen Watkins our caretaker for your fantastic support there!

Thank you Ms Baldwin, the enviro leaders and problem solving team for taking on board the completion of our Tremendous application. They have started on the work required for the next stage of the application and it is quite a lot of research, costing, designing and planning! Well done all of you!

Just a reminder ☺ Our fencing is only effective if the gates are closed. Please help us by closing the gate to the courts if you see it was left open. It is opened for the bus students to walk through – but has been left open at times.

It has been reported to the school that a parent has been doing donuts and burnouts at the Whakapara Hall while the students are waiting for the bus. We are disappointed that this is happening as it makes it unsafe for our students and is not setting a good example for our young people. Please refrain from doing this.

We are thinking of many of our parents struggling with calving at the moment. We are aware that things may be a bit hectic at home at the moment. ☺ Hopefully it will all calm down soon.

Thank You

Bastienne Kruger
Principal

Upcoming Dates:

August

31st Room 3 bake sale morning tea
31st Daffodil Day. Donation box in office

September

9th – 14th Year 7 & 8 Camp
18th Poetry Recital Competition
21st Assembly at Akerama Marae
25th Room 6, 7 & 8 Kaikohe trip
28th End of Term 3



AG Day

Please register your entry at the office. All trophies including central day trophies need to be returned please.

Poetry Recital Competition

This year we have changed our annual speech competition to a Poetry recital competition. This is a school wide competition and each classroom will hold their recital on a day chosen by the teacher. The finals competition will be held on 18th September for the finalist of each class.

Mud!!

We have lots of mud and lots of children needing a change of clothes, PLEASE put a change of clothes in their bags! – especially the youngsters.

Message from DOC

The Department of Conservation Whangarei intends to apply cereal baits containing Sodium Fluoroacetate (1080) to parts of Russell Forest and the Cape Brett peninsula. The purpose of this operations is to control rats and possums for the protection of forest ecosystems. This will occur from the 10th of September 2018; this operation is weather dependant so an exact date cannot be given. Information packs can be forwarded by email if you contact Helen in the school office.



Northland

30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

www.frazzledkiwi.co.nz



KEEP CALM AND JOIN THE PTA

BUT WHY?

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR CHILDREN!

- ✓ You are your children's most important role model. Showing your children you value their education will teach them to value it as well.
- ✓ Research has shown that children whose parents are involved in their school get better results and have fewer disciplinary problems.

IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

- ✓ At PTA meetings you can have your say. You can raise concerns, suggest ideas and input into how funds are spent.
- ✓ You will meet like-minded people and make new friends. It's not all hard work; there is a social side too!
- ✓ Whether you want to organise an event or simply help out on the day, you can utilise your existing skills & hobbies, and most likely acquire some new ones too!
- ✓ And most importantly, you will be in the know! You will find out what's going on in school and get to know members of staff better.

IT'S GOOD FOR THE SCHOOL!

- ✓ Schools are becoming more and more dependent on PTA's for fundraising revenue to supplement the school budget.
- ✓ You will play an important role in helping the school to acquire key resources as well as reward the children with some well-earned treats.