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Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

Last Friday afternoon the Minister of Education announced approval to build 7 additional classrooms at our school. This is in addition to the 3 that were announced in August of last year. As it happened, on Friday I had a meeting with the project manager and architect regarding the three rooms approved last year. Over the past month we have had a company in doing soil tests checking on power supply, capacity of the sprinkler system and other work to be done in preparation for the building work.

Design work is due to begin now and it is not yet clear whether there will be one stage or if the work will be divided up into three stages, however it is good news and I hope that we can get some work underway soon so that some rooms will be completed early next year to alleviate the use of hubs to accommodate our classes.

Changes

Last Thursday evening I met with parents of 22 students in the Mānuka Hub who will move to Room 3 in the Kahikatea block at the beginning of Term 3. This is to make space for incoming new entrants to join Mānuka at the beginning of Term 3.

The Year 1 and 2 class that is currently in Room 3 and taught by Mrs Jen Harvey will move to the Kowhai Hub and be called Kowhai from the beginning of Term 3. The teacher for the new class starting in Room 3 is Mrs Sarah Thomassen, who is an experienced teacher used to working with children at this level.

Staffing Changes

Mrs Darnelle Robinson who is currently teaching in the Mānuka Learning Community will be leaving us at the end of the term to go on parental leave for the next year. I wish her all the best for the upcoming birth and thank her for all the work that she has done. She will be replaced by Miss Amy Buick who is also a very experienced teacher and has been a regular reliever over the past term or so.

On Monday evening the Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Mrs Stephanie Moloney, who has been appointed to a permanent position at Hamilton West. Stephanie has done a great job here over the past 2 ½ years and I wish her every success in her new role. She will be replaced by Nicola Greene, who is returning to work after 12 months of parental leave. She has worked in this area of our school before.

Marae Experience

This week the Year 4 students (Team Kākāpo) have been enjoying a Marae stay at Maungatautari Marae. I have been out there each morning to participate in the Powhiri to welcome our classes to the Marae. This is the end of the terms focus on Maori, which is a key part of our Year 4 year. I thank the teachers and parents who have made this experience possible.

It is also great that the children have been there during the period of Matariki.

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School Celebration Spotlight

Room 29

Stanley Hills - Stanley a fantastic kaiwhaakaro, thinker. He is always trying to think of the many ways he can use the world around him to add details to his writing. When he comes to a tricky word Stanley knows to use the sound cards, whiteboard, teacher books and dictionaries to help. When being introduced to new knowledge, he is one of the first to have a go and share with his friends.

Jasmine Chahal - Jasmine is a great Kaikokiri, Risk Taker, and Kaimahi Takitahi, Self Manager. Jasmine is always ready to take on any new learning and gives everything a go to the best of her ability. She loves to share her learning with her group and is one of the first to offer assistance to others when they get a little bit stuck.

Griffin Liu - has been an amazing Kaimahi Takitahi, Self Manager and Kairangahau, Researcher. He has started to take responsibility for his own learning by teaching himself his writing goals at home and finding out more information from our wonderings and reading discussions. He always blows our minds with amazing facts! He then uses this information in his writing to add detail.

Mahnaz Hamidullah - Mahnaz is becoming an awesome Kaimahi Takitahi, Self-manager. She starts learning promptly and attempts all work even when it may be difficult, and works right up to the bell to make sure she completes her work to the best of her ability. She shares her ideas in whole class learning and within group lessons. Mahnaz puts all her effort into her learning and she is very proud of what she has learnt this year.

Room 20

Anton Worth - Anton is a great Kaimahi Takitahi, self manager. He works hard to achieve his goals and complete work to the highest standard. He always tries his best.

Caleb Armstrong - Caleb is a great kaiwhaakaro, thinker. He is always focused during group work, asks questions and adds ideas to discussions. Caleb participates in all activities and always tries to give his best.

Katie-Ella Hidden - Katie-Ella is a fantastic Kaimahia Takitahi - self manager. She is always working hard towards her learning and achieving her goals.

Kyra True - Kyra is an amazing Kaimahi-a-rōpu, team player. She participates in group discussions and activities and listens carefully to those that share. Kyra is also willing to help those who may need it.

Production

NEXT WEEK (2-6 July) there will be a big focus on a production. The Year 3 students (Team Kākāpō) will present their show. They have a dress rehearsal for school students on Tuesday 3 at 11.00am. Their first public show will be on WEDNESDAY 4 July beginning at 1.30pm. The final performance will be at 6.30pm on WEDNESDAY evening. I know that the teachers and children have worked hard to put ideas together and it will be very entertaining.



Team Kiwi's Production "**The Magic Tuna and The Children of Rototuna Primary**" is a vibrant, fun and lively tale. The children will take you back to ancient Maori times and tell the story of a local legend, with a touch of culture, dance and song. You are guaranteed to be entertained.

You are welcome to purchase tickets to either of our scheduled performances:

- Afternoon Matinee: Wednesday 4th July @ 1:30pm **317 tickets still available**
- Evening Performance: Wednesday 4th July @ 6:30pm **118 tickets still available**

Please note, that siblings at school will have an opportunity to view this show, so please consider this when you are purchasing your tickets.

Tickets are NOW available on KINDO \$4.00 pp

Cultural Arts Day

This Friday is one of our favourite days as the whole school participates in a day of Art. Children have been divided into individualised groups from Year 1 to 6 and including siblings. They will work together to produce great art.

