

Newsletter 7th June 2017

"Friendship with oneself is all important because without it one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world." -- Eleanor Roosevelt

Dear Parents, students and caregivers

*On behalf of Te Kowhai School staff and students we would like to welcome all our new students
The school roll is currently **328** children*

Our Approach to Teaching & Learning: Innovative Learning Environment

FAQs – Part 3 see previous newsletters for Parts 1 & 2

What are some of the key benefits of a collaborative learning environment?

- More frequent interactions with teachers
- Greater differentiation of the class programme to support all learners
- Increased collaboration between classmates and teachers
- More detailed analysis of each child's learning needs through the different perspectives of teachers
- Greater chance of each child forming a strong relationship with **at least one** of their teachers
- Access to a range of teachers' strengths and passions.
- Greater social development with more peers to interact and work with
- Greater opportunity for students to work in a setting that suits them, due to different spaces offered within the learning environment



Are the teaching and learning programmes the same?

For many aspects yes, the same strong focus remains on effective teaching, learning and student achievement. We haven't "thrown the baby out with the bath water". Teachers use a collaborative approach and use their strengths. The teachers plan together and work very closely with each other. You will still see teachers teaching groups, children working collaboratively in groups, children working individually and at different levels of self-direction. You will also see children working flexibly at different levels in different places.

I also encourage you to come along to one of our "Open sessions", and hear about these changes, and then to see all Learning Communities in action.

The next available session is: Tuesday 13th June 9am-10.30am – Staffroom

REP Shirts

Just a reminder for students who haven't already returned their rep shirts to please return them washed to the school office so they are available for our next event.

New World Vouchers

We have New World vouchers available in \$100 batches with maximum order of \$1000 (you pay \$50 and get \$55 voucher). If you would like to purchase any please contact Prue at pruew@tekowhai.school.nz. Payment can be made via the office or internet banking **12-3454-0003074-00 Reference: Code 8125**

School Hours

Just a reminder that school isn't open for students until 8.15 am. If your child arrives earlier than this please remind them that they must wait under the tree at the front of the school until the bell goes. This allows time for the teachers to organise their class for the day.

PTA Quiz Night

Friday 30th June has been confirmed as our annual quiz night. It will be held at the hall across the road from 7pm onwards. Tickets are available from today. Start swotting up, get the babysitting organised, and think of a team name – teams of 6-8. Prize for the best team fancy dress.... Please see the flyer at the back of the newsletter

School Disco



Who's Ready to Party?

On Friday the 16th of June the student council will be holding the annual Te Kowhai School disco! The theme will be Hollywood, so don't be afraid to dress up as your favourite actor, actress, or even your favourite Disney characters! The times are:

LC1 and LC2: 3:30 - 4:30

LC3 and LC4: 5:00 - 6:30

LC5 and LC6: 7:00 - 8:30

See you there!

sKids Cook-off

Last week we held the sKids cook off. This competition involved approximately 40 students from ours and 3 other Waikato schools that host the sKids after school care programme. The organisers were on a mission to find just 2 finalists to send to an Auckland semi final on 24th June. Our crew of 9 did a great job and two of our students actually took out the top two places. Congratulations to Deryn Rayner and Shontelle Shepp. Great to see our kids shining in the kitchen as well.



You are Invited to a Maker-Space Evening of Exploration and Wonder

Many of you may remember last term when we had a couple of very enjoyable afternoons when you came along to play and challenge each other in chess.

Because these sessions were so much fun, we thought we would invite you back this term to learn, interact and have fun with the students; not with chess but electronics, maker-space, mbots, makey-makeys etc etc etc

The students will help you make something with the electronic equipment, tinker at the maker-space table, programme a makey-makey, mbot, or whatever you like. This is a fantastic way for you and your children to problem solve, think and collaborate together; these are valuable qualities that we focus on everyday in the classroom.

We will put on a light snack, tea and coffee; we'd love to see you!

