



HATAITAI SCHOOL

Kia Ora Koutou to Week 8 of Term 4

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

To further support the end of year activities across the school, we are going to hold a Christmas Raffle. To achieve this, we would ask if each family could bring along one Christmas themed item or food to put into the raffle. From the donations we receive there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize.

Thank you to all the families who have sent in an item or two for our Christmas Raffle! Items are starting to build up.

More information about the purchase of raffle tickets will be circulated to you later today.



LUNCH ORDERS

Hotdog Fridays continue to be a great success. Thank you to all those parents who have come in each Friday and assisted Melissa. Friday 01 December will be out last Hot Dog Friday for the year.

We had a much better week this week on Pizza Day - thank you for your support.

INTER ZONE ATHLETICS - YEARS 4-8

Congratulations to the 21 students who competed in difficult conditions last week at the Inter Zone Athletics Day.

Look at these amazing achievements from many of that group. Nine students will now go onto compete in the Regional Athletics!

Josh Long

1st in High Jump
3rd in Shot Put

Mahe Boswell

3rd in Long Jump
1st in 80m sprint
1st in 150m sprint

Remy Boswell

2nd in 100m Metres
1st in Long Jump

Year 5 Boys

Champions of Relay

Hunter Lauchlan, Sean Chiba-Gleeson, Mahe Boswell, Jagger Wilson

Year 8 Boys

Champions of Relay

Gabriel Gratsounas, Rico Adams-Falkner, Remy Boswell, Josh Long

And an awesome effort by...

Louis Simcock

4th in Vortex (Louis is the reserve)

Congratulations everyone and all the best for the Regionals soon!

OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are coming to the end of our first year of having our wonderful library. It has brought so much joy to students and staff alike! Due to the hours it takes to do an annual audit and stocktake please return all books no later than next Friday - Friday 1 December. Please take time to check at home and support your child to find and return books which may not have yet found their way back to school!

Attached later in this newsletter is another message from our librarian - Jeanette.

C-PEN - NEW DEVICE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH READING DIFFICULTIES.

Over the school year and when affordable, Hataitai School purchases items to support children who have some learning challenges. This can be anything from Lego, jigsaw puzzles and games, subscriptions to targeted programmes for the computer, outdoor equipment, sensory devices etc. In Term 2 we purchased a C-Pen scanner to support children who struggle with reading or who have poor vision. The C-Pen is a portable pen-sized device, meaning it can easily be carried between classrooms. It can be used with ear plugs, scans and reads out text to children. It also has a built-in dictionary and can explain the meaning of key words. It's a great tool to help children struggling to read and understand text, so that they can be more independent in the classroom.

One of our Hataitai parents explains, "The C-Pen has improved my child's confidence at reading and means he can read a wider range of books alone as he is not restricted to books at his reading level. With the C-Pen he gets to see and hear words spelt and pronounced correctly, improving his familiarity with English."

Parents first connect with their child's classroom teacher to see if the device would suit the learning need. Otherwise - contact Sean Mead - SENCO (School Special Education Needs Coordinator) if you require further information or if you would like to discuss any other challenges your child is having at school and how the support can provide support.

2024 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS

If you have any concerns or would like to come along and have a chat with me regarding the placement of your child in 2024 - please make an appointment through the school office.

Alternatively, please email me directly at principal@hataitai.school.nz as soon as possible and no later than **Wednesday 6 December 2023**.

CAROLS EVENING THIS FRIDAY 01 DECEMBER

We look forward to you joining us at school this Friday from 4:30pm onwards. Our Hataitai School Parent's Group will be selling Burgers & Bangers for you to buy for dinner with ice cream & brownies for dessert.

A further email will be sent out tomorrow regarding approximate run times for the Carol's being sung by each Learning Team.

Nga Wai (Years 5-6) will also be selling the Sauerkraut they've made in their Garden to Table sessions.

\$5 small

\$8 large

SUNSCREEN AND HATS FOR TERM 4

Please don't forget to ensure your child blocks up each morning before coming to school and /or carries sunblock in their bags each day. Please remind the children that the 'no hat, no play' expectation is in place for Term 4.

Ngā mihi

Jacinta Simpson
PRINCIPAL

2023 TERM DATES

TERM FOUR

Monday 09 October – Tuesday 19 December

Monday 09 October	School Commences 8:55am - all students
Thursday 30 November	School Speech Finals / 2023 Year 8 Speech Cup
Monday 11 December	Sports Assembly
Wednesday 13 December	Certificates Assembly
Friday 15 December	Student Record of Achievement sent home

BOARD of TRUSTEE MEETINGS 2023

TERM FOUR

Thursday 30 November 6:30pm - BOT Meeting No. 8

TERM DATES 2024

TERM ONE

Thursday 1 February - Friday 12 April

Tuesday 30 January	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 31 January	Teacher Only Day
Thursday 1 February	School Commences 8:55am – all students
Tuesday 6 February	Waitangi Day Public Holiday – school closed
Friday 29 March	Good Friday Observed – school closed
Monday 01 April	Easter Monday – school closed
Tuesday 02 April	School closed
Wednesday 3 April	School Commences 8:55am – all students

