

Hamilton East School

Te Kura o Kirikiriroa ki te Rāwhiti



Whānau Korero
Parent Information

Welcome

Welcome to Hamilton East School (HES).

We look forward to getting to know your child and whānau.

Our Vision

Stand tall! Reach high!

Tū Tangata! Tū Maiā

Inspired by our beautiful redwood tree that has graced the HES grounds since early 1900's.

Our Vision means being proud of ourselves, of each other and of our school, and having confidence now and into the future. It speaks of the heights our tamariki can reach with the right care and nurturing, and the importance of having a strong foundation or roots to weather any storms. It reminds us to dream big and aim high.



HES Principles

ENGAGED, RESPECTFUL, LITERATE,
CURIOUS, CONNECTED

School Pepeha

Pepeha o te Rohe

Ko Taupiri te maunga
Ko waikato te awa
ko tainui te waka
Ko waikato te iwi
Ko ngāti Wairere te hapū
Ko Hukanui te marae
Ko Kirikirikora ki Rāwhiti te kura



Enrolment

We are a zoned school which means families need to be living within the school zone in order to enrol at HES. Our enrolment form and zone map can be found on our school website. www.hameast.school.nz

New Entrants

- Cohort Entry

HES uses a cohort entry system. Cohort entry refers to children starting school as a group, at the beginning or mid point of a term, on or after their 5th birthday as opposed to starting school individually.

-Transition to school

We hold two sessions on the two Thursdays before a cohort entry date. These sessions run from 9am to 10am. The first session gives children the opportunity to get familiar with the school environment and play with some of the children that will be starting with them.

In the second session, children will meet their teacher and play in their soon-to-be class.

Both sessions give whānau the chance to ask questions.



School Information

School Hours

8:30am	Classrooms open
9:00am	School Day Begins
10:35am - 10:55am	Morning Tea
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
2:50pm	Bus Bell
3:00pm	School Day Ends

Children are to be collected by 3:20pm at the latest. Any children remaining at school after this time will be taken to afterschool care and at a cost to parents.

Attendance

We have a number of ways for you to report absentees or lateness.

- Call 07 8393377 option 1
- Text 021 289 9811
- email office@hameast.school.nz

Please ensure you include a reason for the absence. Students are required to attend school every day unless they are sick or absent for a justified reason. All unexplained absences will be followed up.

Early Pickup

If you need to collect your child early for any reason, please sign them out at the office on the 'VisTab'. This is to ensure the safety of all children. Early pickup **interrupts** the child's learning and the teacher's teaching. Please ensure there is a valid reason.

End of day

The bus leaves school at 2:55pm. At 3pm teachers take their class across the road to Te Wehenga for parents to collect their children.

Classroom

Every school day begins with the class paepae. This includes karakia, pepeha and waiata.

At the end of every day classes reflect on their day and say a karakia.

Te reo māori is spoken every day throughout the school and there are also specific lessons in te reo māori.

Whānau Māori Rōpu

Kaiako Māori help run Hononga Wānanga (meetings) where the whānau of tamariki Māori come to share, connect and plan for the future of our tamariki Māori here at Hamilton East School.

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Hauora / PE

In line with the national curriculum for Health, Physical Education and Hauora, we are transitioning into a club-school model for sports and sports teams. This means our tamariki can access weekly teams through local sports organisations and clubs, and not the school. As we are still transitioning we continue to offer Cricket, Hockey and Netball. Please consider becoming involved if your child is in a sports team so we can continue to enter teams into competitions and tournaments. Organised sport is aimed at Tōtara and Kauri. Kōwhai students focus on learning skills before participating in team sports.

Swimming

Hamilton East School is fortunate to have a pool. Swimming is part of the curriculum and is therefore compulsory. All students swim during the first six weeks of Term 1. The focus is on water safety skills and building confidence.

Stationery

All stationery is available through the school office. This ensures the correct stationery is purchased.

