



HATAITAI SCHOOL

Kia Ora Koutou to Week 8 of Term 4

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

It is not too late to contribute to the Christmas Raffle!

Tickets are on sale now through to Friday 15 December when the raffle(s) will be drawn:

\$2 for one ticket

\$5 for three tickets



Thank you to all the families who have sent in an item or two for the raffle! We really appreciate it.

2023 SPEECH FINALS - YEAR 8 SPEECH CUP

At the Friday school assembly, we announced the following winners from the speech finals.

Year 5

1st - Milena Jordan

2nd - Neil Chen

3rd - Arya Ravji

Year 6

1st - Hannah Sharma

2nd - Gabrielle Warren

3rd - Ryan McKenzie

Year 7

1st - Sebastian Batchelar

2nd - Emily Stevenson

3rd - Caitlin Wells

Year 8

2023 YEAR 8 SPEECH CUP WINNER - Reuben Ririnui

2nd - Alistair Brown

3rd - Holly Connor-Kebbell

Congratulations to each and everyone of you! The speeches were **all** amazing.

STAFF FAREWELLS

It is always a little bit sad at this time of the year as we will be saying goodbye to some staff.

After eight wonderful years - we farewell **Sarah Moorhouse** from our school. Sarah has successfully gained a full time position at Owhiro Bay School commencing in 2024.

On behalf of the Board and the entire school community our heartfelt thanks to you Sarah on your excellent professional skills and contribution to our ākonga over the years. You will be sorely missed. We wish you the very best going forward in your career journey.

After 13 plus amazing years we also farewell **Amanda Smith** who has been appointed to a full time junior position at Queen Margaret College.

On behalf of the Board and the entire school community our heartfelt thanks to you Amanda on your excellent professional skills and contribution to our ākonga over the years. You will also be sorely missed here at Hataitai School. We wish you the very best going forward in your career journey.

Finally, we congratulate our Teacher Aide - **Cameron Laing** who has qualified as a teacher this year and has been successfully appointed to a fixed term, full time position at Owhiro Bay School. Thank you Cameron for your wonderful contribution over the last three years to our school. You have been great and the students have really responded to you.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSULTATION SURVEY

To ensure we are providing every opportunity possible for our ākonga, today, you have been invited to contribute to two online surveys - 'Engaging with Our Community' and 'The Health Curriculum Survey.'

We would appreciate your contribution to these surveys to help the Board determine the future direction of our school.

Due Date: Friday 15 December 2023

EPRO8 CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Last week on Wednesday, a group of 4 students consisting of Alistair Brown, Reuben Ririnui, Karl van Stokkum and Edie Johnston competed in the Wellington Finals of an engineering competition called EPro8 Challenge.

They worked very well together as a team and were pushed to the limit. Each round tested their abilities in using their engineering skills and making use of the electronics. They have done so well with the challenges that we are so proud of their achievements as our Hataitai School team was able to secure a strong 6th place in the final heat. Many scorched almonds were eaten during this time. Thank you to all of our parents who have supported our students this year.



PB4L - OUR SCHOOL VALUES IN ACTION!



Enjoy this lovely snapshot of two little 5 year olds heading to the sick bay for a plaster for the injured friend!

REGIONAL ATHLETICS - YEAR 4-8

Congratulations to the following students on their amazing achievements for the Regionals held on Tuesday 05 December.

We are SO proud of you all!

Mahe Boswell -

9th in 80m sprint,
7th in Long Jump
2nd in 150m sprint

Remy Boswell

3rd in 100m sprint
1st in Long Jump with 5.20m

Josh Long

11th in High Jump
11th in Shot Put

Relays

Year 5 Boys - 2nd

Mahe Boswell
Sean Chiba-Gleeson
Jagger Wilson
Hunter Lauchlan

Year 8 Boys - 3rd

Remy Boswell
Josh Long
Rico Adams-Falkner
Gabriel Gratsounas

2024 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS - NOW CLOSED

Thank you to the families who made contact. We will do our very best to accommodate you. Some transition meetings have commenced - next week the students will visit their new learning team.

SUNSCREEN AND HATS FOR TERM 4

Please ensure your child puts sunscreen on 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

WELLINGTON CITY MISSION STAR BOXES

Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Wellington City Mission Star Boxes. Once again the staff were overwhelmed with the generosity from you all.



