

Newsletter Tuesday/Ratu 05 February 2019

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



Coming Events

HES School Community Calendar

Wednesday 06 February	Waitangi Day - Public Holiday School Closed	
Monday 11 February	Totara Playground Blessing	6.45am
Tuesday 12 February	FUNdraising Team Meeting - Staffroom	7.30pm
Friday 15 February	Whole School Marae Visit - Hukanui Marae	9:30am
Wednesday 18 & 20 February	Kowhai Boat Trips	
Wednesday 20 February	School Family Picnic/Scholastic Book Fair	5-7pm
Wednesday 20 Feb	Board of Trustees Meeting Staffroom	7pm
Tuesday 05 March	New Entrant Open Morning	
Wednesday 06 March	Teacher Only Day - Parent Teacher Learner Conferences	1-7.30pm
Thursday 14 March	Individual and Class Photos Photolife Ltd	9am
Friday 12 April	Last day Term 1	3pm
Monday 29 April	First Day Term 2	

<p><u>Whakatauki</u> To guide us this week</p>	<p>Wiki 1 & 2:</p> <p><i>He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai. If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive.</i></p>
<p><u>Whaingā:</u> <u>Wiki 1&2</u> We welcome new teachers, learners and their whanau. We welcome each other back to school and make a new friend each day We talk about The Treaty of Waitangi, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and our Class Agreements. We keep making new friends by smiling and being kind, friendly and inclusive. We model the Hamilton East Toolkit.</p>	

Kia ora koutou katoa

Happy New Year

A warm welcome to new members of our Hamilton East School community and welcome back to all those who have returned. Welcome to new teachers Ivy Uy Room 16, Angela Dent Room 18 and Rachael Tyler Room 20. 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. You can collect a hard copy from the office.

You can also view the newsletter on our website [Hamilton East School](http://HamiltonEastSchool.co.nz) after 2pm.

You can opt to receive this newsletter by email. Email rowens@homeast.school.nz and ask to be added to the list!

Students are welcome at school from 8:25am. 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.

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa

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

- ***Put the Family Picnic on Wednesday 20 February 5pm -7pm in your diary.***

Families are invited to come to the hall outside to buy dinner (or BYO), play games, have a swim, browse/purchase 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.

You can be introduced to Gaylene Bobsien as the Lead teacher for parents of non-English speaking students or new migrants. She also is the lead teacher with responsibility for meeting any special needs your child may have. Feel free to catch up with her with your concerns.

Kia ora koutou, Te Whanau Hononga is a group for parents and whanau of Māori learners. Whaea Robyn and Whaea Kat are the teachers that work with this group. Whaea Robyn and Whaea Kat will be available to speak with you about Te Whanau Hononga at the family picnic.

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

- The FUNdraising Team are meeting in the staffroom (upstairs from the office), Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm. This meeting is to plan the food for the Family Picnic and plan the year. Join the FUNdraising team who meet twice a term to support special projects in the school. Please come if you can make it . All parents/caregivers welcome.
- Attend Positive Assembly on Fridays at 9am
NB we do not have Assembly when it is raining to avoid the whole school will getting wet!
- Friend us on Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hamilton-East-School/246415238726672>
(No children's names are used on this site).
- Log on to our website <http://www.hameast.school.nz/1/pages/8-enjoy-learning>
- 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.
- The 'waiting area' at the front of the school by the crossing is a great place to meet other parents and caregivers.
- All teachers bring their class to the gate each day at 3pm so they are available for a quick 'catch up' if you need them. Team Leaders, Deputy Principals and Pippa are also at the front gate daily.
- **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.

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.

Kāhui Ako

In 2016 Hamilton East School joined a community of schools so we could work together across sectors with a view to supporting each other in providing the best for our tamariki.

This community, Community of Learning or Kāhui Ako has been named He Piko, He Taniwha Kāhui Ako.

The member schools have changed over the last year, and currently includes Hamilton East School, Hamilton Boys' High School and Hamilton Girls' High School. Pippa Wright works with the Principals of Hamilton Girls' and Hamilton Boys' to steer the process and Gaylene Bobsien is the lead teacher from Hamilton East School, who works alongside other lead teachers from the member schools to bring new initiatives to our students. Within Hamilton East, Lynda McKenzie, Shelley Howse and Kat Richmond, work to support delivery of any new initiatives.

We all see huge benefits to be gained by collaboration and the sharing of expertise; the building of pathways for tamariki; and their supported transition from primary to secondary learning across the Kāhui Ako.

Parking

As you will have noticed, school parking is tricky, especially at pick up times. While the weather is fine, we can use Dawson field for extra space. Some choose to park on Memorial Drive and walk up the steps.

Please do not: double park, park on the yellow lines or do U turns in the area near the crossing. This endangers your child, and others...and is illegal. Please do not use the staff parking area for your own parking. This includes drop-offs for sKids. Staff need to access the carpark at any time- and parking is also at a premium for them. Thank you to those caregivers who take the time to use the crossing. This provides a great role model for your children. For those finding parking difficult - try picking up slightly later. By 3:10, there are usually road car parking spaces available.

Change to Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are supplied to the school from our local cafe, ACUPPA . They have recently changed their menu, with an emphasis on freshness and variety.

This has impacted prices and products a little.

From Thursday the following are now available:

Pizza (vegie, cheese, Hawaiian)	\$3.50
Mini Wrap (chicken, ham)	\$4.50
School muffin	\$2.00

****Please note - Sandwiches and filled rolls are no longer available.**

Sports

Swimming:

As you are all aware our school swimming programme has begun! We expect all students to bring their togs to school every day, it is an essential part of our school curriculum. There will be a variety of opportunities to swim throughout the week. If your child is not swimming please provide a written note / medical certificate.

