

NEWSLETTER TUESDAY 3 MAY 2005

Kia ora e te Whanau o Hamutana Rawhiti

WELCOME

A special welcome to all new families to Hamilton East School this term. We know you will enjoy your association with our school.

GARAGE SALE

This is our major fundraiser for Term two. Please read the accompanying notice – have a clear out and send any items along to school. There will be a class collection competition.

MINISTER'S VISIT

The Associate Minister of Education the Honourable David Benson-Pope will be visiting the school on Thursday 5 May to open the Digital Opportunities "Building Bridges Between Communities Project". This project will work collectively to improve key literacy outcomes for ESOL students and their families, by working together in an on-line environment using text capable phones and video conferencing.

Key literacy outcomes for this project will be:

- To communicate in a way that enhances increased understanding in a multi-cultural community
- Understanding of the purpose for writing
- An increase in the motivation to write.

To enable this visit to proceed smoothly, our school times will alter on Thursday. Morning interval will be from 10.10 – 10.30 and lunch will be from 11.45 – 12.45. School will conclude at the normal time of 3pm.

SCHOOL GOAL:

At Hamilton East School we know how a focused learner behaves.

COMING EVENTS

Thurs 5 May	Building Bridges Project opening
Thurs 5 May	BoT Meeting & BoT Annual Meeting
Tuesday 10 May	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 11 May	Sausage Sizzle
Friday 13 May	Kool Kids Care Presentation Show
Sat 21 May	School Garage Sale
Wednesday 1 June	Meningococcal B Immunisation
Friday 3 June	Tane Mahuta Day

WHANAU SUPPORT GROUP

The next Whanau Support Group meeting will be held this Wednesday 4 May at 5pm in the staffroom.

TERM TWO TOPIC

Our major topic this term is "Building Bridges". Building Bridges is important for connecting communities in a physical sense and relationally. Physical bridge building will incorporate elements of design, technology and material use. Building Bridges between people develops learning communities.

COMMUNITY SOFTWARE PLAN

Last year parents had the opportunity to purchase 'Numbers up! Volcanic Panic'. This year we have another opportunity "Numbers Up! 2 Baggin' the Dragon", for you to purchase. Leaflets will be distributed in the next two weeks for you to look at. The computer programme is being trialled in classrooms for children to evaluate.

CAN YOU HELP?

If anyone knows about or has ground ferns that they could give the school, Room 15 would like to know about it as they have been trying to plant the bank to attract native birds and insects and more plants are needed. Thanks

KOOL KIDS CARE PRESENTATION

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to view this great show, dealing with building bridges, on Friday 13 May The show uses humour and participation to teach the children. **The cost of this show is \$3.00 per child.** Please return the section below to school with money.

Kool Kids Show – Friday 13 May
My child/children(*put names and Rooms*)

Name.....

Name.....

Name.....
I have enclosed \$3.00 (for each child)
to attend the Kool Kids Show

Signed.....

ENROLMENTS

If you know of any four year olds who are due to begin school in the next 12 months please return the slip below.

Pre-enrolments

Name.....

Date of Birth.....

Phone Number.....

LOOKING FOR SUPPORT

We will shortly be having a new issue of newsletters printed. The newsletter is used throughout the year to keep the school community informed regarding school activities. The newsletters are to be financed through the support of advertisers whose advertisements will appear on all newsletters for 12 months. This enables the school to receive the newsletters free of charge. We trust this way of keeping your business in front of the local community while helping the school will be of interest.

Please contact Pierce Brown at Newsletters Unlimited on phone 09 522 1677 or 0800 228677 or Fax (09) 524 0336 or 0800 228336 if you are interested in advertising in our newsletters.

The Annual Meeting of the Hamilton East School Board of Trustees will be held at 7.30pm in the school staffroom this Thursday, 5 May 2005.