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/Dairy 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: Ruvi Jay
Programme Coordinator: Julie Faust
Phone: 0800 YMCA 4U
Mobile: 022 417 2910
Email: Hataitai.asc@ycentral.nz

HATAITAI SCHOOL PARENTS GROUP (HSPG)

HSPG Update

Carols Night

Thank you to all those who came along to Carols Night last Friday. We were grateful the sun came out, and the number of families that came along was amazing. The performance by the children was heart-warming, and a special thank you to the teachers for arranging the concert.

We raised nearly \$1,000 from the food table. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Yummy Stickers

We have had a great number of yummy stickers collected by the school. This year we have received an allocation of \$775 to spend on sports equipment which Kris Beattie will use. Once we have received our order next year, we will share what we have purchased with this allocation. Thank you to all those who collected stickers, the sports equipment will be greatly appreciated by the children.

Hataitai School Fair

From the parent survey, we have received a lot of positive responses offering to help run the fair, and so we are happy to advise that we will run a school fair in 2024! The HSPG are very excited to start the planning of the school fair, so please look out for more notifications on how you can help, including things you might want to do over the school Christmas break!

We are still finalising the date of the school fair with the school, but it will be in Term 1. We are really looking forward to this community event!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

In the Wings Drama: Drama classes for 10-14year olds at the Hataitai Centre, Wednesday afternoons 4-5pm. These classes focus on drama and public speaking skills in a fun, playful environment. Suitable for the keen performer and those wanting more confidence. More info at www.inthewings.co.nz or email Katie katie@inthewings.co.nz

AKOTECH CodeCamps Summer School Holidays –

Free Prizes and Early Bird Discount

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration.

Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have **Literati Lab** just for girls

Enter our competition to win a FREE 4-day pass to one of our CodeCamps

Venues: Thorndon, Khandallah & Silverstream

Dates: 8th - 11th & 15th - 18th January


Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition

Early Bird Save Up to 21% until 14th December

Siblings Save 6%

EQUESTRIAN HOLIDAY CAMP 2024



24th - 26th of
January 2024
SCHOOL YEARS 5-9

EQUESTRIAN HOLIDAY CAMP 2024

Includes

- Coaching from our Solway Equestrian Academy resident coaches, Tinks Pottinger, Francesca Silver-Carter and Marg Robinson
- Horse Management Sessions
- Fun Games and Activities
- Recycled Ribbon Day

Email Millie equestrian@solwaycollege.school.nz for more info and to book a place

ISLAND BAY UNITED

Summer Break Holiday Programme registrations now open.

December '23 and January '24 Holiday Programme

When: December 18 -21 & January 15-19; 23-26

Where: Wakefield Park (artificial turf)

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: \$45 per day; 10% discount for 5 consecutive days

Bring: lunch+ snacks, a drink bottle, a jacket, boots+ shin guards and a change of clothes if the weather is looking wet. We will move indoors for table tennis, foosball and movies if it's raining.

Registration link: <https://islandbayunited.fmweb.nz/holiday-program>

Please email Robyn at clubadministrator@islandbayunited.org if you have any questions or need help with the Friendly Manager booking system.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @



MOVEMENT & PLAY GYM



Beginner Parkour

MON 8 JAN

MON 15 JAN

MON 29 JAN

9.30am - 11.30am

Springboard Diving & Play

TUE 9 JAN

TUE 16 JAN

TUE 23 JAN

9.30am - 1.00pm

Intermediate Parkour

MON 8 JAN

MON 15 JAN

MON 29 JAN

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Free Play

WED 10 JAN

WED 17 JAN

WED 24 JAN

9.30am - 11.30am

Snorkeling & Play

THU 11 JAN

THU 18 JAN

THU 25 JAN

9.30am - 11.30am

Free Play

FRI 12 JAN

FRI 19 JAN

FRI 26 JAN

9.30am - 11.30am

Unit 3/56 Kingsford Smith St, Rongotai

021 499 483

www.bonobo.co.nz



GKRKARATE
KARATE FOR EVERYONE

Attend a **FREE TRIAL CLASS** during the summer break.

This will give you an excellent introduction into the self defence and safety awareness benefits of karate training. Beginner kids 5+, teens and adults are all welcome.

Choose your free trial from
these classes and dates



Johnsonville Prime

33 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville

Thursday, 28th December - 10.00 - 11.00am

Saturday, 30th December - 10.00 - 11.00am

Thursday, 4th January - 10.00 - 11.00am

Sunday, 7th January - 10.00 - 11.00am

To book in, simply
scan the QR code or
call. Looking forward
to seeing you there.



Sensei Anthony

Instructor and
Consultant,
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