



Huia Range School

Term 4 Week 9 Thursday 12th December 2024

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Nau mai haere mai – Welcome!

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Last newsletter

This is the last newsletter of the year; we wish you a very merry Christmas and happy new year. Term 1 2025 starts Monday 3rd February 2025. Have a great break.

Staff Leaving

We farewell Mr Fro who is retiring at the end of the year and we thank him for all the wonderful work and support he has given us over the years. We welcome Callum Worsley, who is going to be our new caretaker.

Anneka and Stacey are also moving on to different adventures and we also thank them for the mahi they have undertaken in our school.

Year 8 dinner

Year 8 dinner invitations have gone out and the dinner is being held tonight. It is running from 6pm – 8pm, **students need to be collected by an adult following the dinner.**

STRIVE

Super Strive was held yesterday, the students who attended went to the Lido Aquatic Centre and the Esplanade.

Senior STRIVERS attended Wai splash today and **Junior & Middle school** are holding their STRIVE day tomorrow with a gala themed day.

Reports

Reports were released yesterday on The Hero app platform. Please ring the office if you can't access or see your child's report.

Tryathlon

The Huia Range School Tryathlon is being held on **Tuesday 17th December** at the Dannevirke Domain.

Children will be leaving school at 12pm and collectively walking to the venue. Parents can drop off bikes to school in the morning or at the Domain at 12.30pm.

This event consists of a swim, bike and run. As this is a fun event children can participate individually or as part of a team.

The order of racing is as follows:

1. 11/ 12 + year olds
2. 9/ 10 year olds
3. 7/ 8 year olds
4. 5 / 6 year olds

Once the event is over, all children will walk back to school.

Prize Giving reminder

Prize Giving is on Monday 16th December evening starting at 6.30pm at The Hub, please be seated by 6.25pm.

Tamariki are expected to wear school uniform **without** polar fleeces (regardless of the weather it gets very warm in The Hub).

Final Assembly

Our final assembly will be held on Tuesday 17th December 2024. There are a number of class certificates & other prizes to be handed out. Visitors are very welcome, please be seated by 9.10am.

Office 2025

The school office will be open on Wednesday 29th January & Thursday 30th January 2025 for any queries & stationery purchases.

Up Coming Events

December

- 12 – Year 8 Dinner
- 13 – Mufti Day
- 13 – New Entrant Visit
- 16 - Prize giving 6.30pm
- 17 - Final Assembly/STRIVE - Tryathlon
- 18 – Last day.

January 2025

- 28 – BOT
- 29 – Staff only Day/Office open
- 30 – Staff only Day/Office open

February 2025

- 3 – Term 1 Starts
- 6 – Waitangi Day
- 10 – Fruit in school starts
- 10 – 13 Year 8 Camp El Rancho
- 10 – DHS Tech starts
- 25 - BOT

Kia nui te ra. Ka kite ano.

Lindsey Randall
Principal/Tumuaki

Congratulations to
this week's
winning house
Maia.



Congratulations to the students who received class certificates this week

Room 1:

Honar - For making accelerated progress in the Punctuation and Grammar PAT test and putting in effort to complete all tasks to a high standard.

Summer - For making accelerated progress in the Punctuation and Grammar PAT test and working hard to become an independent learner.

Room 2:

Nate - For displaying persistence when making a sliding door for his tree house.

Brock - For displaying more persistence and determination to complete his tree house.

Room 3:

Destiny - For making progress in the STAR Reading test and putting in effort to complete all tasks to a high standard.

Brax - For making progress in the STAR Reading test and displaying teamwork during fitness activities.

Room 4:

Kayla - For making accelerated progress in the Punctuation and Grammar PAT Test.

Iris - For making accelerated progress in the Punctuation and Grammar PAT Test.

Room 6:

Rylee - For working hard to improve his learning and encouraging others to seek help when needed. Ka rawe!

Alaynah - For putting in effort in all areas of learning and working to meet your goals. Ka rawe!

Room 7:

Adel - For always working hard and putting in 100% effort

Rania - For always working hard and putting in 100% effort

Room 9:

Quaid - For demonstrating Kaitiakitanga by challenging himself to be the best he can be in writing, including thinking of super ideas, using correct punctuation and present his work neatly.

Raukawa - For demonstrating thoughtfulness by always stepping up and offering help when she sees a need. Ka pai to manaakitanga me aroha.

Room 11:

Haile - For showing outstanding teamwork skills within her group on camp.