TERM TWO

Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July

Monday 29 April	School Commences 8:55am – all students
Friday 31 May	King's Birthday – school closed
Monday 3 June	King's Birthday – school closed
Friday 28 June	Matariki Public Holiday – school closed

TERM THREE

Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September

Monday 22 July	School Commences 8:55am – all students
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TERM FOUR

Monday 14 October – Tuesday 17 December

Monday 14 October	School Commences 8:55am – all students
Friday 25 October	Labour Weekend – school closed
Monday 28 October	Labour Weekend – school closed

BOARD of TRUSTEE MEETINGS 2024

TERM ONE

Thursday 22 February	6:30pm - BOT Meeting No. 1
Thursday 28 March	6:30pm - BOT Meeting No. 2

TERM TWO

Thursday 16 May	6:30pm - BOT Meeting No. 3
Thursday 20 June	6:30pm - BOT Meeting No. 4

TERM THREE

Thursday 08 August	6:30pm - BOT Meeting No. 5
Thursday 12 September	6:30pm - BOT Meeting No. 6

TERM FOUR

Thursday 31 October	6:30pm - BOT Meeting No. 7
Thursday 05 December	6:30pm - BOT Meeting No. 8

SCHOOL NOTICES

HATAITAI SCHOOL LIBRARY

A word from the Library....

We are coming to the end of the 2023 year at Hataitai School and it is that time where we start to recall any books that have been borrowed by students from Year 2-8. The date for return is Monday 4th December. I will share a list of books that the students have issued with them on Friday 1st December. Some of these may be at home and some may be at school. Please take some time to check in with your child about what items they may have issued and support their return to us. If any items have been lost or damaged, please contact me at jeanette.spicer@hataitai.school.nz to arrange replacement or reimbursement.

We are still welcoming, and are extremely grateful for, any book donations to the library. If you are unsure of what might be desired, feel free to either visit me in the library during school hours before Wednesday 6th December or check out our wish list at the Children's Bookshop –

<https://www.thechildrensbookshop.co.nz/wishlists/hataitai-school-jeanette/share>.

Finally, a word from the Wellington City Library... This summer, Wellington City Libraries is inviting kids, teens and adults on a Summer Reading Adventure! From the 1st of December 2023 – 31st of January 2024, you'll be able to log your reading, write, draw or film book reviews, and complete activities and challenges to earn rewards like collectible badges, free books, ice-cream vouchers, and go in the draw to win one of our fabulous Grand Prizes. Visit the library website today at wcl.govt.nz/summer-reading to pre-register for the Summer Reading Adventure, or visit any of our libraries from the 1st of December to pick up your Adventurer's Guide and get started.



We have had a great year in the Library and look forward to more great reads in 2024! - Jeanette

ABSENCES

Please advise the school office and your child's home class teacher of your child's absence before 9:00am.

Phone: (04) 386 1510, then press 1 to leave a message

Email: office@hataitai.school.nz

Website: absence@hataitai.school.nz

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Domino's Pizza – Wednesday

Standard pizza \$7.00

Gluten/Diary free pizza \$11.00

EZLunch Sushi – Thursday

Place your order for Thursday via www.ezlunch.co.nz

Orders are accepted up until 9.00am on a Thursday morning

Y-KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE, HATAITAI SCHOOL

Starting in Week 6, the Y ASC (After School Care) programme will be running a bowls module. Wellington bowls will teach our tamariki the game of bowls and play a few fun variations of the game.

If you would like to book your child into After School Care with the Y, please click on the following link

www.ycentral.nz/ykids/

Area Manager: Ruvu Jay

Programme Coordinator: Julie Faust

Phone: 0800 YMCA 4U

Mobile: 022 417 2910

Email: Hataitai.asc@ycentral.nz

HATAITAI SCHOOL PARENTS GROUP (HSPG)

Dear Parents

We hope you are looking forward to the Carols, Burgers and Bangers Night this Friday. The carols will commence at 4:45pm, so if you arrive at 4:30pm, you can grab a seat near the Junior Playground, ready for the children to perform. Thank you to the teachers for helping the children learn their songs.

There will be burgers and sausages for sale for dinner, and you are welcome to BYO wine, beers etc. Ice cream and brownies will also be available for purchase for dessert.

If you are happy to help on the BBQ or dessert table, please email fundraising@hataitai.school.nz so we can make up a roster. We would appreciate any help you can provide.

From Ngā Wai - The kids at Garden to Table have been busy over the past two weeks making Sauerkraut as a fundraiser. They made the most of the fennel they have been growing in the Garden and made a delicious fennel and cabbage sauerkraut. We have two sizes available to be purchased at the Carols Evening, \$5 for the smaller size and \$8 for the large. Please get behind our Garden to Table kids and support this wonderful programme.

We look forward to seeing you next Friday!

HSPG

Hataitai School

Carols
Burgers & Bangers

FRIDAY **01** **Finishes @**
4:30PM **DEC** **6:30 PM**

Join us to celebrate the holiday season with your children singing your favourite carols!

