



Newsletter

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NEWSLETTERS ARE DISTRUBITED FORTNIGHTLY ON EVEN WEEKS.

Tena ra koutou ki nga hau e wha - Greetings to everybody.

This is the final school newsletter for 2020.

Despite the interruptions and disruption brought about by the Covid19 pandemic, we have had an amazing year. I would like to congratulate and thank the Hurupaki School staff, children, parents, whanau, parent support group, board of trustees, and community for an absolutely fantastic year! Thank you for your support while the distance learning was happening, and thank you for your understanding of the restrictions we had in place during the Covid19 alert levels. This was an uncomfortable and distressing time for many.

Our school achievement data is continuing to show outstanding results, as outlined below. We congratulate our teachers and students for an amazing year of teaching and learning.

Curriculum Area	2019 Curriculum level % AT and ABOVE	2020 Curriculum level % AT and ABOVE
Maths - Whole school	91%	91%
Maths - Maori students	88%	89%
Reading - Whole school	92%	95%
Reading - Maori students	92%	94%
Writing - Whole school	91%	90%
Writing - Maori students	91%	91%

Our modern learning environments (MLEs) continue to be very effective; allowing us to organize learning in different ways to meet the needs of every student, allowing for teachers to team teach, collaborate, and improve the effectiveness of their teaching. We have been very fortunate to have very low student to teacher ratios, and this will continue to be the case next year. The learning environments are extremely well managed by our talented teaching team, with a variety of fantastic learning activities taking place.

Highlights for our students this year included: being back at school with their friends after lockdown, class trips, and the disco - thanks to our parent support group! The establishment of a Year 4-6 bilingual class has been an absolute success. Congratulations to the amazing kaiako and tamariki in that class. Other extra-curricular highlights have included participation in Speech NZ and the EPRO8 competition, which was won by one of our school teams earlier in the year! The 2020 Year Book is available for purchase at the school office and it is stunning. All credit to Jaimee Hamlin and the student media team. It is a fabulous record of our school events.

The teaching teams for 2021 are:

Pod 6 - (NE - Y1) Monique Cross

Pod 2 - (NE - Y1) Margaret Barber and Katherine Mabbitt

Pod 1 - (Y2 - Y3) Karen Johnsen and Claudia Reed

Pod 4 - (Y2 - Y3) Kath Edwards and Katy Howett

Pod 7 - (Y4 - Y5) Mark Buckland and Mary Leydon

Pod 5 - (Y5 - Y6) David Parkes and Kelly-Anne Ujdur

Pod 3 - (Y4 - Y6) Bev Boswell-Smith and Awhi Ripikoi

I wish our Year 6 students all the best in their new schools next year. They have been a fabulous group of students and we look forward to hearing of their future successes. Their official farewell will take place next Friday.

Student reports are now available to parents online, and are therefore accessible at any time through Linc-Ed Hero. Please let the office know if you are unable to access your child's report in this way and we can provide a printed copy. A placement letter will go home with your child on Thursday 10th December. Some children find it hard to cope with change, so if your child is unsure or concerned about his/her designated teacher or teachers, a positive encouraging approach is best. Children generally settle into their new classes and make new friends really well once the year is under way. A lot of time and thought has gone into the placements. This is mostly based on the ages of children and is also sometimes related to those we think would learn better if separated, although this is not always possible.

Teachers will be meeting together next week to share information about learners coming into their rooms next year to ensure they are set up for success. There is an opportunity early next year, 16th - 17th February, for parents to meet with teachers to share aspirations and knowledge about their children. This communication also contributes to setting our learners up for success.

The last day of school for Pods 2 and 6 is next Thursday, 10th December. On this day, it will be MUFTI, and all of the children will have an opportunity to visit the learning spaces they will be in next year, for a short orientation session.

Pods 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 (and the senior Kapa Haka performance group) will attend school in full uniform on Friday morning 11th December. The Year 6 leavers assembly will start at 9:30am and school will finish at 12:00pm (with the bus running at this time also).

On the first day back at school, 3rd February 2021, all children will meet in the hall when the 8:40am bell rings for a powhiri and short assembly to welcome our new students, and to ensure children end up in the correct learning areas.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. School will start back on Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

Naku Noa

Rob Posthumus

HAPPY HURUPAKI BIRTHDAY TO:

Viola-Mae Iuliano, Freya Kent, Ruby Omeli, Adam Aslan, Mason Gower, Aria Bamber, Hunter Burhenne, Hunter Smith, Bella O'Brien, Jasmine, Juri Hong, Cameron White, Cooper Hoey, Connor Ludlow, Brooklyn Brophy-Watts, Kari Solomon, Alexis Worthington, Vanessa Byers, Bridget Moggach, Keiran Worthington, Kalea Cherrington, Jack Hulten, Indie Marshall-Willis, Cavell Kingi, Achilles Hayward!!!



A huge thank you to our wonderful Hurupaki whanau for the generous donations of food for the Salvation Army Christmas boxes.

This year they are needed even more than before.