Elizabeth - For showing resilience on every task and giving everything a go on camp.

Room 12:

Nahryion - For showing strength and courage when facing difficult challenges during the Yr 6 Rangiwoods Trip. Kia kaha!

Maioha - For his ability to work in different groups, supporting and ensuring they were successful at the challenges set. Tino pai!

Room 15:

Te Ahurei - For showing care and pride in her colouring in competition.

Congratulations for winning the 5 year old category

Patrick - For consistently being a friendly and kind member to everyone in our class. Ka rawe!

Keep STRIVING for Excellence!

Free Mufti Day this Friday for the end of term.

Appropriate school clothing required.

Congratulations to these students who have received badges this week.



Congratulations to these students who have received their honours badges this week. Well done!



Well done to our Ki o rahi teams that competed in the interschool tournament.



Year 6 Over Night trip to Rangiwoods



Information about whooping cough (pertussis)

Whooping cough (pertussis) is a highly infectious disease that is spread by coughing and sneezing. It can be very serious for babies and children, especially those under one year of age.

If you or your child has whooping cough symptoms get help. Contact your doctor or practice nurse, or call Healthline for free anytime on 0800 611 116.



Signs and symptoms – what you can see and feel

Whooping cough symptoms include:



Cough



Fever



Runny nose

The cough turns into long coughing attacks and these can last for several weeks. In young children, the coughing attacks often end with a 'whoop' sound when the child breathes in. The child may also be sick or gag as a result of the coughing.

Whooping cough is spread by coughing and sneezing. You can pass it on to others from the week before your cough starts up until three weeks after. Antibiotics can reduce the amount of time you are infectious.



How to protect yourself and your child against whooping cough

Vaccination is the best way to protect against whooping cough. In New Zealand the vaccine is free for:

- Children and young people aged under 18
- Pregnant women
- Some groups at higher risk of becoming very unwell if they catch whooping cough
- Adults aged 45 and over if they previously missed any routine immunisation doses or boosters
- Adults aged 65 and over

Babies should be given the whooping cough vaccine at six weeks, three months and five months old, as part of the Immunisation Schedule. Boosters are also given to children at four and 11 years old.

If you or your child have missed out on getting the whooping cough vaccine you should speak to your healthcare provider about catching up.



Seeking medical advice

If someone in your family has had a cough that ends with a whoop or vomiting, or that has lasted for two weeks or more, contact your doctor or nurse for advice. You can also call Healthline for free anytime on 0800 611 116.

If you or your child has difficulty breathing you should get emergency medical help. Call 111.



What happens if you catch whooping cough

Whooping cough spreads very easily so people with the disease are required to stay home to reduce the risk of passing it on to others.

People are required to stay home for up to three weeks from when their coughing started. If they take antibiotic treatments this time will reduce to two - five days.

Staying home means you need to stay away from other people while you are infectious. You should avoid places such as day care, school, work or anywhere you could risk passing on the disease to others.

If you have whooping cough you can reduce the risk of passing on the disease while you are infectious by:

- Staying away from others, including people you live with where possible
- Wearing a face mask when around other people or indoors
- Coughing into your elbow and sneezing into a tissue
- Regularly washing your hands

If there are people in your whānau at higher risk of becoming very unwell from whooping cough, then everyone you live may be provided with antibiotics.



How to keep your baby safe against whooping cough

Young children – especially babies under a year old – can become very ill and even die from whooping cough.

The best protection against whooping cough is for you and others in your whānau to be vaccinated.

You and other people who care for your baby should check with a doctor about getting vaccinated.

You can also reduce the risk of your baby catching whooping cough by:

- Keeping your baby away from people with a runny nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Asking people who are ill not to visit if you have young children
- Encouraging others in your whānau to get vaccinated
- Encouraging people who come into contact with your baby to cough into their elbow and sneeze into a tissue; and regularly wash their hands and practice good hygiene



If you're pregnant or planning a child

Whooping cough in newborn babies can be life-threatening, but it can also be prevented.

Pregnant women can be vaccinated from week 16 of their pregnancy to protect themselves and their child against whooping cough.

This vaccine helps the mother build up their immune system against whooping cough, and this protection is also passed on to the child while they are in their womb. New-born babies should still receive the vaccine at six weeks, three months, and five months old as well.

If you're pregnant or planning a child talk to your midwife about immunisation against whooping cough.



For more information visit:
www.arphs.nz/whooping-cough