



Huia Range School

Term 1 Week 1 Friday 8th February, 2019

Website: www.huiarange.school.nz

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

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2019

Welcome to the 2019 school year.

To our returning families and students, great to see you all for another year of challenge and opportunity.

To our new students and their whanau a very warm welcome to our school. We sincerely hope you enjoy your time at Huia Range School and your children have a great learning experience.

We are very excited with the really settled start we have seen this term.

Yes we have only completed 3 teaching and learning days but our children are happy, well mannered and pleased to be back at school.

We are also impressed with the fact that in nearly every classroom the children have their full set of stationery and are in correct school uniform.

This is tremendous organisation and planning from parents and caregivers at a difficult financial time of the year. Well done to you all.

I offered to shout any class that have all class members wearing a correct sun hat an ice block. Two classes have met this challenge, with a large number of other classes only one or two children short. Keep trying - time isn't up yet.

Year 8 Camp

Our year 8 students are off to Back Paddocks Lake for their leadership Camp next week.

Most have returned their permission/health forms and have paid the full amount of the camp.

Queries to Anna and Jacqui please.

New Students

At a powhiri on Monday we welcomed the following new children to our school:

Harliquin, Tyson, Irie-Mariah, Anahera, Isaac, Nahryion, Dontez, Daeziah, Taylan, Lucian, Leyhton, Caleb, Chloe, Zoe Cameron and Teariki.

We are looking forward to working with these children and their families.

Year 7/8 Finances

The most expensive years for our students tend to be their year 7 and 8 years.

There are a raft of activities like technology at DHS, the mud run and the year 8 camp.

If you haven't set up an account with automatic payments see Suzie asap.

Swimming

Our year 4 - 8 students are undertaking 5 swimming lessons every Thursday as shown on the upcoming events list.

These lessons and the buses transporting the children are paid for by the school and are no expense to our families.

We expect all of our children to bring the togs and towel and participate in the lessons.

Being able to swim is a vital skill in New Zealand as we have one of the highest drowning rates in the world.

These sessions are to help our children prepare for the school and interschool swimming sports that are planned for his term. Further information on these events will be available closer to the events.

Up Coming Events

February

13 Wednesday - 15 Friday
Year 8 Leadership Camp

14 - Thursday
Swimming Year 4 - 8

21 - Thursday
Swimming Year 4 - 8
Whanau and school BBQ 5.00pm
Kapa Haka muster 3.30pm

26 - Tuesday
BOT meeting - Staff room 6.30pm

28 - Thursday
Swimming Year 4 - 8

March

7 - Thursday
Swimming Year 4 - 8

14 - Thursday
Swimming Year 4 - 8

19 - Tuesday
Weetbix Triathlon

21 - Thursday
School Swimming Sports

Ka kite ano - kia nui te ra.

Robyn Forsyth
Principal

St John

Dannevirke St John Youth Division

Where: Anglican Church Hall,
High Street Dannevirke
When: Tuesdays from 5.30pm - 7pm
Who: Children aged 6 - 18 years

Contact: Delwyn Walker
Divisional manager

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Class Dojo

Teachers are again using the class dojo system to monitor student behaviour in the class room and in the playground.

This year, the wider system that has been trialled in a few classes has been introduced to all class rooms.

Your child is able to add videos of themselves undertaking learning tasks and can upload copies of their tasks (eg, stories they have written).

Teacher's comments can be seen and parents are also able to make comments back. Checking your child's behaviour is also available to you.

Positive feedback to your child, from you is of huge interest to your child and they absolutely love reading your comments.

To see and participate in this system you need a smart phone and you need to download the app.

Your child's teacher has already sent you a password and the instructions to access your child's records.

No one else can access your child's records, unless you give them the password.

We have discovered that grandparents, aunts and uncles really enjoy access and the children really love reading their comments.

This access to wider family is your choice, we do not supply the password to anyone apart for the parent or main caregiver.

If you can't access the app on your phone or want to know more about this app, please call into school and the teacher will help you join up and answer your questions.

Please check the teacher is free to undertake this with you. The can't do it during learning time or when they are on duty.

We are looking forward to your input in the class dojo system and seeing the difference this could make to your child's enthusiasm with their learning.

Kapa Haka

There have been a number of meetings over the holidays, and yesterday between the school and the kapa haka tutor group.

Practices this year for the senior group are planned for Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm until 5.50pm.

The tutor group will be attending the school assembly on Monday 18th February to inform our tamariki of the plans and call the first muster of students interested.

