

**Te Kura o Kirikiriroa ki te Rāwhiti**  
**Hamilton East School**  
***Stand tall. Reach high.***  
***Tū Tangata! Tū Māia!***  
Newsletter



Term 1, Week 1 & 2. 10th February 2021

**Wiki Tahi Whāinga:**

We welcome each other to

Hamilton East School  
Te Kura o Kirikiriroa ki te Rāwhiti

We use respect and manners and kindness.

We talk about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Waitangi Day and our class treaties.

We will welcome Whaea Kiri and Greg at a mihi whakatau on Friday at Positive Assembly.

**Wiki Tahi Whakataukī:**

**Tū Tangata! Tū Māia!**  
Stand tall. Reach high.

**Wiki Rua Whāinga:**

At Hamilton East School, Te Kura o Kirikiriroa ki te Rāwhiti

We show respect and kindness and use our manners.

We talk about Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Waitangi Day and our class treaties.

We talk about Chinese New Year

**Wiki Rua Whakataukī:**

**Inā kei te mohio koe ko wai koe, I anga mai koe I hea, kei te mohio koe, Kei te anga atu  
ki hea.**

If you know who you are and where you are from, then you will know where you are going.

**2021 Term Dates:**

<b>Wed 17th Feb</b>	BOT Meeting 7pm-9pm
<b>Tue 23rd Feb</b>	Open Morning
<b>Thu 25th Feb</b>	Family Picnic, Book Fair and Team Presentations.
<b>Wed 10th Mar</b>	Kanohi ki te kanohi (Parent /Teacher Conferences) <i>"Tell us about your child."</i>
<b>Mon 15th Mar</b>	Marae Trip
<b>Fri 2nd Apr - Tue 6th Apr</b>	Easter Break (No school on Friday and Tuesday)
<b>Fri 16th Apr</b>	Last Day of Term 1

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa,  
Happy New Year.

A warm welcome to new families and to new teachers Kiri Kaywood Room 15 and Greg Parkinson Room 9.

The year has started positively with keen learners and settled classrooms.

Thank you to teachers and support staff who worked during January in preparation for the school year.

This newsletter is published fortnightly on a Tuesday (1 day late this week!). Newsletters consist of everything you will need to know for oncoming events, sports and dates.

Newsletters are posted to our community notice board via our school app **HERO**. If you have the app downloaded and are logged in you will receive a notification of new notices from the school. But, if you do not have **HERO** downloaded or logged in, you will receive an email saying that there are new notices. Here you will have to open the link via a browser. If you do not receive anything at all, this means we have an incorrect email address in our system.

Alternatively, you can collect a hard copy from the office. You can also view the newsletter on our website [Hamilton East School](#) or our school [Facebook page](#) after 2pm. You can also opt to receive this newsletter by email if you wish. Email [office@hameast.school.nz](mailto:office@hameast.school.nz) and ask to be added to the list!

Students are welcome at school from 8:25 am. The sKids Before School Care Programme operates for those who need to bring their child earlier than this.

All teachers are in their classes from 8:30 to 9:00 am. Come in with your child and they can show you their classroom.

**Other ways of getting to know our school community, learning and events:**

- Put the **Family Picnic** - Thursday 25 February 4:30pm - 6:30pm in your diary. Families are invited to come to the hall area to buy dinner (or BYO), play games, have a swim (children), browse at the Book Fair and meet the teachers and other families.

If you would like to prepare some food that can be sold by the FUNdraising team we welcome your donation.

*There will be 10 minute meetings in the hall for parents to meet with the teaching teams.*

*Kowhai-5:20, Totara -5:40, Kauri -6:00*

*There will also be a **Book Fair** in the hall and a display about **Sports** teams that students and parents can be involved with.*

### **Key Personnel**

*Special Needs Coordinator- SENCO, Kowhai Team Leader and Deputy Principal  
- Gaylene Bobsien*

*Associate Principal , Totara Team Leader- Lynda Mc Kenzie*

*Associate Principal , Kauri Team Leader- Jude O'Neil*

*Sports Coordinators -Emily Speedy, Sarah Rasmussen and Yoshie Akasaka.*

*Kaiarataki-Robyn Pene, Kat Richmond.*

*Enviro school Team Leader- Becks Mc Naughton*

- The FUNdraising Team meets in the staffroom (upstairs from the office), on a week evening at 7.30pm, about twice a term to support special projects in the school. Please join us. Meetings are always over by 9:00, and often earlier.  
Our first meeting is to plan the food for the Family Picnic and plan the year. The meeting day is yet to be confirmed but will be advertised on Facebook as soon as we have done so. Please come if you can make it. All parents/caregivers welcome.
- Attend Positive Assembly now called **Hui Whakahirahira** (Special meeting) on Fridays at 9am-9:45
  - NB we do not have Hui Whakahirahira when rain will mean the whole school will get wet walking to the hall!
- Friend us on Facebook  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hamilton-East-School/246415238726672>  
(No children's names are used on this site. )
- Visit our school website [Hamilton East School](#)
- Have the HERO app downloaded/or access to HERO to keep track of your child's learning progress and all school notices. Please visit the office if you do not know how to access HERO.
- HES Blogs links you into individual class Blogs keeping you up to date with some of the learning [Hamilton East School School Blogs](#)
- Seesaw is set up for Kowhai and Totara. Parents will receive the QR code for access soon.
- Read the 'What's up?' noticeboard by the Kowhai sandpit.
- Join the team who work on Te Ara o Te Ngahere *the path of the bush track* (our school bush track).
- Volunteer to work on the school vege garden .

- Access the school [Library](#)
- All teachers bring their classes to Dawson Street Field each day at 3pm, so they are available for a quick 'catch up' if you need them.  
You may also wait for your tamariki on the grounds, however teachers cannot stop to chat :).