Burgers, sausage sizzle & sweet treats for sale.

Brought to you by the Hataitai School Parents Group (HSPG)

- Where: Junior playground courtyard -
BYO allowed

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY

VolleyKids

This package is tailored for the fundamental development of volleyball skills. There are two programs separated by age. The younger group is available for children ages 7-10. The older group is for ages 11-13.

Age group 7-10: Saturdays 9:00am – 10:00am
Age group 11-13: Saturdays 10:00am – 11:00am



The program will run for 9 weeks (no session on the 30th of March due to Easter Weekend). All sessions will be at Wellington Girls College. Both programs will be capped at 20 athletes each. Once filled, registrations will close.

Account Name: The Volleyball Academy Ltd.
Account No.: 06-0513-0899429-00

Package Cost \$150

Contact: Coach Jo for more information
Phone: 02102493755
Email: j_delgado10@live.com

Session Dates – Saturdays

Date	Location
10 th February	Wellington Girls College
17 th February	Wellington Girls College
24 th February	Wellington Girls College
2 nd March	Wellington Girls College
9 th March	Wellington Girls College
16 th March	Wellington Girls College
23 rd March	Wellington Girls College
6 th April	Wellington Girls College
13 th April	Wellington Girls College

WELLINGTON MUSIC CENTRE

Wellington Music Centre enrolments are open for 2024 - get a full year of classes for just \$120!

WMC has been providing affordable music lessons to the Welly community for over 40 years, spreading the joy of music, and breaking down cost barriers to music tuition. Your tamariki can learn any of our 12 instruments, with beginner classes available in keyboard, guitar, strings, winds, brass, percussion and harp. We also offer a special Music Explorers class to give our 5 and 6-year-old students a fun start in music!

Enrolments are open for 2024! Sign up online today:
www.wellingtonmusiccentre.org.nz

WORSER BAY BOATING CLUB

Moanamana Open Day, Sunday 10th December 10:00am to 3:00pm

Worser Bay Boating Club has been working with schools in the Eastern Suburbs, the NZ Marine Studies Centre, and Mountains to Sea Wellington to establish a NZL Blue Belt Site at Worser Bay. Students have been trialling a set of tools and techniques to monitor ocean health and have been working on a set of ideas to restore marine ecosystems at Worser Bay.

Come down to the club and find out about ideas to create a NZL Blue Belt site to help protect marine biodiversity and restore low stocks of marine life at Worser Bay. And while you are there you can have a go at snorkelling with the team from Mountains to Sea Wellington.

<https://www.wbbc.org.nz/post/moanamana-open-day-sunday-10-december>

BNZ BREAKERS BASKETBALL

I'm reaching out with an opportunity for your school to win 4x Premier tickets to a BNZ Breakers basketball game of your choice at Spark Arena in Auckland during the current NBL24 season.

To be entered into the draw to win the tickets (valued at \$1172) your school simply needs to include the attached image of BNZ Breakers' game schedule in your school newsletters or school Facebook page between 14-30 November. Your school may use these tickets however they see fit i.e. a prize, fundraising purposes etc.



I have attached the Breakers game schedule image and suggested accompanying copy.

To be entered into the draw, simply email a copy/screenshot of the newsletter / social post that includes the above content to kelsey@nzbreakers.co.nz by 01 December 2023.

We understand the importance of supporting schools and their various initiatives, and we hope this opportunity provides an enjoyable experience for your school community.

The poster is for a Christmas Eve Family Service. It features a dark blue background with colorful, glowing Christmas lights and snowflakes. At the top, there is a silhouette of the Nativity scene. The text 'YOU ARE INVITED TO COME PARTY WITH US' is written in white. Below that, 'Christmas Eve' is written in a large, glowing yellow script font, and 'FAMILY SERVICE' is in a white, bold, sans-serif font. Further down, it says 'FAMILY FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, AWESOME CHRISTMAS CAROLS, BIRTHDAY CAKE, AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.' The date and time are 'DECEMBER SUNDAY | 24 | 10:00am'. At the bottom, it says 'ALL SAINTS HATAITAI | 90 HAMILTON ROAD'. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for 'LYALL BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH' and 'allsaints'.



KIDS CHRISTMAS BAKING CLASSES



WITH SARAH HALEWOOD

Perfect for kids age 10 to 14

Drop your kids off to do some Christmas baking while you shop or simply enjoy some quiet time. They will bake, decorate and package up a range of delicious Christmas treats, perfect for gifting to friends and family. Each child will bring home 6 packaged gifts, containing a selection of goodies.

DETAILS

Sunday 10th December 10am - 1pm **\$125**

On the menu:

Spiced Christmas Biscuits

Rocky Road

Raspberry Jam

Saturday 16th December: 10am 1pm **\$125**

On the menu:

Pinwheel Biscuits

Chocolate Truffles

Marmalade

WHERE

Prefab Hall - 14 Jessie Street Te Aro

TO BOOK EMAIL

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