Board Secretary

The school's Board of Trustees currently meet 10 or 11 times each year to discuss student achievement, property, finance, safety and health and the school in general.

The Board require a secretary to summarise the discussions and record decisions made.

Board meetings are on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm until around 9.00pm.

If you can listen and accurately record discussions and decisions, on the required template, this might be the job for you.

You do need to be able to type and send and receive emails.

The remuneration is related to your experience and is negotiated as part of your appointment.

A full job description and application form will be available from the school office on Monday morning.

The closing date for applications is Monday 18th February, 2019, by 3.30pm.

The first Board meeting you would be required to minute would be Tuesday 26th February, 2019.

Family BBQ

On Thursday 21st February, the Board of Trustees and the school staff would like to invite all our school whanau to a sausage sizzle and fun evening.

So preschoolers, current students, older brothers and sisters and parents and caregivers are very welcome to attend, if they live in your house.

A free sausage (with sauce, onions and a piece of bread) will be available for every person that attends, and if you want more they will be available at a cost of \$2.00.

This is an opportunity to meet you tamariki's teacher, the Board members and new families to our school.

Some of our sports equipment will be available for you and you child and their friends to play with.

Looking forward to seeing you from 4.30pm - 6.30pm on Tuesday 21st February.

Cleaner's Position

There has been considerable interest in this position that was advertised in the bush Telegraph during the holidays.

Please be aware that applications close on Tuesday of next week and no late applications will be accepted.





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30 January 2019

Hello Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers

The new year has begun...

I just thought I would take some time to provide you some information around dropping off and picking up children from school.

We are very fortunate in the Tararua around traffic safety at schools in comparison to cities where the population is more and traffic is heavier.

However with that can come some complacency. We can find ourselves taking short cuts, parking in the incorrect zones, allowing our children to cross the road at any given point, or diverting our attention away from the task at hand. Roads around schools both before and after school can be extremely dangerous due to traffic volume and the number of students entering or exiting the grounds. The results can be very upsetting if things go bad.

It takes us no longer to park in the designated areas and it does not hurt our children to have to walk a small distance into the school grounds from being dropping off by parents/caregivers – the exercise is good!

It is timely reminder about the safety and legal obligations of all those parents and caregivers who bring their children to and from school by car.

The school and teachers are trying to ensure the safety of your children at pick up and drop off times by operating school traffic safety teams (school patrols at crossings). To achieve this they require your help by observing the traffic laws in relation to pedestrian crossing and driving in general.

Police are committed to the safety of children around schools and as a result will be monitoring these locations at peak times.

Below is a list of offences that we will be actively policing:

Failed to stop and remain stopped for School Patrol	\$150.00
Blocked a pedestrian crossing	\$150.00
Driver or passenger not wearing seat belt	\$150.00
Failed to ensure child 8-14 year used seat belt	\$150.00

Permitted child under 15 in front seat unrestrained	\$150.00
Failed to ensure child under 7 in approved child restraint	\$150.00
Driver used a mobile phone while driving	\$80.00
Failed to wear cycle helmet	\$55.00
Parking within 6 metres of an intersection	\$60.00
Parking on or near a pedestrian crossing	\$60.00
Parked in area of broken yellow line	\$60.00
Parked obstructing vehicle entrance	\$40.00
Parking on a broken yellow line	\$60.00

I would also like to point out that bus stops during certain times are **not** to be used for dropping off or waiting to pick up your children. These times are:
Monday to Friday 8.30am until 9.15am & 3.00pm until 3.30pm.

If we all do our bit to be aware of the risks, adhere to the regulations, observe the instructions of the teachers and school traffic safety teams, then our children will be safe.

Yours faithfully



M F Walshe

Senior Constable
School Community Officer
TARARUA

Introducing: Kendal Duthie, Social Worker in Schools

I moved to Dannevirke with my husband in September 2018 to take up the position of Social Worker in Schools with Tararua Family Services. Originally from Twizel in the Mackenzie Country, I spent several years working for the Ministry of Social Development (Work and Income) in a few different locations before working as a young person and family worker in Kaikoura for two years. While completing my BSW, I worked part time with the Salvation Army in Hamilton. Social Workers in Schools are community social workers based in schools, in my case primarily at Huia Range (though I also cover two other schools). I work with students and their family / whanau who are in need of extra support for a variety of reasons but am also available for information and advice. You can contact me by email at swis.tfs@acw.org.nz, phone on 027 234 0804 or you will generally find me around the school.