

NEWSLETTER TUESDAY 02 MAY 2006

Kia ora e te Whanau o Hamutana Rawhiti

Fundraising

The PTA will be holding a number of fundraisers this term to raise money for a number of projects. The first project will be for the upgrade of the Rainbow (junior) playground.

Mothers Day Raffle

Tickets are now on sale. Please return the sold tickets as soon as possible. There are seller's prizes as well. For each card of tickets sold the seller also earns one ice block.

Garage Sale

This great event will be held on Saturday 27th May. A special notice about this will come home on Thursday. Now is the time to have a good clear out!

Home School Partnership Meeting.

This will take place on Thursday 11th May. The topic is ICT (computers etc) and our Learning Management System.

**Time : 4.30pm Food
5-6pm Topic**

Childcare is available.

Lucky number prizes. First Prize is a DVD player, which will be drawn following our 2nd Home School Partnership Meeting. Other prizes include grocery vouchers, vege boxes. Also, there will be 2 lucky prizes for children.

COMING EVENTS

Tues 2 May
Wed 3 May
Thur 4 May
Wed 10 May
Thur 11 May

Sat 27 May
Mon 5 June
Fri 30 June

Whanau Meeting 3.30pm staffroom
Sausage sizzle
BOT Annual Meeting 7.00pm staffroom
PTA Meeting
Home School Partnership Meeting
Somali Parents Meeting (to be advised)
Garage Sale
Public Holiday – Queens Birthday Weekend.
End of Term 2

Achievement Data

During our assessment of children's writing in Term 1, all target groups of children- Boys, Girls, Maori students, Somali students have all improved performance.

In year 3 there has been an overall improvement of 25%

In year 4 there has been an overall improvement of 30% n year 5 there has been an overall improvement of 20-30%.

In year 6 there has been an overall improvement of 20-30%. All children's writing has shown an improvement with up to 40% of children moving up one complete level. This means that children are:

- ❖ Writing better sentences
- ❖ Punctuating more accurately
- ❖ Proof reading their work and making changes
- ❖ Organising ideas in a more logical way
- ❖ Searching for a satisfactory conclusion

Graphs showing this work improvement are available. Please contact Allan Bull (Principal) if you wish to discuss these.

DigiBridges Project

After a successful Pilot Project in 2005 Jude O'Neil and Room 8 are involved in this programme again for 2006.

The children in this class use mobile phones (txt & pxt), email, web cameras and the LMS www.riversidecluster.org.nz for communicating within the class and with teachers and children from Peachgrove and Woodstock. Pippa Wright is the facilitator for the Project which operates in 3 school.

Japanese Student Visit

We have a group of 30 Japanese students visiting HES from 29th July-10 August. These students need home-stays – 2 per home. If you are interested please fill in the form below.

This Japanese group consists of 100 Students who will be hosted by a number of Hamilton Schools. A reminder that a police check of every person over the age of 18 yrs living in the house will be required.

Canteen Prices

Unfortunately our canteen prices have had to change. As from 12th May prices will be:

Juices –	large	\$1.20
	Small	.60c
Calcium flavoured milk-		\$1.30
Moosies -		\$1.20
Noodles remain		\$2.00
Chips		\$1.20
Popcorn		\$1.20
Raspberry rolls		.80c

I am willing to have home stay students.
Name.....
Contact number
Childs Name Room No.....