



HILLPARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER KAWERONGO

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Kia ora whānau

Pono

True or faithfulness

How refreshing it is to be communicating through a newsletter covering school and community happenings after so many HERO posts concerning managing COVID! Nevertheless, it has been a tricky term for families, teachers and children managing illness. My teachers are to be applauded for their dexterity and plain grit as they often do not know what class will greet them each day. Our army of relieving teachers are of the highest standard and this has made managing the situation for the best outcomes for children reassuring.

As we begin the 'normality' of sport and cultural exchanges, I would like to highlight some recent events. The Senior Boys Football Team are MPSSA premier division champions, which has never happened in my time as principal here. In a soccer mad suburb like Manurewa, this is quite the achievement. Thank you to coach Eugene Crestanello and Steve Johns for crafting this team into winners.

Similarly Ms Clayton coached the Mixed Boys and Girls Volleyball team who competed well in the recent MPSSA tournament. Ms Ikenasio is also coaching the netball team to compete in the MPSSA tournament being held after the Term 2 break. Thank you for building on the girls' skills over the holiday period.

This term we say haere rā to Maureen Kumar in Room 25 and Harman Kaur in Room 19. Thank you to you both for your commitment to our kids and we wish you well in the future.

Frances Brown joins us in Room 25 for Term 3 and Kim Barnes in Room 6 has recently been confirmed as a permanent appointment. We will begin a new entrant class in room 8 next term with Jessica Duff and Silvy Padayachee team teaching the children.

A new preschool facility will open shortly, with it's entrance between 43 and 51 Grande Vue Road. Some of you remember a newsletter where I expressed that many community members and the school have held successive meetings with Auckland Council and Auckland Transport personnel to express our safety concerns. As a reminder, those concerns included.

- An extraordinarily dangerous decision to put an entrance that may have over 100 vehicles per day travelling both ways on a wider driveway
- The decision develop an entry on a blind corner rather than the the much safer option from Walpole Avenue because of a wildly expensive quote
- The removal of three of our Grande Vue road car parks for a commercial proposition significantly affecting the kindergarten and the community's parking capacity
- An inconceivable design for road markings that are too narrow for cars to safely stop and turn and where sun strike will make conditions dangerous
- The danger to children walking around a blind corner on the footpath with high traffic peaks
- The intentional removal of native trees that has destroyed the privacy of some residents

My message is to be extremely careful around this entrance, whether driving or walking on the footpath. It has been very disappointing that local community concerns have been ignored.

We have undertaken some stimulating learning this term with achievement back on track. Highlights have included a wide curriculum focus on Matariki.

Our current board is nearing the end of their term and we are reaching out to those of you who might like to stand for the imminent election. Please contact Virginia Parker on office@hilpark.school.nz if you are considering standing, for a nomination form and board handbook.

Have a great break with your whanau and let's all have a great Term 3 of learning.
Ka kite ano

Gavin Beere



Challenge Collaboration Diversity Learning Respect



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Reporting an absence on the Hero App

New Hero 'Report an Absence' function

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To report your child's absence via Hero you will notice a small yellow icon on the landing page within the app.

Rectangular Snip

1. Click **REPORT AN ABSENCE**.



Term Dates



Events



Report an Absence

When you click on this yellow icon you can select the child, then reason, and provide details relating to the absence.



Zane Armah

- Zane will be sick tomorrow Zane will be late tomorrow
 Zane will be absent tomorrow (but isn't sick)

Additional information (optional)

Attending his grandmothers 80th birthday in Nelson

SEND MESSAGE

It is important to provide details such as, 'Joe Bloggs has a dentist appt' as this helps us mark the absence correctly according to Ministry guidelines.

Clicking '**Send message**' will send a confirmation to Reception and your child's class teacher.

You can amend this at any time during the day. Your child may be going to be late due to a medical appt but then be advised to stay home therefore you can amend it to 'medical' from 'going to be late'.

While we recommend that you use this new feature, you can still leave a message or email reception@hillpark.school.nz to report absences.

If you have any questions relating to this new feature please call the office on 267 6252 or email reception@hillpark.school.nz

Thank you.
Tania Mills

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