

NEWSLETTER Tuesday 18th August 2009



Kia ora e te Whanau o Hamutana Rawhiti

Principal's Note

Kia Ora e te Whanau

Home School Partnership

Thank you to those who supported our Home School Partnership meeting on Maths last week. I am sure those who attended gained some understanding of how the Maths learning area of the curriculum is now presented.

Our Maths results so far this year, verified by the School Support Services Maths Advisors, have been stunning. Children are now able to strategise and explain how they solved real problems effectively.

Our next Home School Partnership evening will be on the 14th of September when the Evaluation Review Office will want to talk to parents/caregivers about how well their children are learning at Hamilton East School.

Ray Columbus Charity Concert

Our Singing Group is fantastic!

It would be a shame to miss this concert so please support your school and help sell some tickets.

Thank you to those parents/caregivers who have purchased tickets and/or who have given donations towards the concert.

Tickets are available from the office or text to 0212899281 – 2 Days to go!

Allan Bull
Principal

Good magazine and Enviroschools

Subscribe to the GOOD magazine and they will give 20% of your subscription – that is \$9.00 - to ENVIROSCHOOLS which Hamilton East School is a part of.

Plus you will go into a draw to win a years supply of Green Works natural cleaning products worth \$300!

A one-year subscription to Good magazine (6 issues) is \$44.90.

Subscription forms are available at the HES office.

Cross Country Run

Cross Country Run to be held in Week 6, Wednesday the 26th of August Postponement date Friday 28th at the School Bottom Flat. If any parents are available to help please contact Jude O'Neil.

Lost Keys

Keys were left on the bus last week – if anybody has lost keys please see the office.

Thank you to Maungatautari Helpers

Our Kawhai team trips to Maungatautari Mountain Reserve last week were very successful (the weather stayed fine too). The children are gaining an understanding of NZ native birds and creatures and how they have been under threat from introduced species. Children saw Hini, Kaka, Piwakawaka. They were shown Kiwi burrows and drew an understanding of predators and pest eradication. They used binoculars to look down on the bush and observe the bird life.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who gave up a day to support this trip.

The Children were fantastic too!

COMING EVENTS

20 August	School Charity Concert at 7pm
27 August	Board of Trustees meeting
14-18 September	ERO Visit
14 Sep	3:15 pm ERO meeting with parents of Maori Students
	4:30 Home School Partnership format with ERO
	5:30 Food
	5:30 to 6:00 meeting with ERO
21 September	Keeping Ourselves Safe Health Program meeting for Parents
21 September	ICAS Maths Competition

Maths Competition

ICAS Maths Competition is going to be held on Monday the 21st of September.

BOT Meeting

Board of Trustees Meeting to be held in the school staff room at 7.30pm 27 August.

Peachgrove Intermediate School Open Days and Information Evening

The Information evening for ALL new families is on **Tuesday 25th August beginning at 7.00 pm in the school hall.** We also have Open Days where your child may come and experience some of the different classes that we offer. Hamilton East School's allocated session is on **Tuesday August 25th 9.30 am – 11.30 am.** However if you are unable to make this time you may contact the Peachgrove School office and attend one of the other available sessions. These are:

- Tuesday 25 August 9.30 – 11.30am
- Thursday 27 August 9.30 – 11.30am
- Thursday 27 August 12.30 – 2.30pm

Visits are welcome at any other time by phoning the school office on 8557596.

Proposed Term dates 2010

Term 1	Thursday 4 February to Thur 1 April 82 Half days
Term 2	Monday 19 April to Friday 2 July 108 Half Days
Term 3	Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September 100 Half Days
Term 4	Monday 11 October to Thursday 16 Dec 98 Half Days