After lunch we will go to the Hall and representatives from all the groups (almost 40 groups) will share some of their work. I am looking forward to seeing all the work.

Next Week

Another exciting week of learning ahead for the final week of the term. On Wednesday Team Kiwi will present their show. It is a tradition at our school that over the 6 years at school everyone gets to be in 3 shows. This week is the important one for the year 3 students.

Their show will look at many cultures that are found in New Zealand. The show has been adapted and written by the teachers and is based on a New Zealand Childrens book. I look forward to seeing you at the matinee at 1.30pm on Wednesday 4 July followed by the evening performance at 6.30pm.

I always look forward to these as our children are so talented and it demonstrates that the Arts are very important to our school too.

Whānau Meeting

Whānau is very important to New Zealand and in our school we have over 130 Maori students who belong to 31 different iwi (tribes). On Thursday evening the tamariki and their parents are invited to school to see the iwi photographs of the akonga and teachers and to mix and mingle and get to know each other.

The meeting starts at 6.00pm on THURSDAY 5 July. Kai will be provided for tamariki and they will be supervised while their whanau get to know each other in the staffroom. Invitations have been sent to all whanau. I thank Ngahuaia for all her organisation along with the help of Mel Johnson and Tina Anderson.

Whole School Celebration

On Friday 6 July we will hold our final Whole School Celebration for term 2. It will be at 10.00am. A special feature will be the senior band presenting two items that they are working on for the annual band competition next term (16 August).

**Regards,
Mike Sutton
Principal**

Player of the Day

Mylee Hill, Hannah Lovell, Jacob Lee, Lily Birkett, Olivia Kemp, Suhani Gupta, Sasha Hayward, Zaynab Cajee, Kaidi Hsu, Oliver Killey, Hafsa Hozayen, EAsmee Hearfield



Do your children love to sing?

Come and sing with the Tron Songsters Children's Choir!

We are a community choir of boys and girls aged 8-13 years old, directed by experienced music teachers Hannah Bryant and Maria Colvin and...

We are looking for new singers to join us in Term 3!

Choristers have a fun and educational experience, sing a range of musical styles, and work towards a public concert to end the term.

Rehearsals at St Aidans Anglican Church, Claudelands.

Friday afternoons 4.00-5.15pm during term time. Afternoon tea is included.

\$95 for an 8 week term (plus a concert performance) beginning August 2018.

Auditions* will be held at St Aidan's Church in the last week of July.













For an audition time or more information:

Email hannahgrace.bryant@gmail.com or call 0212069604.

**All children do a relaxed and friendly audition so that children and parents have an opportunity to meet the teachers.*



JULY 2018 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Hamilton Girls' High*, Te Totara*, Southwell* & Bankwood Schools

WEEK 1	MON 9 th JULY	TUES 10 th JULY	WED 11 th JULY	THUR 12 th JULY	FRI 13 th JULY
Early Start 7.40am-8.00am	Mighty Monday Start your holidays strong with games like: <i>Tug-o-War</i> <i>Arm Wrestling</i> <i>Wall of Pain and MORE!</i> 	Wheels Day Bring your bike, skateboard or scooter & helmet!  Join us to race against the clock in some wacky wheels races	TRIP DAY TO  & 	Team Challenge Thursday Team up & Gear up for a multi-sports morning to see which team comes out champions and wins 1 st prize!  SHARED LUNCH	Fortnite Friday Ready up for a morning of all things Fortnite, from a wicked dance off of Emotes to our very own real life version of Battle Royal Madness 
Morning 8.00am-1.00pm	Join the fun We have an afternoon of all your Kelly Sports Favourites Man hunt Hunger games Multisports and Dodgeball	2's Day Let's make some new friends! Enjoy an afternoon of buddy challenges with a new friend, which duo will come out on top!?	Quiet wind down games & a Movie	Hunting & Fishing Get involved in the biggest Kelly Sports Scavenger Hunt EVER!! 	Freestyle YOU DECIDE! Kids vote for an activity with Kids Choice  Relax in the afternoon with a Movie
Afternoon 1.00pm-6.00pm					
WEEK 2	MON 16 th JULY	TUES 17 th JULY	WED 18 th JULY	THUR 19 th JULY	FRI 20 th JULY
Early Start 7.40am-8.00am	Monday Funday! Let's get messy! Enjoy an awesome morning of Science experiments! 	Join us for Wicked Wheels Day and a Scavenger Hunt Bring your bike, skateboard or scooter & helmet! NO HELMET = NO WHEELS	TRIP DAY TO HAMILTON INLINE SKATE ARENA 	Kelly Sports Favourites All of your Favourite games jam packed into one morning of fun! Man Hunt Dodgeball Hunger games AND MORE! Shared Lunch	Disco Friday Come Party all day on the last day of the Holidays With lots of awesome party games to be played 
Morning 8.00am-1.00pm	Wacky Games Join us for an afternoon of full on funny & wacky games the kids are sure to enjoy!!	School Yard Champs Think you have what it takes to be the KING of handball, the fastest skipper or the greatest gutter boarder	Outdoor Games and Art & Craft	Fort building and Fort Games! 	Face painting & Dancing comp Enjoy an awesome kids choice Movie in the Afternoon
Afternoon 1.00pm - 6.00pm					

Half Day - \$25 Full Day - \$42 Trip Day - \$66 Full Week - \$225 Early Start \$5*

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