

HILLPARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER KAWERONGO

12 February 2021

Principal's Panui

Kia Ora whānau

Whakatipuranga

Succession

Māku re ra e tō ana;

kei a koe te urunga ake o te rā

Let mine be the setting sun;

Yours is the dawning of a new day

Kia Ora Whānau

Welcome to the new school year, in which we hope school learning will be continuous and uninterrupted. The community, from our view, has responded to the challenges of COVID with resilience and flexibility. We know of challenges with the sustainability of jobs and some of you are in different roles than you were previously. The Christmas break gave us time to reflect on the impact of events in 2020 on ourselves and our whānau. To those of you still facing these impacts, we wish you a successful 2021.

Teaching staff undertook some valuable professional development at our preferred camp for the Year 5/6 children, Lakewood Lodge, during the week before the children arrived and are fully charged up for the great year ahead.

The uniform is being worn with pride, sunhats donned, and most are equipped with stationery after some supply delays. What a privilege to be back at work!

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for dates to
remember

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We have availed ourselves of the Life Education programme, complete with Harold the giraffe and the mobile classroom. The teacher in the caravan coordinates the programme with interactive lessons focussing on understanding yourself and others combined with an emphasis on resilience. This is part of the focus on wellbeing. Later in the year, the school will also undertake the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme in conjunction with our local contact Constable Dacey. This programme requires community consultation and we will let you know of the information sharing nights for this initiative in Term 2.

Last Friday, the Walpole Avenue gate was not opened at 2.55 pm causing a delay in whānau being able to collect their children. I apologise for any distress caused and we have taken steps to prevent this occurring again.

Welcome to our new teachers, Stephanie Clayton in Room 14 and Kyra Singh in Room 18. It is satisfying to see that we continue to attract teaching applicants of high calibre.

We have changed the name of the Piwakawaka 2 team to Pūkeko.

Adding a distinct native bird to the stable seems to make more sense than the previous one. A reminder that we are a water-only school meaning that we request that flavoured drinks are not provided in your child's school lunch.

Our next property project will include the replacement of drinking fountains in the school.

Parking and road use issues remain a problem concerning those who drop off and pick up children at school. I have had a discussion with Constable Sandra Dacey about this and we have identified a strategy to address this. The main issues are multi-point u-turns within the diamond to pedestrian areas of Grande Vue Road. A reminder also that parking in front of a driveway to let passengers disembark is also illegal. This appears to be particularly prevalent when it rains. I appeal to you to take special care driving around the school.

To help with your future planning I have listed the dates the Ministry of Education have allowed for Teacher Only Days for staff development. School will be closed for children on these dates.

Monday 12 April

Friday 04 June

Friday 22 October

A final welcome to all of our new pupils and families.

Let's all work together to make school magnificent in 2021!

Ka kite ano

Gavin Beere

DATES TO REMEMBER

Field of Dreams Swimming for Kereru and Tui
Lessons Every Thursday and Friday until 2 April

19 Feb: Wero Experience Year 6, Rooms 6, 14 and 15

19 Feb: Pukeko Whānau morning 9 am -10.30 am

19 Feb: Transition meeting for New Entrants

26 Feb: Class visit for New Entrants

3 Mar: Whānau Picnic 5.00 - 7.00 pm on the school field

11 Mar: Piwakawaka and Pūkeko Swimming Carnival 11.00-1.00pm

25 Mar: Wero Experience Year 6, Rooms 20, 21 and 25

Piwakawaka: Years 0-1

Pukeko: Year 2

Kereru: Years 3-4

Tui: Years 5 -6

MPSSA sports teams are for selected
students from years 4-6

Challenge Collaboration Diversity Learning Respect

Awhina i te kainga

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Our five school values are Challenge, Collaboration, Diversity, Learning and Respect. These values come directly from our School Vision.

Here are some examples of what our values look like at Hillpark School:

School value	What it can look like at Hillpark School ...
Challenge	Willing to go into 'the learning pit' (or has improved in the ability to go into 'the learning pit') Recognises learning is hard sometimes Perseveres and does not give up Overcomes or works to overcome a disability or set-back Has a growth mindset Thinks 'outside the square' when solving problems
Collaboration	Works well with others for a common outcome Shows leadership skills when working with others Positive about the contributions of others Thinks creatively when working with others
Diversity	Values all people equally (not dependent on gender, ethnicity, religion etc) Focuses on equitable outcomes for all Treats others fairly Empowers others Strong tuakana-teina relationships
Learning	Makes excellent progress Is learning focussed, always Thinks 'outside the square' Is curious and interested in new learning. An assessment capable and self-regulated student
Respect	Shows respect for self Shows respect for others - all children and staff and other adults Show respect for our environment

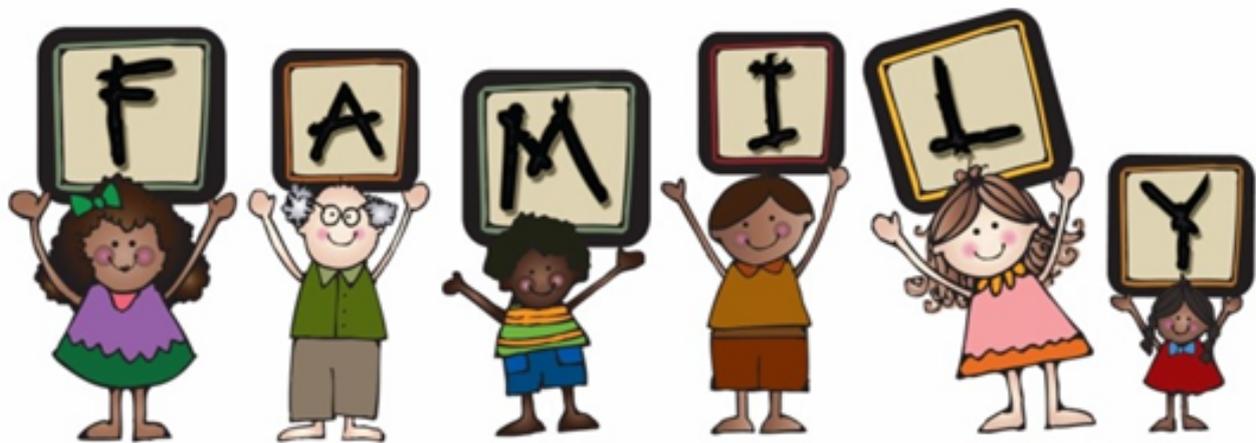
Your children are learning about our School Values over the next few weeks.
Talk to your children about what these values mean to them.

Some suggested starters:

How are our school values similar to your own beliefs or family values?

Is there an area your child excels in? Ka pai! Keep striving to do your best.

Is there an area that your child is interested in developing further? Make a special goal together and talk with them at home about how they can reach their goal.



Challenge Collaboration Diversity Learning Respect

2021

TERM
dates

2021

2 February - 16 April

3 May - 9 July

26 July - 1 October

18 October - 14 December

Teacher Only Days for 2021

Monday 12th April

Friday 4th June

Friday 22nd October

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