

Hillpark School Newsletter

Principals Pen

Kia Ora

The word honour is not used as often as it should be. It should be the word of choice to describe how the wider Hillpark community saluted our staff at the school last Friday. It was a genuine surprise to have an exquisite morning tea complete with high tea cake stacks and 'flash' savouries. The thought and care that accompanied the spread was evident and our staff were blown away at the appreciation you showed them. It was the first time in my career that a community has honoured the efforts of a school in such a manner.

In a similar vein, we celebrated the efforts of our many school volunteers today. From Road Patrol parents to regular helpers at school - we appreciate you all.

From 01 March next year we will be charging an extra \$1.00 per hour for our childcare service. This will make the charge \$8.00 per hour.

Many of you have suggested we need to lobby for a safer road crossing option on Walpole Avenue. We are currently working with Auckland Transport and there are some very constructive modifications in the wind for Walpole Avenue and Grande Vue Road crossings. The board is being consulted on these modifications at present and we will keep you updated of developments.

We are aware that some parents are dropping their children off for school in the Hillpark shops area as early as 7:00am. While we understand the busy demands of working in Auckland, this is unacceptable with regards to the childrens' health, safety and supervision. Please make arrangements to enrol at our childcare centre or organise a safer alternative. We will have no option but to report this practice if it continues.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual prizegiving ceremony next Monday. Every child is expected to attend in full uniform. The ceremony lasts just over an hour.



Thank you for supporting us with your child's uniform being worn correctly – the kids look awesome.

A final reminder that school closes at 12.30pm on Thursday 15 December . Please arrange to collect your child/ren at this time.

I wish each family a great Christmas break and encourage you to spend time together having fun.

Gavin Beere
Principal



School Prize Giving Ceremony

Our school prize giving is on Monday 12 December at 6 pm, in the school grounds. This is an important date in our calendar as we celebrate our students' successes.

All students must attend dressed in their Hillpark school uniform. Students are to meet their teacher by their classroom at 5.45 pm. We look forward to sharing this special evening with our Hillpark whanau. Seating is provided for all parents however you are welcome to bring a rug to sit on.



END OF THE YEAR/ BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR DATES

The last day of school for this year is:
Thursday 15 December 2016
School will finish at 12:30
There will be NO childcare in the afternoon.

**School will re-open for instruction:
Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 9:00 am**



To our new families and whanau

Lucas Raynes	Nicky Sok
Makaia Wineera	Ayla Wineera
Nathan Johns	Shiyue Zheng
Scarlett Eke	Jennaya Schapers

TERM DATES 2017:

Term 1: 31 January - 13 April
Term 2: 1 May - 7 July
Term 3: 24 July - 29 September
Term 4: 16 October - 14 December

LOST PROPERTY:

Please keep an eye on the lost property. It is building up again. Check it regularly for any lost items. All named clothing will be sent back to the child's class, any un-named items will be on sold through the office as second hand items. There is also a large amount of footwear that has been unclaimed, please check to see if it is yours.



Wrap it Up

Wrap it Up
The online payment option 'Wrap it Up' is now operational for most payment options. We will open up more as, and when required. Please register your child for this so you are ready to go.

The Yearbook order form is now loaded onto wrap it up. You can pre-order and pay for your yearbook online. The yearbook will be available at the end of the year.

NOTICE BOARD

DATES TO REMEMBER:

7 December: Learning Conferences 3:15-6:15pm
8 December: Learning Conferences 3:15-6:15pm
12 December: Prizegiving 6 pm on the field
14 December: Prizegiving save day
15 December: Child care open am session only
15 December: Last day of school, school finishes at 12:30pm.

Please make arrangements for your child to be collected at this time as there is NO childcare available.

24-26 January: Office open 9:00-1:00 for enrolments

31 January 2017: First day of the new school year

HATS

All children this term must wear their hat outside. If they do not have their hat on they will be asked to move to the shade. Please, if you do not have a Hillpark branded hat a wide brimmed hat will be accepted.

NO CAPS ALLOWED!!

ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE:

EVERY FRIDAY AT LUNCHTIME FROM THE
CHILDCARE WINDOW.

\$1:00 EACH



If you haven't done so, let the school office know of your email address or any updated address or phone numbers. If you haven't been receiving a newsletter it may be that your email needs updating.



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