



HATAITAI SCHOOL

2021 Hataitai School Centenary



Dear Parents and Whanau

Welcome back to Week 2. Today we held the very first Motu Kairangi Kahui Ako Kapa Haka. This celebration involved 13 schools on the Peninsula approximately 2,000 students.

Our students were simply amazing! We are all very proud of them. Special thanks to Eddie Ainsley who for 18 months very generously has come into the school and taught and trained our senior students. A special mention and thanks goes to Liam Galt - Year 8 for his outstanding Kapa Haka Leadership.

Thank you to Michelle James and Jenn Kim who led us all ably over the months, and finally to all the staff who assisted in so many ways to ensure the success.

THE CENTENARY PROGRAMME:

Friday 5 November 2021:

School Production, Open Day, Formal Welcome - Wine and Nibbles

Saturday 6 November 2021:

Alumni and Past Pupils, Parents, Whanau and Past Teacher Formal Gatherings

Sunday 7 November 2021:

School Open Day, Centenary Fair Celebration and High Tea

This term there will be a weekly newsletter informing you of the Centenary updates and news. The 2 preparation streams for the students have begun this week.

On the staff - Jenn Kim has oversight of the Production and Kelly Davies has oversight of the Museum.

LEARNING TEAM CENTENARY UPDATES FOR THIS WEEK:

AHI Team Year 7 and 8

Our budding actors have been getting immersed in devise theatre activities the past couple of weeks. It has been quite exciting seeing the creativity come alive in some scenes. Act 2 is nearly finished and we're onto act 3! Our museum students have formed groups and are following a creative process to show critical thinking around global/nz events through the last 100 years. We will also look from a Maori perspective, sometimes history can be hidden. It is our job to question everything.

Nga Wai Team Year 5 and 6

Our museum students have been unpacking the term technology and exploring new ways to display and organise information, this week.

The production team is excited and always keen to talk about the things they are doing. They enjoy being part of the creative process.

Nga Hau e Wha Year 3 and 4

This week students have had their second workshop sessions, being introduced to the world of wearable art as well as street/graffiti art. Next week they will choose where they will take their learning next and join either Visual Arts with Kirsten or Wearable Arts with Kelly. We are excited to have planned some trips around these themes to help engage and inspire the students in their chosen art.

Papatuanuku Year 1 and 2

This week our students have been looking at ANZAC animals such as Bess, a Wellington Mounted Rifles regiment horse, Caesar a bulldog who was trained by the Red cross to find wounded soldiers along with other animals that were used such as carrier pigeons and camels.

CENTENARY PLANNING

Many thanks to the planning committee who met again this week.

Should you wish to contact a member of the committee:

John Meeuwsen – Chair - contact john.meeuwsen39@gmail.com

Frances Le Fort - contact franceslefort@gmail.com

Emma Hay - BOT and HSPG Representative and communications - contact emma.hay@hataitai.school.nz

Jacinta Simpson/Melissa Young: School Communications/Finance: principal@hataitai.school.nz and melissa.young@hataitai.school.nz

Please keep watching the facebook updates and the school website. We are gathering old photos and some memorabilia also.

Keep spreading the news - refer people who are (or have been) part of our school community to the Hataitai School Centenary Facebook Page and our Hataitai School website.

Help Please!

If there is anyone you may know (brothers, sisters, cousins, old friends) or a contact you may have of people who would be prepared to coordinate and lead some of the activities and celebrations on Saturday 6 November for their decade or a group close to their decade please contact Frances Le Fort - franceslefort@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Search the Hataitai School Centenary page on Facebook and 'like.'

IMPORTANT REMINDER - MOTU KAIRANGI KAHUI AKO - BICULTURAL HUI TEACHER ONLY DAY

On **September 3** all staff from the 13 local schools in our Kahui Ako will meet for the day at WEGC.

The purpose of the day is “Together we will grow a shared understanding of the impacts of Te Tiriti and colonisation, and develop our knowledge in Te Ao Maori. The keynote speakers will be Dr Hana O’Regan who has worked in areas of language revitalisation, identity and cultural development, te reo and education for 25 years; and Tamati Cairns - Cultural leader and advisor of Tuhoe and government with a background in business and tertiary education.

The HASCI will provide a programme on this day. Please read the information in this newsletter and register your interest.

GRANDPARENTS DAY THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2021:

The day before the Centenary Celebration commences we will be holding our annual Grandparents Day.

We are wondering if there are 1 or 2 parents in the community who would be prepared to coordinate the morning tea for the elderly folk on that morning. In the past we have had a parent who would generously take over this leadership role. If you are interested, please ring Annabel or Melissa in the school office as soon as possible.

MARRZIPAN DRAMA CLASSES

Marrzipan currently has 4 available spaces they would love to fill. These classes are held onsite after school.

For signup information please visit www.marrzipandrama.co.nz or contact Josh on **022 436 5608** or wellington@marrzipandrama.co.nz

PRINCIPAL EMAIL

Please note that my email address is principal@hataitai.school.nz. Sometimes I do not receive an email as expected because a different email is being used.

Kind regards

Jacinta Simpson
PRINCIPAL

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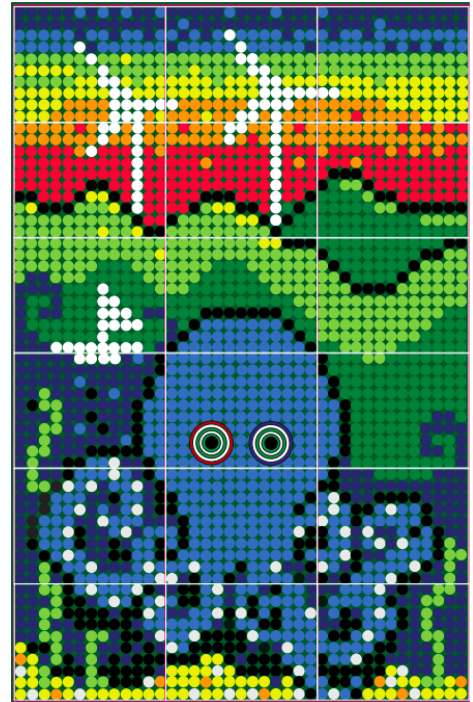
SCHOOL NOTICES

The Giant Wheke

In 2014 the Year 2 children collected over two thousand bottle tops to create this mural. It depicts the giant wheke (octopus) that Kupe chased from the fishing grounds of Hawaiki to Aotearoa. We need lids to make some repairs. We need quite a few black and white lids to repair the bottom part of the mural but we will take any milk bottle lid sized lids and recycle any unused lids.

Please save your lids and bring them to Remutaka class.

This link is the group of children from 2014 who helped create this mural.



ABSENCES

Please contact the **school office** to advise of your child's absence before 9:00am. You can advise the office by:-

Phone: (04) 386 1510, then press 1 to leave a message
Parent Portal: Push Absence, then Notify an Absence
Email: office@hataitai.school.nz
Website: absence@hataitai.school.nz

If you advise/email your child's teacher of an impending absence, please ensure you "CC" the office as well.

LUNCH ORDERS

Hell Pizza – Wednesday

Standard **\$6.50** each or Gluten free **\$7.50** each

Sushi – Thursday

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

Orders are accepted up until 9.00am on a Thursday morning