

**Hamilton East School**  
**Te Kura o Kirikiriroa Te Rawhiti**  
**Newsletter**  
**Term 1 Week 5 & 6, 10th March 2020**



**Whaingā:**

Wiki 5: We welcome very important visitors to our school from The Education Review Office. Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga.

We are learning to relate to others.

We show respect to our visitors, to teachers and to all other learners at Hamilton East School.

Wiki 6: We will remind our whānau to come to parent whānau conferences on Wednesday, and get to know each other.

We talk about who we are as learners.

We share our pepeha.

**Whakatauki:**

Wiki 5:

**Kia mau koe ki nga kupu o ou tupuna.**

*Hold fast to the words of your ancestors*

Wiki 6:

**He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata**

*What is the most important thing in the world? The people, the people, the people*

**[HES School Community Calendar](#)**

**March**

Mar 10                      Hearing & Vision at school

**Mar 11 Wed              Parent Conferences - School closes at 12:30 pm**

Mar 17                      DISCO! - Kauri & Totara Room's 17/18/19/20

Mar 18                      BOT Meeting 7pm

Mar 30                      Hukanui Marae Trip - Whole school

**April**

Apr 1                        School Photos

Apr 4                        Garage Sale

Apr 8                        BOT Meeting 7pm

Apr 9 Thu                Last day of Term 1

Apr 28 Tue                First day of Term 2

## **Kia ora koutou,**

Last week the Education Review Office spent 4 days in the school looking at and asking about EVERYTHING. Thank you to parents/whanau who responded to invitations to meet with them. We are grateful for your time. The report will be shared in due course. The draft was presented to the BOT on Thursday. As always (however especially last week), I am grateful to the BOT, our learners and their whanau and the amazing conscientious staff we have at our school.

## **Parent/Whanau Conferences**

A reminder that tomorrow (**Wednesday 11th March**), school closes at **12:30** for Conferences. Kōwhai and Kauri which will be held in classes, and the school hall for Tōtara Team. Children are welcome and can accompany you to talk with the teacher or not. Your choice. Bookings can be made with your child's teacher/children's teachers via an online portal or through the school office for a 10 minute slot between 1.00pm and 7.20pm. This is an opportunity for you to talk about your child as a learner with their teacher. The teachers will say, "Tell me about ...." To book online please go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=qb5zh>

Sign in Code is:



**aympg**

Regarding the current health situation we ask that you do not attend if you are feeling unwell. We can arrange an alternative time for you to meet with the teacher of your child/ren.

We have made a change to the organisation.

Kowhai Rooms 1,2, 3, 4, 5,6, 14 and Kauri 8,9,10,11,12. conferences will be in the classrooms.  
Totara Rooms 15, 16, 17,18,19,20 will be held in the Hall.

## **Garage Sale**

When the swimming season ends ( officially March 20) we will begin collecting household goods for the Annual Hamilton East Garage Sale. It is time to clear out all those cupboards and the garage !

## **STLP**

<https://www.royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/funds-and-opportunities/science-teaching-leadership-programme/teacher-profiles/2020-teacher-profiles/hamilton-east-school-georgia-cox-wright/>

We have a second teacher ( Georgia Cox-Wright) involved for 2 terms with the Science Teaching Leadership Programme. Last year Edie Fisher spent 2 terms at Waikato University Geology department.

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 reading at home.

These sessions are free, with childcare and food provided.

Probable dates are March 24, 31, April 7 and 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 teacher.

Nga Mihi,

Pippa Wright,

Principal

## Sports

**Winter Sports** - We will be sending home sign up links for Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Rugby and Football in Week 7. This will be a digital form to sign up for each sport. Please note that this is different from previous years - we are not sending home an expression of interest notice first, you are signing up and committing to the sport in the first instance. If you require a hard copy notice, these will be available from the office. Keep an eye out for an email and facebook post in the coming week.



Thank you for your continued support of our sports programmes.

Sarah, Yoshie, Emily, Becks.

## **Kowhai Team**

Thank you to those parents and whanau who assisted by accompanying the classes on the recent river walk - we cannot do this type of outing without your support.

Welcome to Rachael Tyler who is relieving in R5 while Olive Jones' broken ankle is healing.

Rachael taught in the Totara team last year so is familiar with the school. Rachael and Monika Kumra will be present at the Room 5 Parent Conferences on Wednesday.

Conferences will be in classrooms this time in an attempt to reduce large gatherings of people including toddlers and babies - in response to Covid 19.

Handwashing is routine in the Kowhai team to reduce cross infection of all types of bacteria and virus' and to support our students with food allergies.

Please support your child with nose-blowing and handwashing at home.

Blogs: Kiwi Hub:

Room 1 <https://welearnthroughplayhes.blogspot.com/>

Room 2 <https://passionatelearnershes.blogspot.com/>

Room 3 <https://kowhaikiwiher.blogspot.com/>

## **Tōtara Team**

Tōtara Team, Rooms 15-20, will be meeting in the school hall for Parent/Whanau Conferences on Wednesday. We look forward to meeting with all our families. Mathletics is up and running again. Has your child shared their login with you at home? Mathletics is a great online site to support learning at school and at home.

In Room 20 we have been working hard to learn our Pepeha and present them visually using the iPads. We created a picture of ourselves on Google Drawing, we drew a picture of our Whānau and we searched images of our maunga and awa on the internet. We used an app called Pic Collage to put it all together. [You can check them out on our blog.](#)

## **Kauri Team**

We look forward to meeting all our Kauri Team families at the whanau conferences. There will be signs outside the senior block to show you where to wait to meet your child's teacher. We are hoping to have meetings with all parents about your child as a learner.

Instructional swimming will be finished for the term at the end of this week. Thank you to all parents who supported your child with this term's swimming season. There are many children who have developed their water confidence and abilities.

Please remember to keep checking class blogs to view classroom learning. These blogs have many links to support your child's home learning too. Below is a reminder of the links to Kauri

Team Blogs. If you have a question or would like to respond to the learning you can leave a comment. We love having an audience for our learning.

**Kea Hub**

Room 8 <https://tamarikiakoranga.blogspot.com/>

Room 9 <https://talesfromtheschoolbushes.blogspot.com/>

Room 10 <http://hesroom10.blogspot.com/>

**Tui Hub**

Room 11 & 12 <https://letslearntuihub.blogspot.com/>