



Hataitai School Newsletter

Thursday March 24th 2011

Term 1 Week 8



Calendar

School Disco- Tonight
Working Bee – Sunday
Year 7/8 Camp
Last day of Term – *Friday*

March 24th
April 3rd 3-5pm
April 4th – 8th
April 15th

Kia Ora Koutou

Three new pupils have been welcomed in Whakaari this week. Welcome to Will Abbott, Beck Halliday and Angus Carnegie who all share the same birthday! We hope you and your family have many happy years here at Hataitai School and you grow to love learning.

On Tuesday of this week the teaching staff held our first Curriculum Integrated Professional Development evening. We worked on a variety of modules but most importantly we began a Self Review in schoolwide Reading. We know that many of the children are achieving very well here at Hataitai which is very affirming. Now we want to develop and eventually implement ways of 'raising the bar of student learning and achievement' even more. One question we began to ask ourselves on Tuesday was 'What do the children know about their own learning and achievement; and what are their next learning steps'? Please continue to encourage your children to have 'learning conversations' with you at home so that they are constantly being affirmed for all the wonderful things they are doing and the effort they are applying to their learning during the school day.

Tonight we are holding the School Disco for Term One. Please come along and have some fun and support the sports fundraising. My sincere thanks to Pip and Natalie for the time they have put in to organise this event. I have been very impressed with the number of students who have signed up and will be participating in various sports teams. Hataitai School is well represented in the wider sports and local community.

This week I will be having the first meeting with our new Student Ambassadors. They have already been very responsive to opportunities which have presented themselves during the week.

Have a happy and safe week.
Kind regards, Jacinta



Eyes wide open



Make the Right Choice



Bring out the Best



Reach for the Stars

Included This Week

Principal Piece
Community News
Holiday Programme Info
Sports News

An inspiration:

'Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.'

-Robert Louis Stevenson

Mutterings from a mother

This week's muttering is easy to write... It's a big THANK YOU.

It's Discovery Time, and there is a group of very excited year 1s and 2s baking chocolate chip cookies in the staffroom with a mother. There is another mother sitting in there sorting the pizza order for the students. Over in the classrooms there are more parents helping with reading.

Recently the Year 5s and 6s have been on camp. Several parents were in attendance, and camp wouldn't have been possible without them. Jacinta commented on how positive, supportive and encouraging the parents were with the kids.

Behind the scenes a group of parents are working away to arrange the next big fundraising event in May. Outside, the gardens are being nurtured and tended by yet another group of parents. Of course, the Board of Trustees is yet another group of parents who contribute massively to the successful running of the school. And so it goes on...

Our school is a wonderful place for our kids to be. It would be less wonderful if the parent community didn't pitch in and support the staff and school so willingly. Our teachers work incredibly hard to provide our kids with all sorts of amazing opportunities, and they know they can go the extra mile because when they need help they will get it.

Thank you, for your help and support. All of you. You help to make Hataitai School what it is.

Meanwhile, the chocolate chip cookies are nearly done...the children are happy, the parents are on their way home, and I might sneak in to the staffroom and see if there are any left over....

Cheers
Merryn B

Fundraising Focus

Iceblocks

Quick word of thanks to David and Bernie for lending a hand with the sale of iceblocks last week!

No iceblocks this Friday. Hang on to those \$\$s for one last cool treat this term, Friday 1 April.

Disco Sausage Sizzle

Big Thanks to the Cordwell's for the BBQ donation and lads for sizzling sausages for tonight's disco. Enjoy a quick snack for dinner from 5.45 for the junior disco and also before the senior disco starts too.

Quaffer's Quiz

The Quaffer's Quiz organization is continuing, we'll providing details before the end of term so that everyone can start thinking about childminding arrangements for what will be a fabulous night out. Many thanks to those that have agreed to help out. Especially Cath Aiken for taking on such a core role.

Newsletters

Please 'Sign Up' to have your Newsletter emailed!! Contact the Office to organise having your newsletter emailed.

Email: office@hataitai.school.nz with your child's name (eldest/only) and 'Newsletter' in the subject line from the email address you'd like it sent to, or call into the Office!

Also, a request to all new families to please sign up - it's a huge saving on school resources and for our environment!!



Student Accounts



Thank you to those of you who have already paid your fees- it is much appreciated.

Receipts will be sent home next week - so please check your child's bag!

Payment can be made by cheque or cash directly to the Office (cash or cheque) - or paid online to:

Hataitai School ASB 12-3140-0331710-00

Swimming Lessons 2011

Start Term 2 for Yrs 1-6

The lessons will be starting in Week 1 & finishing in Week 11. The first week will consist of swim tests to ascertain yours child's level & then the lessons will begin in Week 2:

Yr 1 Fridays 12-1pm

Yr 2/3 Wednesdays 12-1pm

Yr 4-5 Thursdays 9-10am

Yr 6 Tuesdays 12-1pm

Hataitai Kindergarten

Invite you to join them for the launch of their cookbook 'Hataitai Kai'

on Thursday 7 April @ 7.30pm

Come and sample some of the delicious fare from the cookbook, catch up with your friends and have a glass of wine!