**Please note** that the Grey St crossing is electronic and does NOT have teachers in attendance in the morning.

In the afternoon children crossing Grey St walk with a teacher, to be crossed at 3:05pm.

The Dawson St crossing is patrolled from 8:30-8:50 am and 3:00-3:15 pm.

Please set a good example to the children by using the crossing at all times.

Parking is challenging, however it is worse if cars park on yellow lines.

### **Attendance**

At Hamilton East School we hold full attendance (5 days a week, 9:00-3:00) to be of extreme importance for your child's learning.

We hold high expectations for your child's learning, and to fulfil this commitment it is essential that your child is at school consistently and continuously. That way, the sequences of learning can be followed and built upon, giving your child the best possible chance of success. The only official reasons that students are exempt from this are: for illness, or close family bereavement. Similarly, lateness interrupts the early morning learning programmes for your child, and picking them up early interrupts their afternoon programmes. Please ensure your child is at school before 9:00, and is not picked up until 3:00. Many thanks for your support in this important requirement.

### **Stationery**

We encourage you to purchase this as soon as possible so we can set books up for the years learning. Please remember the office can help you to stagger payments if this works best for you. Please use the stationery list from the office to help you purchase the right stationery. You can find our downloadable stationery lists on our [school website](#) or pick one up from the school office.

Ngā mihi,

Pippa Wright  
Principal

### **Reading Together**

Reading Together is a programme for parents to support Reading at home.

We will be holding a series of workshops in the school library, to work with parents on ways to help their children with their reading at home. These sessions are free, with childcare and food provided.

Probable dates are Tuesday March 23, 30 and Wednesday April 7. There is a further date to be confirmed in early May. We will be approaching parents of Year 3-6 students, who would benefit from further support. If you are interested please talk to your child's class teacher or Lynda McKenzie

## **Teams:**

### **Kōwhai:**

Nau mai, haere mai e te whanau. I am Gaylene Bobsien, Deputy Principal at Hamilton East School, and I will be Team Leader for the Kōwhai Team this year. I am available to talk with you about your tamariki at any time. Most of the time you can find me in the office situated at the entrance to the classroom block of Rooms 1,2,3. If you can't find me there, please ask at the office, or make an appointment. I would love to meet you.

There are six classes in the Kōwhai Team this year, divided into two hubs:

**Kiwi hub** - Rooms 1,2,3 lead by Rhonda Follows

**Kākāpō hub** - Rooms 4,5,6 lead by Rachael Tyler

**Swimming** begins next week on Monday. The focus is on water safety and basic skills to ensure safety around water. Please send along named togs and towels every day, in a named bag. Swimming usually lasts for the first 6 weeks of term.

Please name all items of **clothing**. Your child is learning to independently look after her/his clothing, and having something named ensures lost clothing will find its owner.

**Our major focus** at this time of year is getting to know each other, settling happily into school, and developing feelings of belonging.

All classrooms have Play-based learning at their foundation. Our topic this term is "Turangawaewae... Taonga tuku iho (Treasures of Our Heritage)" Looking at who we are, our families, our heritage; and our place. Literacy and numeracy programmes are being established, with an emphasis on setting routines. Science and Te Reo are threaded through all learning.

As **stationery** arrives and is processed, classroom programmes become more established. This is a huge process for teachers and takes a few weeks. Classrooms are open from 8.30 in the morning. You are welcome to chat with your child's teacher at this time. If a longer conversation is needed, please make a further appointment with them.

Keep up with what is happening in your child's class by checking into the class blog regularly via the school website: <http://www.hameast.school.nz/1696/pages/1161-hes-blogs>

### **Tōtara:**

Welcome back to our whanau and a warm welcome to new students and their families. Thank you to those families who have already organised stationery. It is greatly appreciated if parents/caregivers could buy stationery as soon as possible so learners can begin using books. All your stationery needs can be purchased at school.

We are looking forward to the school pool opening on Monday, February 9. (next week).

Children will need to bring their tog's to school daily. Please name your child's togs and towel and bring them in a named swimming bag/plastic bag.

**All children are expected to participate in lessons.** The only exception to this is if they are ill,

and then a note is required.

We are starting the year with our Tūrangawaewae Unit - *Ko wai au*. Learning about ourselves and each other. We will be exploring people that are important or special to our community and to us. We would love to hear from you if you have skills to share; languages, storytelling, weaving, carving, painting, cooking, arts and crafts enthusiasts. Please contact your child's teacher or Lynda McKenzie.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Family Picnic night, Thursday 25 February.

### **Kauri:**

Nau mai, haere mai e te whanau. It is great to see all our happy tamariki back for hopefully a more settled 2021!

We welcome our new students and their families who are already part of our HES whanau.

**Thank you to those families who have already organised stationery. There are still a number of students without stationery and we encourage you to purchase this as soon as possible so we can set books up for the years learning. Please remember the office can help you to stagger payments if this works best for you. Please use the stationery list from the office to help you purchase the right stationery.**

We are looking forward to the school pool opening next week on Monday.. It is part of our curriculum that children participate in swimming lessons (as well as the opportunity to cool off during hot lunchtimes), therefore togs will need to be at school daily. If your child is not swimming due to illness, a note is required for the day that they're not swimming. We have spare togs for those tamariki who forget theirs.

In the Kauri Team, all students have individual logins for their chrome books. This enables them to access their school learning I, at home. Please encourage your child to share their login details with you so they can share their learning with you too. We have high expectations of all learners being cyber smart and this is taught through our [Toolkit](#) and our Turangawaewae unit. Our class blogs show weekly learning also and you can access these through the school website.

The Kauri team teachers look forward to meeting/seeing you all at the Family Picnic on Thursday 25 February!