

# Hillpark School Newsletter

## Principals Pen

Welcome to Karen Tait who has taken up her position in Room 14. The children have responded wonderfully and the learning programme is in full swing.

You will remember that we have moved to anniversary reporting for Years 1, 2 and 3. The next batch of Learning Conferences occur on 14 and 15 September. Those parents whose children require conferences are being notified at present. If you do receive a notification, sign on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code **gxadn** to book a slot.

We have had an increase in the numbers of children bringing chewing gum to school and disposing of it on our concrete areas. Can parents have a word with children about this issue please.

The school netball prize-giving event is this Sunday. This is the only school sports team that competes in a Saturday competition and we compete from the 'Future Ferns' division to Year 5/6. Congratulations to coaches, managers Mrs Sewsanker and Mr Lautner for your generous contribution to ensuring our girls are able to play. Have a great end of season celebration on Sunday.

We have been able to order much needed ergonomic furniture for Room 11 as a result of school and PTA fundraising following Quiz Night. Thanks to all of the PTA for enabling this to happen. It would be fair to say the existing equipment in Room 11 has reached the end of its economic life!

Rooms 15,16 and 25 have just completed a digital device trial sponsored by Microsoft. We will be purchasing some school based devices but the aim is to move to Year 5 and 6 students using their own devices as a large part of their learning in 2017. To this end we are sourcing devices and finance deals for the type of specification we require. A parent meeting will be held to discuss our decisions and the rationale for this direction.

**An NZEI paid union meeting for teachers is being held on Friday 16 from 1.30pm onwards. School will therefore close at 12.30pm on that day. Children who normally attend Childcare can continue to do so. For the rest of our children, we ask that parents pick them up at 12.30pm. If you are unable to for any reason there will be staff available to supervise your child until 3.00pm.**

All the best to our EPRO 8 Technology team who are competing in the semi finals of the 'problem solving' competition this Friday.

Kind regards

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**ASSEMBLY:** It has been requested that you do not take your child out of assembly as it is disruptive to the events taking place. Please wait until after the assembly to take your child out of school.  
**ART T-SHIRTS:** It is advisable that you provide your child with an old oversized t-shirt for when they are painting to avoid staining their uniforms.

## 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.

HILLPARK SCHOOL  
OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS — 2016  
Enrolment at Hillpark School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

The Board of Trustees wish to advise that a number of places for New Entrants are likely to be available for Out of Zone places in 2017. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

Applications for Out of Zone students close on **Wednesday 12 October, 2016**. If there are more applicants than places a ballot will then be held on **Wednesday 19 October, 2016**

Application forms are available from the school office. Even if you already have a child at this school, if you live outside the zone you must apply for a place for any younger sibling due to start in 2017.

If you live in the home zone and have not yet signalled your intention to enrol your child for the 2017 school year, please contact the school immediately to assist us to plan appropriately.

**Chocolates:** All chocolates and/or money collected should be handed in by now. Make sure you hand any outstanding money to the office so we can see how we did with this fundraiser. Thank you in advance for making this another successful fundraiser.



WELCOME to the following students and their Whanau

Blake Berking      Ryan Gao  
Steven Phan



## CALENDAR ART

The calendar art is now up on display and for sale

The cost of the art will be:

Calendars \$12:00

Cards (pack of 8) \$12:00

Diaries \$16:00

You can pay for the art by cash, eftpos, online, or through the 'wrap it up' option. **Make sure you give your child's teacher your order form regardless of how payment is made.**



## NOTICE TO PARENTS OF ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Information and enrolment packs from Greenmeadows Intermediate School have been given to all students who have shown an interest in attending there in 2017. More packs are available to parents of Year 6 students, please see Tania Mills in the office if you would like one.

## FOOTSTEPS CELEBRATION

Just a reminder for everyone to keep Thursday 22 September 5.30 - 7.30pm free for our celebration of dance at Manurewa Intermediate School.

## CHICKEN POX

Please be aware that we have a large amount of chicken pox cases going round the school at this time. If your child is unwell please do not send them to school.

## YELLOW LINES

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW LINES OR IN THE DISABLED PARKING SPACE (UNLESS YOU HAVE A DISABILITY CARD) AS YOUR DETAILS WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE TRAFFIC POLICE.

## NOTICE BOARD

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Monday 12 September:** Greenmeadows Intermediate School Year 6 students technology visit, 9.00—11.40 am

**Tuesday 13th September:** Parent Information Evening at Greenmeadows Intermediate at 6:30 pm.

**Wednesday 14 September:** Learning conferences Y0-3, 3pm-6pm.

**Thursday 15 September:** Learning conferences Y0-3, 3pm—6pm.

**Thursday 15 September:** BOT meeting staffroom 6pm

**Friday 16 September:** SCHOOL CLOSED FROM 12:30PM—PAID UNION MEETING

**Monday 19th September:** Parent Information visit at Greenmeadows Intermediate 10:45 am

**Thursday 22 September:** Footsteps Production at Manurewa Intermediate School 5:30-7:30 pm

**Wednesday 12 October:** Enrolment applications close for in and out of zone places.

## ATTENDANCE

It is vital that **ALL children are at school EVERY day, unless they are unwell. Please inform the office if your child is sick or unable to come to school. We monitor attendance and lateness closely. Letters will be given to all parents of students we have concerns about, and we also refer to Truancy Services when there is no significant improvement in attendance or lateness.**

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.

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



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