



Hataitai School Newsletter

Thursday October 27th
2011

Term 4 Week 1



Calendar

School Athletics – Yr 4-8 – Tomorrow	October 28 th
BOT Election Day voting- last day	November 1 st
Working Bee – Sunday	November 6 th
School Disco - Thursday	November 17 th
Election Day Fair/Summer Fete	November 26 th
Last day of Term – finishing 12.30pm	December 20 th

Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome back to a very exciting beginning to Term 4. We have had much to celebrate with the success of the Rugby World Cup. How proud we were of our students again yesterday when we accompanied them to the parade. Despite marginal weather conditions and a long walk they were all happily engaged in the celebration of the moment. I was highly impressed with the group I stood with – they graciously and quietly moved as they were constantly being asked to shift back and away for the gates to be dismantled to let officials and musicians through.

There have been many highlights from this experience for us all nationally and new life time memories made. I looked up at the players and was in awe of their strength, their determination, professional leadership and contribution to all of New Zealand. What an amazing example they are to the young people of our country. I found I was then reflecting on our own children and realised that we have that very same potential of leadership and excellence in each of our children at Hataitai. Another outstanding memory was our coach Graham Henry - who stood hands outstretched and was continuously saying ‘thank you’ to the crowd. He acknowledged us all; success like this only comes from everyone’s contribution. My heartfelt thanks to the staff and parents who supported us in enabling this opportunity to take place.

This week we have welcomed five new pupils to Whakaari. Welcome Zi Chin, Sophia Gittings, Max Macleman, Elliot Mance and Remy Hollis. May you all have many happy learning years here at Hataitai School. We also welcome a fifth teacher to Whakaari for this term - Amanda Smith. Amanda, we hope you have many happy days here at Hataitai. It is great to have you back with us.

Have a wonderful and happy week.
Kindest regards.
Jacinta



Eyes wide open



Make the Right Choice



Bring out the Best



Reach for the Stars

Included This Week

BOT Election Info &
Candidate Statements
Fundraising Update
Community News
Sports News

An inspiration:

**‘If you can dream it –
you can do it.’**
Walt Disney

Mutterings from a mother

Term 4 Week 1

Well here we are...Term 4 already. 9 weeks until Christmas, and traditionally one of the busiest terms of the school year. So much to fit in. Athletic Sports, Awards Ceremonies, Leavers' Celebrations, End-of-Year assessment, and of course, today, the Rugby World Cup parade.

The walk down with the Year 4s and 5s was orderly and tinged with a sense of anticipation and excitement. The kids were well-behaved and were clearly on a mission.

We arrived in Civic Square and it was almost a bit of a letdown....there was hardly anyone there and it seemed a bit flat. Fast forward an hour or so and things were vastly different. A group of our boys were filmed doing the haka...countless photographers were taking photos...the band was formed up ready to go and we were squashed up against the barriers in a crowd that was 10 people deep.

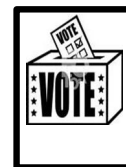
An almighty cheer went up. The All Blacks had arrived! As each truck inched its way past, laden with the men in black, the cheers, flag-waving and revelry was frenetic. Graham, Dan, Richie, Conrad, Piri...they've become household names around the country. To see them up close and personal, to actually see them hold the cup aloft made me proud to be a New Zealander.

Heroes? For some yes, for others, maybe not. Rugby's not everyone's cup of tea.

However, what I hope our children have learnt from the last 6 weeks of RWC is that achieving your goals takes guts, determination and sheer hard work. All the talent in the world is worth nothing if you're not prepared to put in the hours of practice/study/training.

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Merryn



Parent Mid-Term Election Notice - Hataitai School Board of Trustees Election

Voting papers have been posted out and **voting closes at noon on Tuesday, 1st November**
How to return your voting paper:

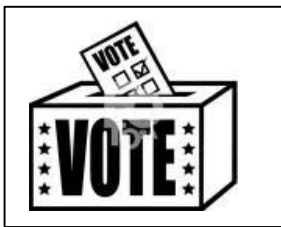
This is a postal election and the voting paper is valid only if returned in the addressed envelope provided - one voting paper per envelope please.

1. If posting your voting paper, you must use the enclosed envelope (**will need a postage stamp**) and post to: Returning Officer, Hataitai School, Arawa Road, Hataitai, Wellington, 6021

Your vote will not be counted unless the envelope is postmarked before the day of the election, 1st November and received by the returning officer no later than 5 days after the date of the election.

