

Principals Pen

Kia Ora

We are working on a review of office systems at school, in order to free up time to put more energy into tasks that support teaching and learning. At present the accounting for cash for school activities takes up considerable time. For this reason we have implemented the 'Wrap It Up' online payment system that many schools in New Zealand use. It is very straightforward to become registered as outlined below. School events or payments that relate to your child/ren are clearly indicated and the receipt system is automatic.

It is likely that we will move all newsletters and this payment to this digital approach next year. If you are able to access the internet at home we ask that you make move to payments in this manner as soon as possible. There will be a draw at the end of the year for a \$150.00 Christmas hamper for families that have registered by 09 December.

Can we have your support in assisting children to have the correct school uniform. Teachers are proactively encouraging students to wear black shoes or sandals and black or white socks in particular. It is especially important as the year draws to a close as we need to keep children positively engaged in learning and keeping our standards up here is crucial. From next week we will issue written reminders for parents if the incorrect uniform is worn.

Congratulations to our 'Kids for Kids' choir who performed at the Vodafone Events Centre last week. Ms Salter, Mrs Kaur and Ms Mitchell prepared you all thoroughly and you sounded superb.

Similarly our participants in the MPSSA Athletics day represented the school well. Thanks Mr Lautner for organising the teams.

We are aware that the school website needs some work and will ensure that the app and website are updated concurrently in the future.

GAVIN BEERE

WAIKUA HĀRIKO!
A Christmas concert for tāmaki and whānau

FREE NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Friday 2 December, 6pm & 7.30pm
Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau

Nau mai haere mai!
The APO has a free concert for all tāmaki and their whānau at the Vodafone Events Centre!
There are two shows, and you don't have to book. Just turn up and have a great time singing along to all your favourite Christmas songs played by a full symphony orchestra!
Presented by Denyce Su'a and Kevin Keys.

Supported by: PŌHANGA TRUST, Vodafone Events Centre, Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra, apo.co.nz

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Wed 7 & Thurs 8 December 3:15-6:15 pm

Once you have received a letter from your teacher informing you of your interview, please follow the procedure below to book your learning conference:

1. Go to schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Enter the code 8byat
3. Enter your email address and book a time with your child's teacher

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



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.



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!!

KIA MĀIA TE WHAI DARE TO EXPLORE

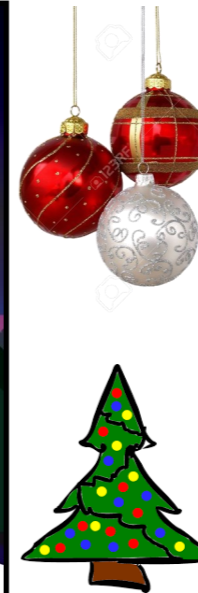
Free summer challenges at libraries across Auckland for kids aged 5 to 13
12 December 2016 – 22 January 2017

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Wrap it Up

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The online payment option 'Wrap it Up' is now operational for some 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:

6 December: Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6-8pm
7 December: Learning Conferences 3:15-6:15pm
8 December: Learning Conferences 3:15-6:15pm
12 December: Prizegiving 6-7pm 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

ALL STUDENTS:

The school pool is open for instruction. All children are required to bring togs and a towel. Please make sure they are named. A time table is available from your child's teacher so you know what days your child is swimming.

Swim caps available through your class teacher @ \$2:00

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.



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

An information sheet on how to download the app is available at the school office.

