



# Huia Range School

Term 1 Week 3 Thursday 13th February, 2020

Website: [www.huiarange.school.nz](http://www.huiarange.school.nz)

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

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## Board Position

Late last year Belinda Crosswell resigned from the Board of Trustees as her last child finished at Huia Range School.

The Board are looking for an interested person to take up this position.

The official wording is:

### Board of Trustees Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The board has resolved under Section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection.

If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
Huia Range School  
2 Cole Street  
Dannevirke 4930

By 12th March, 2020

## Swimming

Swimming starts next Wednesday for rooms Rooms 3, 5,8,9,10,12,16 and on Thursday for Room 4.

Please ensure children have their swimming gear and a bag so clothing doesn't go missing. Please also check uniforms are well named.

## Teachers' Only Day

The full staff are attending a professional development day working with staff from Waikato University.

**School is closed for children for the full day.**

## Whanau BBQ

All of our Huia Range School whanau are invited to a free sausage sizzle next Wednesday (19th February) from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

You need to collect a ticket as you arrive so you can exchange it for a sausage.

You can purchase more sausages for \$2.00 if you want seconds.

We will have 2 of our classrooms open and the teachers are very happy to show you our new interactive panels, which you can have a turn on.

Our teachers are still learning new things to do on the panels, so might not be able to answer your harder questions!!

There will also be some of our 'different' sports gear out for families to play with.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening.

## Congratulations

Absolutely well done to our families for the impressive number of children who have their stationery for this year.

We still have a very small number of children who are taking another list home tonight.

We all appreciate how hard it is for families with finances at the beginning of each school year.

## Up Coming Events

### February

11 - 13 Tuesday - Thursday  
Year 8 Leadership Camp

14 - Friday  
Teacher Only Day  
School closed

19 - Wednesday  
Swimming  
Rooms 3,5,8,9,10,12,16  
Whanau BBQ

20 - Thursday  
Swimming  
Rooms 3,4,5,8,9,10,12,16

26 - Wednesday  
Swimming  
Rooms 3,5,8,9,10,12,16

27 - Thursday  
Swimming  
Rooms 3,4,5,8,9,10,12,16

### March

2 - Monday  
Parent/teacher interviews

3 - Tuesday  
Parent/teacher interviews

5 - Thursday  
Swimming  
Rooms 3,4,5,8,9,10,12,16

10 - Tuesday  
BOT Meeting - 6.30pm Staffroom

19 - Thursday  
School Swimming year 4 - 8

26 -Wednesday  
Interschool Swimming

Kia nui te ra.

Ka kite ano.

Robyn Forsyth  
Principal



## **Coronavirus**

Constant updates from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health are being received.

There is nothing new to add from the last newsletter and if anything changes an extra newsletter will be sent home if needed.

In the meantime advice is:

- avoid very close contact with people showing symptoms
- frequently washing hands
- avoiding close contact with sick live farm animals or wild animals
- practicing cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).

## **Incredible Years Programme to start in March**

An informative, interactive programme for parents from Dannevirke, Pahiatua and surrounding areas will be facilitated by Natalie Elliot (The Trust, Pahiatua) and Haley Butcher (Taranua REAP, Dannevirke).

Learn how to develop strategies that help build constructive relationships with your children and encourage positive behaviours.

A free programme delivered over 14 weeks for 2.5 hours per week.

Referrals to the programme can be made by the parent/caregiver of the child or by others involved in supporting the family (with parent permission) and can be made by phone or at Taranua REAP reception.

It would be helpful if referrals to the programme are made as soon as possible as facilitators will start contacting parents in February.

For further information pop into the Taranua REAP office or call our Whānau Support Coordinator, Haley Butcher.

## **Year 8 Leadership Camp**

I had the privilege of attending the camp for 2 days and overnight. I was really impressed with the children's attitude towards giving new things a go, even when they looked a little bit difficult.

I believe all of the children did the wake-boarding and the yachting and paddle boarding.

It was really great that the 2 WaiSplash instructors came out to camp and worked with our children for most of the morning. They undertook some very strong work around water safety and helped the children to climb in and out of a small boat (just in case they ever get tipped out of one!) and taught them how to use a rope/floatation device to help rescue some and how to get help if needed, without endangering themselves. All very useful skills.

Hopefully there will be pictures available for next week's newsletter. Thank you to the parents, and staff for the huge support for this camp. As always well organised, thank you Anna!

## **Sun Hats**

All children are expected to have a plain burgundy or black sunhat to wear during break, lunch time and any sports activities.

If they do not have a suitable hat, they are expected to sit/play in the shade.

## **School Hours**

Staff are not on duty or in class rooms until 8.30pm each morning. Breakfast club opens at 7.45am.

I don't like saying it, but our staff aren't babysitters! If you are sending your child to breakfast club, to have breakfast, they are welcome at 7.45am. Please do not send them to be baby sat or earlier.