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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers /Whanau

16 December 2019

Principal's Panui

Me te wai
Kōrari

Like honey
of the flax

The positivity encapsulated in this proverb reflects grace, compassion and a bright future. That positivity also has to be in the 'now'. That positivity and creativity was exemplified with the Art from the Heart exhibition staged at the school last week. The messages that children shared through their pieces was deep learning at it's best.

I am proud of my staff for the process they went through with students, as they drove the focus on a particular New Zealand artist and the consequent product. This is no small feat as handing over ownership to the class isn't as easy as it sounds. Our move to digital real time reporting will allow this time of creativity to flourish as we move from the time-consuming traditional written report. Your written feedback has been substantial in number and quality. You can be sure that this motivates and inspires teachers and students alike. What a great way to end the year!

Room 20 and 21 are currently being refurbished and should be ready by the start of Term1. These new rooms are slightly different to our traditional classrooms as they have interlinking spaces that can be used by teachers and children to work collaboratively. Parents with children in these rooms will be given more information about these new classrooms next year, and there will be opportunities to come and see learning in action in an Open Day, date to be confirmed.

This morning you received an email of your child's class and teacher for next year. These decisions are made carefully, taking a number of factors into consideration. We are unable to accommodate requests for a particular teacher from parents.

Linc-ed is our new online Student Management System which we implemented in Term 2 this year. Teachers have been entering information about your child's learning across this year. Parents will be able to access this information online early next year. We will have parent/whanau evenings detailing how Linc-ed works, including log-in and passwords. You will then be able to print out a summary of progress if required.

With these type of celebrations there is also some sadness as we honour those that are moving on to new adventures. Paul Mahler is moving to Tauranga, winning a position at Tauranga Primary. Brittany Reekie has been chosen to teach at a primary school in Rarotonga. Richard Yates will be teaching at Halsey Drive School. In turn we welcome Lisa Piper (Y0/1), Jonathan Kelly (Y5/6), Val Devereux (Y5/6) and Zak Andersson (Y3/4) to Hillpark in 2020.

Digital safety is a primary concern in this day and age. It has come to our attention that several Hillpark students have Tik – Tok accounts. Tik -Tok is a social media site with very little security or monitoring. The recommended age for joining is 16 years of age. We have observed some of our students making inappropriate videos in school uniform, and uploading them, as well as more innocent material such as singing and dancing to a song. I have been in touch with Family Zone, a company specialising in internet safety. They have informed me that this site is a dangerous place for children to be involved with. As it is open to whoever wants to view content, it is littered with violence, racism and pornography. Students of your children's age are therefore vulnerable to members posing as another identity. Be aware of your children's online activity and help us educate them about the pitfalls of this type of social media exposure.

The end of the year is such a positive (and sad) time for our Year 6 students. It is a tradition in some schools to have one's peers 'sign' their shirts. We have made a decision not to allow this, as parents have made it clear that they do not appreciate the practice. This includes other shirts that are not school uniform. Many wish to donate uniform or save it for siblings. We embrace organised water activities and a host of other fun activities for our graduates but not the defacing of clothing. See you all at prizegiving tonight!

Ka kite

Gavin Beere



Awhina i te kainga

The Great Summer Read—He Pānuitanga raumati

Dive into the Auckland Libraries holiday fun reading challenges from 1 December 2019 to 31 January 2020 and be in to win books, designer glasses, ereaders tickets to Auckland's hottest attractions and more.

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10 Specsavers vouchers (free eye examination, two pairs of glasses from any range and prescribed lenses). T&Cs apply. 7 gift vouchers (for four people) to a Sky Sport NZ Breakers game 3 Kobo Clara eReaders from Noel Leeming Ltd 4 \$100 Britomart Black gift cards 5 double passes to Auckland Theatre Company's show, Black Lover

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Best of all, it's **FREE** to join!

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manurewans@hotmail.co.nz

Dates to Remember



16 December: Prizegiving on the School Field **6.00-7.30 pm**
In the event of rain, we will move to the hall

18 December: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-12.30 PM FINISH, childcare is closed for the year, please arrange alternate care for your child/children

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS
SEE YOU ALL IN THE NEW YEAR**



TERM DATES 2020

3 FEBRUARY — 9 APRIL

28 APRIL — 3 JULY

20 JULY — 25 SEPTEMBER

12 OCTOBER — 15 DECEMBER

children communication committee fundraising PTA school pupils staff parents rewarding events organisation ideas teachers



PTA Christmas Raffle

Prize draw announcement. Five draws will take place during School Prize Giving on Monday 16th December.

Tickets on sale now \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, cash sales only.

Last chance to go on the draw is Monday just prior to the start of Prize Giving. (6.00 pm)

See the Prize detail as follows:

Draw 1

32" Veon TV, \$100 Urban Soul voucher, Kids gift basket from Harveys Real Estate, Gravity trampoline pass, \$10 off Escape Masters voucher, Sparkling wine.

Draw 2

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Draw 3

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Draw 4

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Draw 5

New World Gift Basket, NZ Uniforms backpack, socks and reusable coffee cups, Signed netball, Gravity trampoline pass, \$10 off Escape Masters voucher, Sparkling wine



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16th -20th of December 2019 – EPSOM ONLY

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13th -17th of January 2020 – Epsom, Howick and Karaka
20th -24th of January 2020 – Hamilton and North Shore

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Get active with whānau this summer



Being physically active is good for our mood, overall health and can provide hours of fun. Summer is a great time to be active together as whānau. Here are some fun physical activity ideas to fill in the summer holidays:

- Collect shells or driftwood at the beach.
- Play nature bingo – create a list of things to find and whoever finds them all first wins!
- Explore somewhere new.
- Have a concert or dance party in the backyard.
- Try a game of backyard cricket or touch rugby.
- Challenge some friends to a game of ultimate frisbee.
- Look out for free local activities which provide opportunities to be active.



For more information, visit: heartfoundation.org.nz



Counties Manukau Cricket Holiday Skills Clinics

Come along to our Cricket Skills Clinics running during the January School Holidays. These sessions focus on learning new skills as well as helping improve existing ones, all in a fun game based environment.



These sessions are FREE to attend! Each day runs at the same times

Year 5-8 - 9am-1pm

Year 1-4 - 1.30pm-4pm

Monday 20 January - Mountfort Park, Weymouth

Tuesday 21 January - Pulman Park, Papakura

Wednesday 22 January - Karaka Sports Park, Karaka

Thursday 23 January - Massey Park, Waiuku

Friday 24 January - Bledisloe Park, Pukekohe

To register go to www.countiesmanukaucricket/school/holiday-programmes or for more information, please email development@countiesmanukaucricket.co.nz

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Enrol online: <http://skids.aimy.co.nz>



We offer 20 free hours for 3-6 year olds.
Open Hours: 8.45am - 2.45pm



At Hillpark we aim to offer a wide variety of experiences that supports children's interest and strengths. We have lots of fun while learning many skills and gaining knowledge. We value social skills, self-confidence and leadership, and provide opportunities for the children to practice these skills regularly. We are a bronze EnviroSchool.

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