CASH BAR ONLY

RSVP:

hataitai@wn-kindergarten.org.nz

Lost Property



There is a large amount of lost property in the area beside the toilets in the middle block (by the Office) - lots of sweatshirts, a few jackets etc...

Please take the time to pop in & search for items that you're probably unaware are even missing or get your child to have a look!!

Any items still left on the last day of the term, will be donated to charity.

So please come & check...

Our Place Your Place



Working Bee Sunday 3rd April 3-5pm
(Note: Day light saving ends on that Sunday)

The up and coming Working Bee will focus on trimming branches, clearing the gutters, preparing the alpine garden and planting a new garden at the Hataitai Road entrance. So there will be a job for all, big or small or even making the cups of tea. The children usually have a great time and often muck in too. Bring along your tools - rakes, wheelbarrows, spades, handsaws, loppers and trowels are all useful. It is a good idea to name them to avoid confusion.

We are still looking for donations of native grasses, astelias and rocks for the alpine garden.

We hope to see you there, fingers crossed for the weather.

Contact Rachael Meikle ph 801 6694 or rach.guy@xtra.co.nz if you have questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

autumn knack: Saturday 26th March, 9.30-1.30, Berhampore School, Britomart Street (off Adelaide Road), Berhampore. Time to come and check out a great new range of beautiful, original, New Zealand-made craft and start preparing for winter with style! We have everything from handknits to bags, vintage clothing to Japanese-inspired house shoes, hair accessories to jewellery, and lots of interesting kids' gear and toys. An amazing basket of crafted articles will be raffled to raise money to donate to the Red Cross Christchurch earthquake relief effort. autumn knack will also see the launch of snack cafe, serving fresh coffee and a selection of teas, along with delicious baking. There will also be hot food available which can be packaged up to take home for an easy dinner! Live music will add to the atmosphere, and you can pay for everything with EFTPOS if you want to! For further information contact knack.market@gmail.com or phone Justine on 972 4099 or 027 381 3409.

Capital Rhythmic Gymnastics: Are holding a free Open Day on Saturday 26th March between 10.00 and 11.30 am at the Anglican Chinese Mission, 30-50 Glenmore Street - feel free to drop in, see what we do and give it a try. Recreation Classes are held on Monday from 4-5pm, on Wednesday from 4-5pm and on Saturday from 10-11am. There are typically 6-8 gymnasts per class, taught by qualified coaches. We train at the Anglican Chinese Mission, 30-50 Glenmore Street, opposite the Botanical Gardens. For more information about rhythmic email joboddy@hotmail.com

CASHMERE AVENUE SCHOOL (KHANDALLAH) FAIR AND JUMBLE: Sunday 27th March from 11 am to 3pm, rain or shine. Fun and games for the whole family, quality jumble, kids clothes, toys and lots of delicious food!
St Francis de Sales School Fair: Mersey St, Island Bay, Sunday 27 March 11am - 2pm Come along and enjoy the flavours, fun and fantastic bargains "Around The World in One Day" at St Francis de Sales School Fair. Delicious international food, lots of fun and rides for the children and entertainment for everyone!

Pregnancy Assistance: Do you need clothes, bedding, cloth nappies, or a bassinet for your baby? Pregnancy Assistance gives out FREE baby items to pregnant women and new mothers. Phone 3897122 for more info, or come in and see us at the St Vincent de Paul shop in Newtown. We are open from Wednesday to Friday between 10am and 2pm.

Wanted - Rabbit hutch or similar - please call Joanne 386 2851

Hataitai Dance School: Class times for next term, Pre school - Mondays 2pm, Tuesdays 10.30am, 5-7yrs - Mondays & Tuesday 3.30pm Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) certified teacher Elaine - 04 970 3724

Need Before School/After School Childcare?: NZ Nannies International have Au Pairs available to care for your children & help with housework for up to full time hours in exchange for free board and \$250 per week. The Au Pair can stay for 12-24 months as required. For more info go to www.nznannies.org.nz or email victoria@nznannies.org.nz

Parent Help Wellington Inc. / Community Agency: Parent Help is a community agency that has been offering services to families since 1989. We cater for all parenting concerns, from the smallest problem to the most serious issues. We are an approved Child, Youth and Family Services provider. Our services include a 24 hour Parenting Helpline, Counselling and Family Therapy, Parenting Education Courses including the "Incredible Years Parenting Programme", and Information and resources for parents, professionals and agencies. It is offered to all parents free of cost. Phone: (04) 802 5767 Web-Site: www.parenthelp.org.nz Manager: Dale Powles