2. If delivering your voting paper please ensure that it is delivered before noon on 1st November in the enclosed envelope. It should be taken to: Returning Officer, Hataitai School, Arawa Road, Hataitai, Wellington, 6021

Signed Margaret Woodcock, Returning Officer



Candidate Statements



Merryn Best:

Hi, I'm Merryn Best. We have two boys at Hataitai School – one in Year 1 and the other in Year 4. Both our boys enjoy Hataitai School and we love the fact that our children are part of such a happy, caring community.

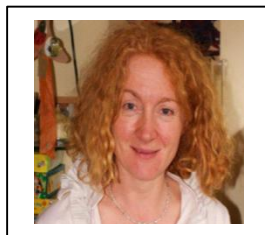
As a former primary teacher I am passionate about education. I firmly believe that the education process is like a living organism that is constantly changing and adapting and that as educators and parents we need to be flexible and open-minded in our approach to our students' education.

As an educator I have had many years of classroom experience, held leadership roles, facilitated professional development for school principals and written and developed teaching resources. I have also been very involved in staff recruitment - a vital part of 'getting it right' for schools. Our teachers, after all, are our most important resource.

Over the last two years I have had the privilege of working with Karyn and now Jacinta on a weekly basis. I work one day each week on a voluntary basis and I relish the opportunity to 'get amongst it' in the school. I have been involved in a number of projects and initiatives which some of you may be aware of. The weekly 'Mutterings' in the newsletter, the Whakaari morning teas, the New Entrants' Welcome Pack, and the Parent Handbook have all had some input from me. I feel that I am lucky to be able to see the school through both my parent eyes and my teacher eyes, giving me a unique perspective on things.

Like any organisation, Hataitai School is on a journey. I have enjoyed the ride so far and I would welcome the opportunity to help guide and support Jacinta and the staff through the next couple of years. I believe that I would bring sound judgement, robustness, and excellent communication skills to the Board table.

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Merryn



Kate Hutchison:

I have put forward my name for the upcoming Hataitai School Board of Trustees elections and hope that you will consider me for one of the positions on the board. I have two children here at Hataitai and have been involved around the school at various times with reading support, fundraising projects and more recently with the school production and the school gardening team (Our Place Your Place).

With the growing maturity of my children, Toby and Lili, I now have more time to contribute to the background governance of our school and I believe I have some appropriate skills and experience to offer.

My education is in both arts and commerce with majors in management, marketing, literature and history. I currently work part time as a gardener and I am the co-owner of a successful local restaurant and catering company. Prior to starting our family, I gained many years international experience as a small/medium business manager which has allowed me to hone my skills in recruitment and team development, strategic planning, financial forecasting and reporting, sales and marketing. I am an excellent networker and communicator, and believe that I am in a good position to represent the ideas and interests of our students, their parents and caregivers, and the wider community on the board, and to bring these to fruition on their behalf.

I believe that Hataitai School offers our children an inspirational learning environment where ethics, attitudes and values are placed firmly within the curriculum. I love that the school's teaching methods are so whole-heartedly student centred, and that the culture of the school focuses on creating a community where children of all ages mingle, play and learn together. I think our children are more privileged than we know to spend their days in such an environment, and I would love to be part of the team that supports our teachers in the wonderful work they do.



Dave Kibblewhite:

My name is Dave Kibblewhite, I am married to Tracey and have three children currently attending Hataitai School, Amy year 7, Morgan year 5 and Elise year 2. I therefore have a very keen interest in the work and future of our school and am applying for re-election to the Board.

I have been a member of the Hataitai School Board of Trustees for three years with my current responsibility on the Board being the Finance portfolio. I have enjoyed and am proud of what we have achieved as a School over the last three years. There has been a massive amount of change including the construction of new teaching spaces, a new room 8, trying to get to grips with National Standards, new Strategic Plan plus fare welling Karen and Urs and welcoming Jacinta. Balancing the books during this period has sometimes been challenging and understanding the funding process of the Ministry of Education has certainly been a learning experience.

As a Chartered accountant and Chief Financial, Investment and Risk Officer at FMG (Farmers Mutual Group) I bring sound financial skills to the Board of Trustees. I am also a company director and have experience and skills in governance and management that have been valuable in my role on the School board.

My interest in applying for the role of Trustee is to ensure the continued strength and development of the school, its staff and pupils. The thing I value most at Hataitai School is the learning environment and culture that has been created and I'm very keen to ensure this is maintained. Any school relies on the support of its community and I believe Hataitai School has strong support to which I would like to contribute to.



Belinda Stewart:

My family and I have been part of the Hataitai community for a year now having moved from Brooklyn in August 2010. We have three children, and our two girls attend Hataitai School.

My background is in project management, specializing in the print and design industry. I enjoy working on projects large and small and am results driven. I'm currently part of the fundraising team at Hataitai School and have enjoyed coaching netball for the past two years.

