

Hillpark School Newsletter

Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou

*Hāpaitia te ara tika pumau ai te
rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu.
Foster the pathway
of knowledge to strength, independence
and growth for future generations.*

During the holiday period, a stalwart of the Hillpark family passed away. Betty Yates, or Aunty Betty as she was known to the children, had a long association with the school. Some of her whanau attended the school with one family member being a foundation pupil. Betty supported our te reo, tikanga and Kapa Haka initiatives and attended nearly every whanau hui. She understood the national priority for Maori students to achieve success as Maori and guided us in local kawa at powhiri and the like.

She was remembered as a woman who loved others, served endlessly and made the best fried bread with her secret recipe. She made a significant contribution to our school and has left a memory fit to be called a legacy.

Mrs Krishna in Room 20 will be moving to Hamilton with her family at the end of Term 3. We are sad to see her move on and thank her for her commitment to our children.

The PTA Quiz Night on Saturday 30 July is upon us and we look forward to seeing you in your 80's outfits! Profits from the night contribute toward extending modern learning environment furniture for classrooms and digital learning. It has been interesting to note the comments of our professional development providers who note that this furniture improves the learning conditions for children. For further case studies and the background into why we chose the Bodyfurn solution go to furnware.co.nz. Like many comprehensive solutions, the product is not the cheapest on the market and your support of fundraising initiatives such as this means more children are able to learn in this environment.

Our annual cross-country takes place next Tuesday. All the best to our competitors who have been training leading up to the event.

The Tui Tahī team of Rooms 15,16 and 25 are beginning a three week Digital Learning Environment trial sponsored by Microsoft. The purpose of the trial is to integrate learning while using digital devices. Microsoft supply all of the hardware and more importantly provide seconded teachers to help with the pedagogy. Thanks to Anne Taylor and the team at Microsoft. We are travelling carefully along the path of what many call 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) so that we can learn from other schools about the best long term approach.

The latest ERO report and Parent Information Booklet have been uploaded to the school website on hillpark.school.nz.

Gavin Beere
Principal

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Rameeza Ali to begin teaching in Room 8. Some children will move from Room 4 and 5 in order to reduce class sizes. Parents of those children will be notified with the change occurring next week.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Tuesday 2nd August

Junior school - Years 1-2

One or more laps around the school field depending on year level.
START TIME: 11:00am

Middle/Senior school - Years 3-6

Will walk to the Gardens at 12:15 and have their races there.
START TIME: 12:30 for the first race and will finish around 2:30pm to walk back to school.

Download our App 'skoolbag' by going to the Apple or Android App store for digital newsletters and most school information.



WELCOME to the following students and their Whanau

Ezekiel Hoang	Lee-Ka Lam
Breana Lam	Johanson Mahani
Imraj Singh	Abigail Seymour
Georgio Khoshaba	Sharnia Danford
Boston Danford	Georgia Johnston
Savion Hanna	Chelsea Russell
Savannah Morgan-Bevan	

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST

CHOCOLATES ARE COMING!!!



Pukekohe Raceway

KIDS OBSTACLE DUATHLON

Run, Bike and Obstacle Course Run

Tuesday 20th September, 2016

Open to Year 4 - 8 Individuals or 2-Person Teams

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NOTICE BOARD

DATES TO REMEMBER:

28 July: BOT meeting
30 July: QUIZ NIGHT School Hall -7 pm
2 August: Cross Country

HILLPARK SCHOOL PTA
totally 80's
QUIZ NIGHT
SATURDAY 30th July 2016
School Hall, Grande Vue Road

Bar Available (No BYO Drinks) + BYO Snacks
Bring money for: Bribes + Raffles + Games
Theme: Totally 80's
(Prize for the Best Dressed Table)

Cost: \$20 per person (includes pizza supper)
20 tables + 10 players per table (shared tables available)

Doors Open 6.30pm + Quiz Start 7pm

Bookings Essential: Ring LISHA on 027 239 8608
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