Kōwhai Literacy

At HES we follow a Better Start Literacy Approach. You will find out more information about this on the school website. www.hameast.school.nz

EnviroSchool

Hamilton East School is an Enviro School and currently holds a Gold Status. The philosophy of Enviro schools is "Learning in, for and about the environment." There are no outside rubbish bins. Children take their paper rubbish home and food scraps are recycled in compost bins for our school garden, which is behind the hall. We encourage “nude food” - package free.



Kai / Food

We encourage healthy food. Classes are supervised during eating time. Children are encouraged to eat sandwiches, rice etc first and snack foods last. Please do not send sweets, dry noodles or sugary drinks to school. We also discourage yoghurt as it spills very easily and ruins belongings and books. Water is encouraged and drinking fountains are available.

Digital Technology

Hamilton East School values the opportunities digital technology can provide for students. All classrooms have a range of devices available. In Kōwhai team these are desktop computers and iPads. In Tōtara and Kauri teams this also includes Chromebooks. All devices are owned and managed by the school. HES is part of the Network for Learning with free fibre filtered internet provided by the government. Students are taught about Cybersafety and to use technology as a tool for learning.

Behaviour

Expectations around behaviour are clearly explained to students. The HES Toolkit provides the basis of these expectations. Children 'forget' at times and issues are dealt with at school. Parents will be informed if there are ongoing or serious behaviour issues. If you have any concerns please speak to your class teacher.

Hui Whakahirahira

We have Hui Whakahirahira most Friday mornings at 9am. During these we celebrate all our amazing tamariki and their achievements. Whānau are always welcome.

Cultural Groups

At Hamilton East School Kapa haka tutors work with all students. In terms 2 - 4 Kauri students may choose to be in the performance group. The tutor also takes Haka Hiva (Pasifika dance) during the lunch hour.

Bollywood group (Indian dance) is run by Whaea Monika.



Play based learning

The Kōwhai team embraces a Play Based Learning philosophy which supports the transition to school from Early Childhood Education and it is reflective of all current research about how children learn.

Areas of the school

Te Waharoa - Carving at the front of the school

Waipahihi - Top courts

Tōtara Whenua - Middle flat (down the hill)

Putikitiki - Bottom Field (all the way down the hill)

Te Wehenga - Field across the road

Reporting to Parents

Newsletters

Newsletters are published fortnightly on Tuesdays. A community notice will go out on HERO with a link to the latest newsletter which can be found on our school website. There are also paper copies available at the school office.

Seesaw is an app you can download to your phone. Tōtara and Kōwhai classes use seesaw to share student work with parents . See app information on the website or talk with your child' uses seesaw to share student work with parents . See app information on the website or talk with your child's teacher.

HERO is our student management system. We use it for all reporting, newsletters and communication with our school community. It is essential that families download this app and turn on notifications. When enrolling at school, the personal email address you provide is the email you use to set it up. Parents are able to have individual accounts. For help setting up your account please talk to the office personnel.

Kanohi ki te kanohi - Parent conferences

These are held at the beginning of the year and again in the middle of the year. They provide an opportunity to talk with the teacher about your child.

Transport

Parking

Due to the location of our kura we have limited car park spaces near school. We suggest either coming early for pick up to get a park or to walk if you are able. We ask there to be NO parking in the River Ridge Birth Centre or at Wilson Carlile. Our staff carpark is NOT to be parked in. This is for the safety of everyone.

School Bus

HES runs a school bus. If you are interested please talk to the office staff about availability and cost. There is often a waiting list . Students and parents are required to agree to a set of 'bus rules' to be permitted to travel on the bus.



Bikes & Scooters

We have a large number of children biking and scootering to school. (This is awesome to see). We have areas designated for them. Scooter racks are at the front gate. Bike racks go in the bike shed. HES takes no responsibility for bikes or scooters that are left unlocked and/or overnight. Helmets are to be worn at all times.



Contacts

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For a list of teaching staff please see the school website

Accessing HERO

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Scan the code -->
or search for 'Hero' in your
app store and download.
or visit
<https://go.linc-ed.com>



2

Select "New user"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password. Please note: each contact must have their own email address.

3

Enter your email address and click the
"Request Password Link"

4

Check your email!
If one doesn't arrive, ensure your school
has your correct details on file.

5

Follow the secure link and enter a
password.