I keep fit by running and playing tennis so I can keep up with my children and as a family we enjoy tramping – mainly in the Tararua's, going fishing, snow skiing in winter, playing tennis, baking and cooking family meals .

I am seeking election as a parent representative on the board of trustees. I believe by working together with other board members, staff and the wider school community, we can create the best possible learning environment for our children, within the classroom as well as outside the classroom - developing and improving our school – not only for the short term, but also looking beyond the five year plan.

While living in Brooklyn I was a member of the board of trustees at Brooklyn School and enjoyed being part of a committed, visionary team - I envisage my role as parent representative for Hataitai School as the communication link between the school, the board and the wider school community.

Fundraising Focus

Election Day Fair

We need **YOUR** help

Can you give us...

- μ Fresh fruit or veg or herbs from your garden?
- μ Nailpolish

Can we borrow...

- μ Portable marquee
- μ Sun umbrella + stand

If so, please contact fundraising@hataitai.school.nz

Election Day Fair

Only a month to go until the Election Day Fair on 26th November. We are short of a few helpers – even if you can just spare a couple of hours, that would be great. In particular, we need some expert sausage cookers. Email us NOW.

Over the coming weeks we'll be asking to beg, borrow and steal things from you. If you (or anyone you know) can help us by lending/giving us things, it will be a great help. Any cash we don't have to spend on buying/hiring goes directly to the school. Things we are looking for:

- Leftover nailpolish – doesn't matter how weird the colour. Please contact Nicola Harvey nicola.harvey@gmx.com
- Seedlings, fresh herbs, fresh fruit or vegetables – contact Paula Horner paulahorner44@gmail.com
- Portable marquees (the kind you can erect on concrete)
- Sun Umbrellas + stand

If you can help out, please grab one of us in the playground, or email fundraising@hataitai.school.nz.

We will also be asking every family to bake a cake or slice to bring into school the day before...so warm up those ovens and start practising your favourite recipes.

School Wish List and Events Calendar for 2012

This term we'll be putting together a rough schedule of events for 2012. If you have any ideas for family-based events or fundraising events we'd love to hear them. Some ideas so far include a spellathon, an amazing-race treasure hunt, a girls-night-in, a quiz night, a Christmas carol night, a Matariki celebration, a Halloween disco....

We'd also like to hear how you'd like the money spent. The Our Place/Your Place team are putting together a five year plan for the gardens and are working on some raised planting beds and some fruit trees. We're also funding some new dictionaries for the senior school (more on this soon). *Is there something you'd like to see at the school? Is there something that bugs you that you'd like to have improved? Is there something that you see at other schools that we could have here?* Get your thinking caps on and let us know on fundraising@hataitai.school.nz

Trade Me Fundraising

A reminder that the Fundraising Team have begun selling the items that parents have kindly donated for sale on Trade Me. Our user name on Trade me is **Hataitai_School**. If you have anything that is cluttering your house, please feel free to donate it to Hataitai School fundraising team. We would love your support. Please email Tory on fundraisinghataitaischool@yahoo.co.nz to arrange drop off, or she can pick it up from you. (Please note this email address is different to the general fundraising address).

Catherine, Elizabeth, Belinda, Wendy, Tory and Sally

Additional:

GARDENERS HELP

We need any excess produce from your patch please. If you/your friends/family have grown any plants, herbs, fruit, vegies, or flowers (eggs too) and care to donate to our Plant Stall for our school fete, please contact Paula on 386 3370 or 021 444 539. Only ONE month to go!

MILK CONTAINERS needed: 1 & 2 litre [clean] containers please - leave at the office for collection.

Newsletters

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

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



Please, can all outstanding account payments be made by cheque or cash directly to the Office or paid online to:

Hataitai School ASB
12-3140-0331710-00

ALL SAINTS LIGHT PARTY

Theme: The Village Fete
Where: All Saints Church, 90 Hamilton Road, Hataitai
When: Monday 31st October from 5.30-7pm
What: A family event and healthy alternative to Halloween

Games, craft, music, competitions, sausage sizzle, tea and cake

Cost: Free, gold coin koha appreciated

Important:
Prizes for the best fancy dress (no scary costumes please) AND for the best dressed teddy.



Our Place Your Place



Sunday 6 November - 4th Term Working B rotating shifts (8.30am - 4.00pm)

All hands to the deck! We have the arborist team booked in and are seeking willing volunteers to drag branches to the chipper and sweep up. Bring along gloves, brooms, rakes, hand saws, spades, loppers, trowels and the family. There will be a fund raising barbecue as visiting Lego League teams will also be using the school. Please contact Rachael Meikle to put your name down for a shift, e-mail rach.guy@xtra.co.nz or ph 027 472 5885. You are still able to turn up on the day to lend a hand for as long as you can.