Ngā mihi maioha

Whangarei Schools Athletics

On Wednesday, a strong team of 39 athletes travelled to Kensington Stadium to represent Hurupaki at the Whangarei School Athletics Championships. The sun beat down on us all day, but the children's spirit stayed strong and they all did themselves and our school proud. It was so pleasing to see them all competing strongly, and their sportsmanship was also very admirable. Thank you to parents Tobias, David, Katherine, Andrew and Jaydene who helped on the day - this allowed Bev and I to run our own events. It is very comforting to know that we have such trustworthy and reliable parents in our community. Notable placings are listed below. From the Hurupaki sports committee, we hope you all have a great summer break, stay happy and safe, and we look forward to more sporting success in the new year - swimming sports and the triathlon will be taking place in term 1.

Whangarei Athletic results

Year 4 Girls: **Imogen Williams - 1st in Shot Put**. Charlee Wright - 2nd in Discus. Teagan Bourke - 3rd in Shot Put.

Year 4 Boys: Nico Lawson - 2nd in Discus, 3rd in Long Jump.

Year 5 Girls: **Kaea Jay Abraham - 1st in Discus, 1st in Shot Put**

Year 5 Boys: Max Tamahori - 2nd in High Jump. Lucas Varley - 3rd in High Jump.

Year 6 Girls: Lucy Webb - 2nd in Long Jump. Persia Plunkett - 2nd in 600m.

Year 6 Boys: **Jake Smith - 1st in 600m**, 2nd in Long Jump, 3rd in 80m

The Year 6 Relay team came 2nd - Chase Middleton, Persia Plunkett, Lucy Webb, Jake Smith

Hurupaki Educare - Holiday Programme

After much deliberation, Hurupaki Educare has decided not to run a pre-Christmas/January Holiday Programme this year. Previous programmes have struggled with attendance numbers so that it has become unsustainable to continue at this stage. We hope to open in the April holiday next year, but this will again depend on the number of children attending. We do have another holiday programme based at the Maunu Primary School which is managed along the same lines as Hurupaki Educare, if any parent is interested in using that programme. Another option would be to locate another holiday programme. There are two based in Kamo.

The last day for Educare 2020 is Thursday 10th December.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy holidays

From the staff at Hurupaki Educare.

School Stationery 2021

This year our school stationery will be available to purchase via Warehouse Stationery and either will be delivered to your home for a \$5 charge or may be collected in store. This service will be available from 11th January 2021. Just head to the website, search for our school and choose the pack for your child's year level.

NE/Y1 starting in 2021 packs will be available to purchase in the office or via Kindo.

All other year levels will need to be purchased through Warehouse Stationery.

REMINDERS

- Please bring netball dresses back clean to the office
- Please check the lost property in Pod 4 for any of your child's belongings. We will be having a clear out at the end of year!
- Please register for our new payment system Kindo either through our website or by clicking this link <https://www.hurupaki.school.nz/payments/>
- Download Hero app. Click <https://hero.linc-ed.com/parents/> Please let school office know if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Thursday 10 th December	Last day for Pods 6 & 2
Thursday 10 th December	FREE Mufti Day
Friday 11 th December	Last day of Term 4 and final assembly Final assembly starts 9.30am School finishes at 12noon on last day
Monday 11 th January	Stationery available to order
Wednesday 3 rd February	First day of Term 1 2021 (updated)
Tuesday 9 th February	School Support Group AGM
16 th and 17 th February	Meet the teacher interviews from 1pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- Swimming lessons will be available at school with Geoff next term - please contact him directly to book. geoff.butturini@gmail.com
- For any kids that enjoyed the tennis experience at school and want to learn more the following is the closest tennis club:-
Kamo Tennis Club, 15 Three Mile Bush Road
Wednesday afternoon after school 3.30pm. Starts up Term 1 when school goes back.
Contact: Carol Crowley- Mobile 0276998673 Email: carolcrow@gmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER!

NO vehicles other than staff and service vehicles are to enter into school grounds to drop off or pick up children between 8.10am - 8.45am and 2.15pm - 3pm;

The speed limit within school grounds is 5kmh

PLEASE INFORM YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO DROP OFF OR PICK UP



Hurupaki School Apps and Online Services

School Website is where you can find up to date general information including our class blogs, upcoming events, and have the ability to report an absence or bus/after school care change.

You can access our school website via this link - [Hurupaki School](#)

Kindo is our school payment system and can be accessed via our website. This is where you can pay for school stationery, class fees, trips and other school related costs. Payments will also be accepted via the school office

You can access Kindo via this link: [Hurupaki School - Kindo](#)

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making school payments simple

LINC-ED Hero is our electronic school management system. We use this as our main source of communication and real time assessment and reporting to our school community.

You can access Hero via this link: [Hurupaki School - Hero](#)



Newsletters are distributed fortnightly via email. Please make sure your email is current to ensure you get these important notifications. Please also use the same email address for Kindo and Hero as they are all linked to your child.

We have previously used the notification system 'Skool loop'. This will no longer be active from the school year beginning 2021.

Seesaw is a digital portfolio that gives you real time glimpses into your child's school day. At the beginning of the school year, the class teacher will distribute instructions on linking to your child's current classroom.