Cook Strait Toastmasters: (St Giles Church Annex, Kilbirnie Cres) "Become the Speaker & Leader you want to be" Tues evenings fortnightly 7:15 -9:15 www.cstoastmasters.wellington.net.nz Visitors are always welcome (18 yrs +)

LEARN TO PLAY THE FLUTE: Experienced and fun teacher, 8 years teaching experience, many styles, Students of all levels welcome. Contact Nell: 021 023 84741

Early Morning Outdoor Exercise Class: (Like a Bootcamp only better!) Mon, Wed 6.10am Cog Park, Hataitai Experienced Instructors Newcomers Welcome www.happybodies.co.nz happybodiesnz@gmail.com text.0274 589 779

Wrap it Up Sushi: are pleased to be offering sushi again on Thursday's. A flyer has been sent home (or visit the school website) for information on the varieties and pricing. If you'd like to pre-pay for a term order please e-mail Jane at wrapitupsushi@gmail.com

Do you need a part/full time nanny?: I have 17 years experience, my own car, am creative, dependable, flexible with hours, positive, energetic. Excellent refs on hand.ph 0274724965

Kid Sitting Available- Chrissy ex Hataitai pupil is available for kid/ babysitting. Lives locally and normally is free in weekends, Friday nights. Also can teach art if interested. Phone 027 841 0855 or 971 2418.

Babysitter Available: Experienced & reliable former Hataitai pupil available for babysitting. Please contact Holly Caughley on 027 728 1315

Babysitter Available: Friendly and mature babysitter available! Work full time in an early childhood centre and looking for weeknight and weekend babysitting! Call Ana on 027 3204671.

Tai Chi Group: Hataitai School Hall. Monday's 7pm-8pm. All enquiries to Bev Calvert 970 2655

Babysitter: ex Hataitai student responsible, reliable teenage girl keen to baby sit. Ph Anna on 386 3312

Holiday Programme Information

Children's Pottery Classes:

3 mornings (10-12 pm) or afternoons (1-3 pm) on the 27th, 28th, 29th April 2011 at Wellington Potters Rooms, Grant Rd, Thorndon 4 x 2 hour sessions \$60.00 includes clay and firing. Maximum of 9 students, ages 7 to 14 years. Phone 233-0003 Rosemary O'Hara, Potter and Registered Teacher.

School Holiday Computer Classes:

Educational and enjoyable. One day to one week holiday computer classes for ages 5 to 15. Create 3D games, web design, animations, art and graphics, video editing, programming, PowerPoint, Excel, Word, Access or build and upgrade computers. For further information call Ed Brown on 499 2211 or www.grandtraining.co.nz.

3D Bubble Workshops:

Have you ever wondered how 3D movies like Toy Story and computer games are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop these holidays. For students aged 6 to 18 years. Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438-282) Text: 0270 273 7407 or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Book online at: www.bubbledome.co.nz

Kelly Sports April Holiday Action:

Kelly Sports is running holiday programmes in both weeks of the April holidays. We offer fun, active and challenging programmes for ages 5-10. We run Football, Netball and Mixed Sports workshops aimed at developing sporting skills and improving game play, spatial awareness and teamwork. This holidays we are also launching Kelly Club, our new fulltime holiday care programme. Check out www.ksports.co.nz for more details or call Libby in the office on 049727201. Kelly Sports our fliers are now out for our varied and exciting Term 2 Programmes, Fun Fundamentals and Autumn Antics, keep an eye out for them at school or go to our website for more details. Enrolments now open, spaces are limited – don't miss out!

March 24th 2011

Flippaball

Draw for **Friday 25th March**
NO GAME – NZ Diving Champs – pool closed

Draw for **Friday 1st April**
Hataitai v St Marks 5.00pm

Practice Wednesday 30th March – 7.45am



Waterpolo



Draw for **Monday 28th March 2011**
BYE

No Practice Tommorrow – NZ Diving Champs

E.Zone Miniball

We had a fantastic day at miniball. We played over eight games and were very tired! Both teams were very successful and demonstrated excellent team spirit. Congratulations to the Year 4/5 team who won their division.



2011 Sporting Fixtures coming up

Tue 12 Apr	PSW Football Tournament Year 4-6, mixed and an All girls team	MacAlister Park
Tue 10 May	PSW Football Tournament Year 7-8, mixed and an All girls team	MacAlister Park
Wed 18 May	Eastern Zone Netball Year 4-8	Hataitai Park
Fri 27 May	HATAITAI School Cross Country Year 4-8	Mt Victoria townbelt
Wed 15 Jun	Eastern Zone Cross Country Year 4-8	Martin Luckie Park
Tue 21 Jun	PSW Interzone Cross Country Year 4-8	tba
Wed 29 Jun	Eastern Zone Hockey Year 5-6 (maybe Year 4 if numbers needed)	NHS Mt Albert