



Newsletter

Term 1 Number 05 - 20 March 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou

Next Monday and Tuesday your children are facilitating their first Student Led Conferences for 2015. We strive to achieve 100% attendance at the conferences, as they are a valued aspect of your children's education and their opportunity to share with you what they are learning and the goals they have set for themselves. If you haven't booked already please do so by visiting

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Access code is ALZ36

If you are unable to book online please contact Brenda in the office and she will be able to do this for you. Your child's teacher will contact you in the event of a booking not being made.

Office Assistant

This week we have welcomed Mrs Louise Salzwedel onto our staff as Brenda's assistant in the office. Louise is 'learning the ropes' at present as she settles into her new role.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Our school is very fortunate to have a dedicated team of parents who get together to support school initiatives and provide valued opportunities, along with a lot of fun, to draw our community together. This year is Gala year and we all know what a success that was in 2013.

Next week is the PTA AGM, followed by their first meeting for 2015. New members are always welcome! We'd love to see you there!

Thursday 26 March

AGM 6.30pm

Meeting 7.00pm

Boys-n-Blokes Night

What a well-supported and fun evening the boys-n-blokes had! Thanks everyone for supporting this initiative and I hope you will come along again to other such evenings as we work together to support our boy's learning and engagement with school. Many thanks to the Board of Trustees who are right behind the initiative and providing the necessary funds to be able to run these events. It is also a big thanks to Simon Beale, from Project Energise, who gave his time and joined in along with speaking to the group. Thinking caps are on for the next event – watch this space!

Bible in Schools

The programme has commenced this week. A reminder that if you do not wish for your child to participate you must advise the school in writing. Unfortunately we no longer have an accurate record of those children who did not attend last year so if you wish for them to still not participate and you haven't let us know again this year, please do so. Thank you.

Interschool Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all our swimmers who took part in these last week. As always you represented us with pride and displayed positive behaviour and support for each other. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who, along with providing transport, also showed their support for our competitors.

Whanau Groups

We have some exciting changes of the way, including a 4th Whanau Group. Next week you will receive a special newsletter explaining these changes and letting you know which Whanau group your children are in, along with an invitation to join us for our first Whanau Day for 2015 on Thursday 2nd April. Mark this date in your diary now and look for the newsletter next week with more information about it.

I'm going to finish this week with a poem that was shared via my grandson's childcare's Facebook page that I enjoyed reading. I treasure its message, as I firmly believe our children need the opportunity to be just that – children!

Go The Black Caps tomorrow! Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Nga mihi nui

Vicki Saunders
Principal

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Just Playing

By Anita Wadley

When I'm building in the block room, please don't say I'm "just playing"
For you see, I'm learning as I play, about balance and shapes.
Who knows? I may be an architect someday.

When I am getting dressed up, setting the table, caring for the babies.
Don't get the idea I'm "just playing". For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a mother or a father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint or standing at an easel, or moulding
and shaping clay, please don't let me hear you say "He is just playing"
For you see, I'm learning as I play, I'm expressing myself and being creative.
I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair "reading" to an imaginary audience.
Please do not laugh and think I'm "just playing".
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a teacher someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for bugs, or packing my pockets with choice
things I find, don't pass it off as "just playing". For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some "plaything" at school.
Please don't feel the time is wasted in "play". For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and to concentrate.
I may be in business someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods, please don't think that because I enjoy it, it is "just playing".
I'm learning to follow directions and see differences.
I may be a chef someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run and move my body, please don't say I'm "just playing".
For you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm learning how my body works.
I may be a doctor, nurse or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today, and I say, "I just played"
Please don't misunderstand me. For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work. I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I am a child and my work is play.

To go directly to our website using a QR reader on your smartphone, use the QR code below.



Final Newsletter for Term One

Our final newsletter for Term 1 will come home on Wednesday 1st April.

• • **Book Fair - 2015** • •

Our first Scholastic Book Fair for 2015 will take place in the library from Monday 23 March. Our hope is many of you will visit the fair while in the school for student led conferences. As always the profits from the fair go directly back into library and school resources and texts for our children.

The Book fair will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings before school from 8am.

Thank you in advance for supporting this.

Stationery Fees

A friendly reminder all stationery fees are now due. Thank you to all those who have paid their fees already. Please contact Brenda at the office if you wish to set up an Automatic payment.

Notifying of absences...

Parents and caregivers can **text** when children are sick and going to be absent from school.

You can also send an email from our website www.tkp.school.nz - go to absences and follow the prompts. If you are texting about an absence you can now reply to that number.

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te tangata ra.

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<http://www.korero.maori.nz/news/mlw>

The tamoko extended to his lips and chin.

PTA

Please join us at the PTA AGM – Thursday 26 March at 6.30pm

Nominations open for Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a group of parent and teacher volunteers that meet approximately once a month in the school staff room. Our purpose is to raise funds and deliver events that support our school and encourage whanau and community to get involved in their children's education.

Anyone can join the PTA. And if you are super keen you can even nominate yourself for a leadership role as Chair, Treasurer or Secretary. The PTA will vote on those positions at our AGM on Thursday 26 March at 6.30pm in the staff room. The AGM is also the forum where we approve our audited accounts, agree on our annual donations to the school and plan our year ahead. Plus there is cake! We would love to see you there. Your voice, your ideas will make our PTA even better.

If you can't make the meeting but would like to stay in touch with the PTA please return this slip to the office:

I'd like to keep in touch with the PTA:

Name: _____

Name and Room of Children at School: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Coming Up:

- March 23-26 : Book Fair - in the school library
- March 23-24 : Student Led Conferences
- March 25 : BOT Meeting
- April 01 : Final Newsletter for Term 1
- April 02 : Last Day of Term 1 (Thursday)
- April 03 : Good Friday (Easter) School holidays
- April 20 : Term 2 commences (Monday)

NUTRITION CLAIMS

LITE / LIGHT

This doesn't necessarily mean low in fat. It could mean low in energy (kj), sugar, colour, salt, etc.

Check the label to find out what is really going on.



Community News:



DISCO NIGHT

Venue: Huntly West School Hall
Date: Friday 20th March
Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Cost: \$2 (pre-sale tickets) available from room 7 Huntly West School. Please ring or txt number at the top of page and check for available times, otherwise \$3 door sales apply.

Please Note: Children under 5 must have adult supervision at all times.

Canteen open throughout serving:

- Steak & Onion sandwiches
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