Term dates for 2011

Term 4: Finishes Tuesday 20th December

Term 1 2012

Term 1: Starts Tuesday 7th February

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sushi Term 4 - Remove the hassle and pre-pay for the term. E-mail wrapitupsushi@gmail.com with your child's details and we'll do the rest, or, place your order in the box at the office by 9am on Wednesday to receive sushi on Thursday. Choose from Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna Mayo, Vegetarian or a Chicken Vege Combo. 4 pack=\$4, 6 pack=\$5.50, 8 pack=\$6.50

Khandallah School Fair is on Sunday 6 November 11am-2pm Clark St, Khandallah, Rain or Shine Grab a bite for lunch - Ethnic food, Sausage Sizzle, Gourmet Burgers, Cakes, Sweets, Candyfloss, Spiders and Caf  . Bring the family for fun and games " Scary room, Golf shots, Box Maze, Make your own ~Wanted™ Poster, Smash the plate, Smash the Spud, Coconut Shy, Livewire Aeroplane Waterbombing and bring your togs for fun and games in the Indoor Pool. Grab a bargain "Closet Bandits - Quality Second Hand Clothing, Books, Toys, White Elephant. Be in to win - Tombola, Quick Fire Raffles and Silent Auction. All proceeds going to the upgrade of the Khandallah School Swimming Pool.

Capital Inline Hockey - Learn to Skate & play Inline hockey, Kilbirnie Recreation Centre, Kilbirnie Cres, Wednesday 3.30pm - 5.15pm, Cost: \$5.00 per session Playing & Safety Equipment supplied. To get an idea if what its about SEE: <http://www.youtube.com/slapshotprods> Select Penguins Inline Hockey Junior, more info phone Barbara on 389 8272

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Sustainability Trust will donate \$50 to Hataitai School if you get your home insulated this spring and summer (October to March). The Trust is an approved Energywise insulation and heating provider and offers insulation subsidies from 33% - 80% for homeowners and rental properties depending on income. We also run the Wellington Curtain Bank which provides free curtains for Community Services Card holders, and provide free, impartial advice on a range of home energy and sustainability issues. Contact our Newtown office on 0508 SUSTAIN (0508 78 78 24) for more information and say you heard about this offer from Hataitai School. *Sustainability Trust is a not-for-profit charitable organization and managed by Phoebe and Eliza's (year 1) Dad, Phil Squire.*

Urgently Required: Reliable, handy electrician (Hataitai School family) **wanting to rent a 3 bedroom house** for family in the Eastern suburbs. Please phone 021 0206 1340

Hataitai Dance School: new classes on the timetable next term www.hataitaidance.co.nz

Landscaping, painting and general garden maintenance: No job is too small, get your garden tidied up before spring. Available to work now. Please call Opeti 0226502533

Expert child-minder available: Fun, friendly, male trainee primary teacher (partner of Megan Hinge) with many years of child-care experience, available day and evenings. Advanced first aid certificate, Mr Fix it and pet minder. Contact Jules Townsend 021 100 6246

Dog Walking: Honey Brown Yr 7 would like to walk your dogs. Kind, caring animal lover. Very responsible. Please phone 210 0971 or see Trina at school

Childminder: Friendly MA student available for childminding. Previous experience in after-school childcare and at a US summer camp for 11 year olds. Contact Zoe Lawton on 0273504070 or zoe.j.lawton@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.

Babysitting: Loewn Whyman, responsible and reliable ex-Hataitai school student available for babysitting around the Hataitai/Kilbirnie region on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and weekends. Call (04) 970 2672

Babysitting: Harriet McIntyre, responsible and reliable ex-Hataitai school student available for babysitting around the Hataitai/Kilbirnie region on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and weekends. Call (04) 386 4314

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



SPORTS NEWS 2011

Oct 27th 2011

Flippaball

Draw for Friday 28th October 2011

Hataitai v Worsler Bay 3.45pm

Can all players be pool side at 3.35pm

**Next practice is Wednesday 2nd November
7.45am-8.30am**

Waterpolo

Draw for Monday 31st October 2011

Hataitai v QMC Blue 7.00pm

**Practice tommorow- Friday 28th October
7.45-8.30am at Kilbirnie Pool.**

2011 Sporting Fixtures coming up



Fri 28 th Oct	Hataitai School Athletic Sports Year 4-8	Newtown Park
Wed 9 th Nov	Eastern Zone Athletics	Newtown Park
Tue 22 nd Nov	InterZone Athletics	Newtown Park