

Hillpark School Newsletter

Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou

We are about to open the booking sheets for the Learning Conferences scheduled for 6 and 7 July. These conferences increasingly focus on the child being able to verbalise and demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways. This is indeed the true test of the effect of our teaching as exemplified by the commonly recognised 'Peanuts' cartoon below.



We have been involved in a number of initiatives over the years, all focused on improving student achievement. Through this involvement our experiences confirm all the research we have read — developing students' ability to talk about their learning and their progress makes a difference!

The development of learning conferences has been influenced by Professor John Hattie's latest research published in his book Visible Learning. He has researched the top 100 interventions that lead to greater student achievement. Developing student's ability to talk about their progress and learning comes near the top of his list. We believe students need to be able to answer questions like;

- How am I going?
- Where am I going?
- What is my next learning step?

The learning conferences are an opportunity to celebrate learning. If you have behavioural concerns or matters you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, another time will need to be arranged. Suggested questions to support your child...

- What have you been learning about?
- What were the steps you went through to learn this / make this?
- What helped you to learn this? (Was it the teacher / having good information / knowing what it looked like / working with a group / knowing what to do etc)
- What are you the most pleased with?
- What was the trickiest part?

- What would you do differently if you were going to do this again?
- What do you think you need to work on next in this subject?
- Tell me where you are in ... reading/writing/ numeracy
- Which area of learning do you find easiest? Why?
- What could we do together to help you with this learning?

Please note that Mr Lautner (Room 15) and Ms Davys (Room 1) will be holding their conferences in Term 3 owing to Mr Lautner only just returning to work after his injury and Ms Davys recent appointment to Room 1.

Please use the following instructions for booking a conference with your child. Please note that it is necessary to have your child present at the conference for it to proceed.

The website for booking conference slots is: schoolinterviews.co.nz and the code for booking is y8t9a. If you do not have internet access send your request to the office or visit in person.

Gavin Beere
Principal

Please remember to name your child's uniform. The best solution is to have their initials or surname subtly embroidered in white on each garment.



REMEMBER BE RAIN SMART: WEAR YOUR JACKETS OR RAINCOAT TO SCHOOL. WEAR YOUR SHOES AND SOCKS TO KEEP YOUR FEET WARM.

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WELCOME to the following students and their Whanau

Jorjah Maaka Shaun Papali'I
Kynthia Farley Sarah Akhtar
William Le Nhat

SCHOOL DONATIONS:

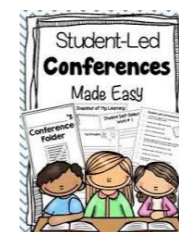
REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR SCHOOL DONATION BY THE END OF THE TERM TO RECEIVE THE 10% DISCOUNT OFFERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The donation enables the school to buy valuable resources for the classrooms and children of the school.

LEARNING CONFERENCES:

The learning conferences (for the children having them) will be on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th July. School will finish early on **Wednesday 6th July at 12:30pm.**

Please arrange care for your child if you are working and unable to collect them at this time.



Conference details:
Wednesday 6th July 1pm—7pm
Thursday 7th July 3:15pm—6pm

ROAD PATROL SUPERVISION WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WHEN: Any week day 8:25 to 8:55 or 2:55 to 3:15pm

WHAT: You will be given instructions on application.

WHO: Any parent, grand parent or caregiver is welcome.

Your child does not have to be a road patroller in order for you to volunteer for this.

Please email Erana Kakee - kakee@hillpark.school.nz

Or call in to the school office with your enquiries.



NOTICE BOARD

DATES TO REMEMBER:

24 June: Assembly 2:10pm
6 July: Learning Conferences 1pm—7pm
7 July: Learning Conferences 3:15pm—6pm
8 July: END OF TERM
SCHOOL CLOSURE AT 12:30PM ON WEDNESDAY 6 JULY. CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE on WED from 12:30-3:00PM @ \$5:00 PER CHILD. Please contact the school office if this is required.

ST ANDREWS PLAYGROUP

Meets Monday's during term time at:
St Andrews Church
150 Great South Road
Manurewa
9:00 am to 11:30 am
All Mums and Toddlers welcome.
Commencing 25 July 2016



All Staff, Students, & Parents/Caregivers Notification:

Manurewa Library will be closed for refurbishment from Monday 20 June to Sat 25 June 2016.

It will reopen on Monday 27 June at 9.00am.
Ngā mihi / Kind Regards

STEELY 7'S

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
4-DAY PROGRAMME FROM 12TH - 15TH JULY AT ECOLIGHT STADIUM - 8.30am - 3pm
FOR BOYS & GIRLS YEAR 4 - YEAR 8

For more information - <http://www.steelers.co.nz/community-rugby/224/>
or email sarah.mercer@steelers.co.nz



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