



Huia Range School

Term 3 Week 2 Thursday 2nd August, 2018

Website: www.huiarange.school.nz

He mihi mahana kia koutou – A warm greeting to you all

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New Children

The family of 4 children I mentioned last week have started school with us.

Elite, Vogue, Zarhni and Slade have joined us from Australia and we have also had Maiya join us from just north of Auckland.

We welcome these children and hope they and their whanau enjoy their time with Huia Range School and in Dannevirke.

Strike Action

Teachers and Principals have voted to strike on Wednesday 15th of August.

The Board of Trustees will be making a decision over the next week as to what will happen to ensure your children are safe and whether the school is open or closed for the day.

The Board will be working through the legal and safety requirements before they make this decision.

The reasons behind the strike action are much bigger than is usually reported in the media.

The concerns across New Zealand are around:

1. The lack of in-depth, continuous support for our children that have moderate to severe learning, behavioural and/or developmental needs. More specialist teachers and support workers are urgently needed.
2. The huge shortage of teachers (tired of hearing about Auckland - a massive problem in Dannevirke!)
3. The retention of teachers - a large percent of new teachers resign within 3 years of starting teaching.
4. Pay rates of teachers.

Parent Interviews

It was great to see such a high turnout of parents, grandparents and caregivers meeting with teachers on Monday and Tuesday nights.

This is the highest number of interviews we have ever had and it is really encouraging to see the interest in the children's education.

The teachers have commented to me that the interviews were very positive and they enjoyed meeting some parents they haven't previously met.

The main feed back about the new report format was that there are 2 issues:

1. There was not enough difference between some of the words used, particularly the words *strongly* and *consistently*. This made it difficult for parents to understand, what exactly, this meant for their child.
2. Because curriculum levels were reported against, but weren't broken down into smaller steps (as they were using National Standards) it was difficult to gauge progress.

Both of these concerns are important and will be looked at before end of the year reports are written.

Thank you to all the whanau who attended interviews and thank you for your feedback and the positive way you all approached these interviews.

Etc.

Year 7/8 undertaking the Mud Run tomorrow - enjoy yourselves and remember mud is supposed to be good for your complexion!

Head lice - please check and treat if needed. Thank you to our wonderful families that regularly do this.

Upcoming Dates

August

3 - Friday
Palmerston North mud run

8 Wednesday
7-aside tournament at Pahiatua

8 Wednesday
Library book quiz

9 - Thursday
Interschool Maths

10 - Friday
7-aside tournament postponement

14 - Tuesday
Board of Trustees Meeting
6.30pm Staffroom

15 - Wednesday
Winter Warmers finish

15 - Wednesday
Strike Action

30 - Thursday
Interschool speeches

Ka kite ano. Kia nui te ra
Robyn Forsyth Principal

Parent Survey

As a community of schools we are all undertaking a survey with our year 4+ students, whanau and teachers

The results will be collated by a team of 'experts' from Auckland University and the school will receive an in-depth summary of the answers, which will provide us with a base point for improvements that we could make.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to undertake the survey on Whanau link: <http://bit.ly/2sEqIn1>.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rm 2 Elizabeth – trying extra hard in reading and writing and having a positive attitude.
Paige – trying really hard to show Strive and make good choices.
- Rm 3 Indy – earning her first spelling feather.
Kirwin – making fantastic progress with his writing.
- Rm 4 Carys – setting and achieving personal goals. Well done.
Chloe – ensuring that room 4's timetable is followed.
- Rm 5 Khara – displaying integrity in room 5 and managing her time well!
Stella – making great progress in her reading – ka pai!
- Rm 6 Kahlia – superb start to term 3.
Conner – outstanding progress in reading.
- Rm 7 Katie-Jane following instructions well to write a recount about the holidays.
Tanenuiarangi – settling into room 7 and with ease and displaying Strive values.
- Rm 10 Connor – outstanding reading comprehension and participation in your reading group.
- Rm 11 Kymani – being helpful and supportive to others while maintaining a good work standard.
Billie-Unique – being an independent learner and taking pride in the presentation of her work.
- Rm 12 Lucas – displaying great self awareness by making good choices and focusing on completing his work without distractions.
Coralie – having a positive attitude towards her learning and managing her time effectively.
- Rm 15 Hineira – showing confidence, reliability and leadership in senior kapa haka.
Jess – showing contributions in team participation when doing sport activities.
- Rm 16 Chance – a positive start to the term and meeting deadlines in all curriculum areas.
Jack – being accepting of feedback and responding positively to feed forward in writing.

SPORTS NOTICES

Dannevirke Junior Netball – 4 August

9.30 am: Huia Hawkes vs Bush 1 - Bush Stadium PAHIATUA

Huia Heat vs Bush Bush - Stadium PAHIATUA

10:00am: Huia Hornets vs South Blue - Court 1 (umpire own game)

Huia Herons vs Norsewood B - Court 2 (umpire own game)

Combined C1 vs Combined C2 – Court 3 (umpire own game)

Combined C1 are the 5v5 players who have played a round in C Grade
Combined C2 are the 5v5 players who are new to 7 aside netball this term

Rugby Draw – 28 July

Rippa: Huia / TTK vs Ruahine, Field 2, 10:00am

Huia vs South, Field 1, 10:00am

Midget: Huia vs South Blue, Field 1, 10:00am

Juniors: Semi Finals - TBA

Seniors: Hawke's Bay Wide, Competition Trial

**Canteen
Special
9 August
Bacon and
Egg Muffins
\$3.00**

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOLO Book Club @ the Dannevirke Library

Monday 13 August 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Read a junior fiction novel composed mainly of graphics.

Monday 03 September 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Read a sophisticated picture book.

Monday 24 September 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Read any book, then submit an online review for the library blog.