Place: LC5
Dates: Tuesday 13th June
Time: 5pm to 6 ish



Term Two Dates 2017

Date	Event
8 th June	Tough Guy & Tough Girl Mud Run
16 th June	Disco
19-20 June	World of Maths show
27 th - 28 th June	Mid-Year Catch ups - (Student/teacher/parent meetings)
30 June	Quiz Night
3 rd -7 th July	ERO visit
5 th July	TK X-Factor
7 th July	Last Day of Term 2

Project for the SPCA

Don't let animals starve or be cold over winter! Please donate to our donation box, animal needs, such as cans, biscuits, old blankets or toys.

We will be giving your donations to the Te Rapa SPCA.

Thank you for being so kind. Brooke and Chloe

Please take
the food to
the
Office



SPCA[®]
NEW ZEALAND

Community News For Sale



Affordable Country Escape

Imagine sitting on your covered deck in the peaceful countryside, nestled in your own private sanctuary, while soaking up all day sun.

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View the listing via: <http://www.trademe.co.nz/1335644012>

Weekly Nuggets

MAAORI NEW YEAR

KUMARA

Developed by Sport Waikato 2017

This traditional vegetable has a sweet, creamy flavour. There are 3 different varieties in Aotearoa: red, gold and orange. Orange has the sweetest taste. Try baking or steaming. For an extra burst of flavour combine with mashed potato or add to soup.

A photograph of a purple kumara vegetable against a dark background with stars.

Masterchef for kids @ HJHS



After school classes running Term 2

Registration open to Students in Years 5-8 only

Parents can attend with their child.

Wednesday, 3.30-5pm

Places are limited book early

Would you like to learn how to cook basic recipes? Do you have a passion for food?

Our 6 week course will teach you how to cook! Course costs \$60 per person and you will create wonderful dishes each week in our Masterchef kitchen.

Cooking skills & methods

To register email Whaea Kerri kerim@hjhs.school.nz



First class starts on 21st June, payment due prior to this date.



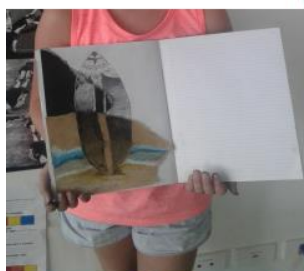
Food Safety & Hygiene



Technological Development

Venue: Food Technology Room
Hamilton Junior High School, ph: 8492819
90 Heath Street, Hamilton

Mixed - Media Art Classes @ HJHS



After school classes running Term 1 & 2

Registration open to Students in Years 5-8 only

Parents can attend with their child.

Wednesday, 3.30-5pm

Places are limited book early

Would you like to learn how to draw and paint using a variety of mixed-media?

Do you have a passion for Art?

Our 6 week course will teach you how to create beautiful artworks!

Course costs: \$30 per person

Drawing and shading techniques

To register scan the qr code or email: Laurel Bennett laurelh@hjhs.school.nz



First class starts on 21st June, payment due prior to this date.



Colour theory, mixing & blending



Pastel, paint, dyes and ink

Venue: Visual Arts Room
Hamilton Junior High School, ph: 8492819
90 Heath Street, Hamilton

Waikato Ear Health

Now at Northcare Medical Centre, Pukete

Wednesdays

No referral required

- Professional ear care by experienced NZ registered nurse
- Ear Micro-examination and micro-suction (performed under direct vision using a microscope)
- For removal of wax, skin, debris and foreign objects. Adults \$48 Children (over 4yrs old) \$38
Ph 0800777327 for appt



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QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 30th June, 2017

Time: Doors open 7pm,
Quiz begins 7.30pm

Cost: \$20 per person

Venue: Te Kowhai Community Hall



6 – 8 people per team

Cash bar only- strictly NO B.Y.O.

Light supper provided

Driver available on request
(Te Kowhai area only)

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT

THE SCHOOL OFFICE

THIS IS A GREAT NIGHT OUT, COME
ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!