In Week 3 (starting 11 February) we begin our sponsored, professional swimming lessons through 'Find your Field of Dreams'. Kōwhai and Tōtara will be having instruction on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in our school pool and Kauri will be walking to Boys' High every Thursday. On the other days, your child will still swim with their classroom teacher, in the school pool.

If your student is in the Kauri Team we will **need parents to help by walking to and from our lessons at Boys' High**. Please speak to your child's teacher if you think you can help us.

Family Picnic:

We will have a display at the Family Picnic that will have information about the different sports that we offer at Hamilton East School. We would love to talk to you if you are interested in coaching or managing a team this year. We cannot run sports teams without your support!

Touch Rugby Tournament and Cricket:

Notices have gone home to those students in Year 3-6 who are interested in participating in a one day touch tournament and the Term 1 cricket season. If your child missed out on a notice and is interested in either of these sports please see the teacher in charge (Emily Speedy - Touch, Room 12 and Becks McNaughton - Cricket, Room 4).

Thanks

HES Sports Team

Sarah Rasmussen, Emily Speedy, Rebecca McNaughton & Yoshie Akasaka



FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE FOR CHILDREN Term 1 (2019)

All children must be accompanied by parent or caregiver

For enquiries regarding this service please contact the phones listed or Hamilton – phone 838 3565

Visit the ear nurse for advice on: glue ear assessment and management, wax/foreign body removal, grommet checks, treatment of discharging ears

Please note clinics may be cancelled without notice due to unforeseen circumstances

AREA	DATE	VENUE	Clinic will be closed for staff breaks. These will be noted on clinic door
Cambridge	Wednesday 20 February Wednesday 13 March	Leamington Primary, Lamb St Cambridge Primary, Wilson Street	9.00 – 2.30
Hamilton	By appointment	51 Gallagher Drive, Hamilton Appointments available over the school holidays	By appointment
Huntly	Friday 8 February Thursday 7 March Wednesday 20 March Friday 12 April	Countdown Supermarket carpark	9.00 – 2.30

Tōtara

Welcome to all families in Tōtara Team. This year we have grown to three hubs, Kākāpō Hub, Rooms 14,15,16. The teachers are Whaea Maggie, Jenny and Ivy. Ruru Hub, Rooms 17 and 18, with Whaea Robyn and Ange. Takahē Hub, Rooms 19 and 20, with Sarah and Mrs Rachael Tyler. Team Leader is Lynda McKenzie. Our classes are made up of Year 2 students in Rooms 15 and 16, Years 3 and 4 students are in our other classes.

We are very excited that our new playground is underway and we hope it is ready to use by next week. This year we are again fortunate to have sponsorship from 'Find Your Field of Dreams', providing swim instructors for lessons throughout the school. All Tōtara classes will have lessons in our heated school pool. Children will swim daily. Please name togs and towels, and bring in a named bag.

We are starting the year with our Tūrangawaewae Unit, learning about ourselves, each other and our community. We will be visiting Hukanui Marae on Friday 15th February (week 3). We would appreciate support from any parents or whānau who can make this day. Please sign the permission slip sent home and return as soon as possible.

We look forward to meeting you all at the Family Picnic, on Wednesday 20th February.

Kōwhai

Welcome to all whanau in Kōwhai Team. This year we have just the one hub in Kōwhai called Kiwi, comprised of all 5 classes: Room 1, Rhonda, Room 2 Yoshie, Room 3 Shelley, Room 4 Mrs McNaughton, Room 5 Ms Jones. Team Leader is Whaea Sheryl, DP. Kōwhai Team is made up of New Entrant, Year 1 and some Year 2 students with most Year 2 students being part of Tōtara Team this year.

There is a lot happening at the beginning of the year. Stationery is available from the office. Your child's teacher will send home an up to date list so it is best to wait for that before purchasing. Swimming is underway and all students are expected to participate. Please send swimming gear all named and in a named bag.

We have two trips we need permission slips and payment for asap. The whole school is off to the Marae on Friday 15th. Notices have gone home, thank you to those who have given permission however the bus cost of \$4 was not included so please send along when you can.

The next week we are taking the Kōwhai students on a boat trip on the Waikato River with Waikato Explorer. Permission is essential for this trip and the cost is \$11 per student. A separate notice has come home for this. Please return asap.

Kauri

A very warm welcome to new families and returning families of students in the Kauri Team. We have 2 hubs in our Team they are Kea and Tui. Room 8,9 & 10 are the classes in Kea Hub. The teachers in those classes are Whaea Kat (Richmond), Mrs D (Dixon) and Catherine Maunsell. Tui Hub are Room 11 & 12, Whaea Georgia (Cox-Wright) and Emily Speedy are the teachers in Tui Hub. Jude O'Neil is the Kauri Team Leader and she also teaches in all the classes as well as being a permanent Friday teacher in Room 9. All classes in these hubs are made up of Year 4,5 & 6 learners.

We have already started swimming for the term. On Thursday we will be walking to Hamilton Boys' High School to swim in their pool. The instructors are sponsored through 'Find Your Field of Dreams' which means it is free for our swimmers. We expect all students to attend all lessons both at school with the class teacher and with HBHS instructors. Please remember, if your child is not a confident swimmer they will be well supported in the water. We encourage students to bring their togs every day for instruction and lunchtime fun swims.

Please come and meet your child's teacher if you can. We hope to meet many of you at the Family Picnic & Book Fair in Week 4.

