

Huia Range School

Term 1 Week 1 Friday 7th February 2025

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Principal's Welcome

Nau mai - haere mai – Welcome!
It is with great pleasure that I welcome back all of our students, whānau and staff to Huia Range School for 2025.

Staff for 2025 as follows:

Principal –Mrs Lindsey Randall
Deputy Principal: Mrs Sarah Graham
Assistant Principal: Mrs Anna Peffers
Rm 2 – Anna
Rm 3 – Miss LaDette
Rm 4 – Mrs Boustead
Rm 5 – Megan
Rm 6 – Miss Hall
Rm 7- Mrs Davies
Rm 9 – Suze Chadwick/Rosie Roe
Rm 10 – Whaea Lovey
Rm 11 – Mr Nguyen
Rm 12 – Mrs Francis
Rm 15 – Mrs Bond

Year 8 Camp

Our Year 8 leadership camp starts next Monday and runs through to Thursday afternoon.

Students will be leaving school on Monday 10th February at 8am so please be at school between 7.30am - 7.45am.

Children will **not need** to be in school uniform nor will they need to bring it with them. They will need to bring morning & afternoon tea, and a drink bottle of water, which can then be refilled while we are away. Lunch will be provided.

Students will return from camp close to 4pm on Thursday 13 February and we will advise on our Facebook page when students are leaving Woodville.

Mihi Whakatau

We have a number of new students, whānau and staff who have joined us in 2025.

We would like to welcome our new students, whānau and staff on Monday 17th February at 9.20am at the school hall. Everyone is welcome!

Would new whānau, students, and staff meet at the bottom of the school hall ramp by the junior playground thanks.

Parent Interviews

Parent/whānau interview information is attached to this newsletter so you can book your own appointment slot online.

This is your opportunity to touch base with your child's 2025 teacher and see their room etc.

Please head to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code - the event code is **nf22n**

Monday 3rd March 2025 & Tuesday 4th March 2025
3.30pm – 5.30pm

We look forward to seeing everyone attend, please let Suzie know if you need help booking.

All attendees will go in the draw for a \$100 New World voucher.

Office Hours

School office hours are 8am – 4pm
Monday – Friday.

School gates open for all students at 8.30am

Up Coming Events

February 2025

- 10 – Fruit in school starts
- 10 – 13 Year 8 Camp El Rancho
- 13 – DHS Tech starts (all Yr 7's)
- 17 – Mihi Whakatau
- 18 – Road Patrol training
- 25 – [Swimming Rms 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 & 12](#)
- 25 – BOT meeting

March 2025

- 3 – Parent/whānau Interviews
- 3 – [Swimming Rms 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 & 12](#)
- 4 - Parent/whānau Interviews
- 4 – [Swimming Rms 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 & 12](#)
- 5 – Road Patrol training
- 6 – Road Patrol training
- 10 – [Swimming Rms 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 & 12](#)
- 11 – [Swimming Rms 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 & 12](#)
- 18 – Weetbix triathlon
- 21 – School Swim Sports

April 2025

- 1 – Interschool Swim Sports
- 8 – BOT meeting
- 11 – Last day Term 1
- 28 – First day Term 2

Ka kite ano. Kia nui te ra

Lindsey Randall
Tumuaki/Principal



Technology

Next week, Thursday 13th February, while the Year 8's are away at camp all the Year 7's will attend Technology for the day to learn about DHS Technology, expectations, ask questions, orientate themselves, meet the Technology teachers etc.

Lunches will be delivered to the high school.

Students will need to wear their 'covered in' uniform school shoes and uniform.

Please note this is a **one off**, in 2025 technology will normally be:

Term 1 & Term 3:
Room 3 Thursdays

Terms 2 & Term 4
Room 4 Thursdays
Room 2 Fridays

Lunches

There has been a lot of coverage recently in the media about school lunch issues including the quality and late delivery, if at all.

Please be assured that we are not in partnership with any of those providers mentioned in the media stories.

Huia Range School have our lovely lunches made locally, delivered on time every day by Alice and her dedicated team at the Sugar & Salt premises.

We also are provided fruit in schools and Kids Can products by two other agencies, so our students are well looked after.



Attendance

It was with great pride that we saw a large number of students awarded 100% Term attendance certificates in 2024 and another large number of students receive 100% attendance certificates for the whole 2024 school year.

We would like to see this increase even more in 2025 so that at least 80% of our students are attending school regularly (attending more than 90%+) so they can be getting the most out of their school education and learning opportunities.

We have a wonderful variety of programmes, activities, clubs, activities & experiences for our students to enjoy to make school an inviting place that tamariki will want to be at, thanks for supporting this.

Schools are required to follow up non-attendance closely in 2025 onwards. We follow up non-attendance daily by contacting caregivers, followed by DP, principal contact to see how we can support our whānau to get their child to school.

Community BBQ

Our school community BBQ will be held during week 4 Tuesday 25th February 4pm – 6pm. If the weather is inclement, we will advise you via our Facebook page of the postponement.

We would love to see you and have the following:

- Free sausage sizzle
- Some classrooms open
- Literacy & maths hub open
- Games out
- **Attendees go in the draw for a free trailer load of ringed firewood.**
- Breakfast club notice board – where to next?

Phone Policy

Our students have traditionally been good at observing our phone rules at school.

Recently this has become a govt initiative "Phones away for the day rules" mean students cannot use or access their phone at school, including during lunch time and breaks"

It is a lot easier if students leave their phones at home, however if they need to bring them, they:

- Hand them in to the school office when they arrive at school.
- Collect their phones at the end of the day from the school office.

If a student is found with their phone on them during the school day the phone is held in the office for parent/caregiver collection later.

Shoes

A big thank you for making sure your child has the correct uniform school shoes – these are school shoes that are plain black and fit for school purposes e.g. Technology, Health & PE activities, trips and so forth.

They also lessen the likelihood of bee stings at this time of the year.

Slip on shoes like jandals, scuffs, crocs or Birkenstocks are not suitable for school. Sandals need to have a backstrap.





Book School Interviews Online

Parent-teacher interviews will be held at the following times:

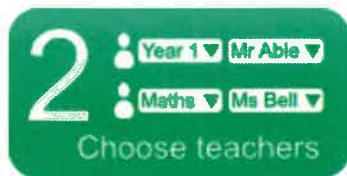
- 3:30pm – 5:30pm Monday 3rd March 2025
- 3:30pm - 5:30pm Tuesday 4th March 2025

To book your interviews, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code in your browser, and enter the event code **nf22n**. Then follow these three simple steps:



First enter your name, your student's name, and your email address.

If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x students" setting, and enter the other student's name.



On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet.

First select the room no, then choose from the list of teachers.



Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you. (10 minute timeslots)

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And you can return to the site and enter the event code **nf22n** again to change or cancel your interviews.

If you don't have internet access, please call Suzie at the school office (phone 374 6444). She will be able to make a booking for you.