

PTA NEWS

Welcome to the PTA at Hoon Hay School for 2011. After a shaky start to the year, we have finally held our AGM. I would like to thank all the people who attended the meeting for taking time out of their busy lives to help us get started for the year.

The AGM was held on the 11/5/2011 in the staffroom at 7pm. We reviewed our achievements over 2010 and found we had had a great year. We had a fundraising target of 10,000 to reach and we exceeded this by raising \$17,434. This money was spent on books for the library, for which all our children have benefitted. Thank you to all the families that supported our fundraising effort last year.

A huge thanks goes to Wendy Booth and Naomi Faga who co-chaired the PTA last year. They worked tirelessly in leading the PTA to such a great result for 2010. Both have stepped down this year, but we wish them all the best and appreciate the work they have done. A thank you goes to Sarah Harris, who as Secretary, had the PTA organised and running smoothly and thanks also goes to Angela Russell for all her efforts behind the scenes as Treasurer. Finally I wish to thank all the members of the PTA for their hard work and effort, it was a great year, and the PTA does make a huge difference in the school.

The AGM is also the forum where we voted in our new officers for 2011:

Chairperson : Bernie McCarthy

Secretary: Sarah Harris

Treasurer: Angela Russell

We also voted in two new PTA members Sue Massie and Sari Fisk. A big welcome to our new members and thanks for offering your time. Please let me know if you are interested at all in becoming a new PTA member, we have a lot of fun and its rewarding to be able to make a difference in the school.

We have set our targets and events for 2011. Our target this year will be \$12,000 and this will be spent on upgrading furniture in our classrooms. This will be of huge benefit to all our children, and the PTA is very excited about being able to assist with this. As we have missed Term 1 for any fundraising, we will be trying to fit everything in, but I am sure with plenty of notice our community will be able to help us out.

The PTA dates of importance for Term 2 are as follows:

3 June	Sausage Sizzle
17 June	Hot Chocolate and Cookie Time Cookies on sale at school
1 July	Hot Chocolate and Cookie Time Cookies on sale at school
15 July	Mufti Day
Chocolate Fundraiser (Date to be confirmed)	

Keyboard Lessons - There are some spaces available this term. If your child is interested in learning keyboard please phone Dianne on 942 1886.

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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

This term has been action packed and we are only at week 3! Many thanks to the parents who came along to attend the Whanau Meeting last Tuesday. It was great to kick off the meeting by attending the Kapa Haka group and seeing them in action. It reminds us of why we are all here.

We decided on 5 goals that we would like to achieve for the year and we may need your help!

- We want to provide Reo workshops for children.
- We want to continue with the fabulous work Sarah Dillon started with the gardening club....
- We want to continue with the large Kapa Haka group and we would love any parents who are available at that time to come along, join in and support. Kapa Haka is on every Tuesday afternoon 1:30-2:30pm.
- We want to use the newsletter to promote activities and websites that have Maori content - thanks to Patsy Perenara-O'Connell for helping out with this.
- To celebrate and raise the profile of Maori Language Week 4-10 July.

If you think you could help out with any of these goals we would love to hear from you!

Welcome

A very warm welcome to the following children who have started at Hoon Hay: Ezra Erueti, Maddison Green, Danny Nguyen and Blake Billington.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these children who have had birthdays recently: Micah McLean, Dylan Mahon, Connor Dillon, Briannah Jarvis, Rebecca O'Connor, Jason Christie, Jessica Pope, Sophie Ulutau, Summer Trinnaman, Ezra Erueti, Bailey Jordan, Katie Hayles, Tyler Rogers, Jayden Richards, Sophia Wallace, Blake Billington, Nicky Lowther, Alex Miller.

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received Principal's Awards recently: Sophie Brown, Stella Ashcroft, Kate Connell, Alanis Seybold, Jaime Booth, Logan Huston-Cox, Ari Kokiri, Hunter Harwood, Caitlin McKenzie, Alex Kingi-Booth, Skye Ganev, Shae Dunlop, Ari Cox-Herrera, Ciaran Kingi-Booth, Jessica Pope, Blake Thorman, Sebastian Mayers, Nate Pringle, Jessie Saunders, Sam Smith, Mason Russell, Mandy Lowther, Jordan Tait, Leon Donald.

Local Sports Initiative - T-Ball

We had a fabulous day at the Spreydon Domain on Thursday 5th May. It was great to see all the year 3 and 4 children from all the local schools having fun and competing on a beautiful day. Congratulations to Amy Smit who is the local sports co-ordinator for putting together such a fun programme. Many thanks to all our parents and staff who helped out and also to the Spreydon Baptist Church for providing the volunteers to officiate.

It was a fun way to come together as a community. A job well done.

We are also celebrating the arrival of new sports uniforms. A sincere thanks to the PTA for purchasing six sets of singlets and to Chill Clothing - Fraser and Jill Bateman, for purchasing one set. We appreciate your generosity!

Fire and Earthquake Drills

These procedures are becoming very slick these days! The children have had a recent practice and we were all impressed with the speed and care the children took to assume the Fire/Earthquake drill positions. Check out the website for the full Earthquake procedure.

3 Way Interviews - 4-6th July - Advance Warning

In week 10 of this term we will be holding 3 way Interviews over 3 days. These interviews will be 20 minutes per child because we don't want to rush this important part of the reporting process. This year we will be doing things a little differently to hopefully explain more clearly what we are reporting on, why and also making the links to the National Standards. By the time the interview is over we want you to leave knowing exactly where your child is at, what progress they have made, what the next steps for learning are and what you can do to help them with their learning.

You may like to diary now that the school will be closing early on 2 days - 4th & 5th July at 12:30pm.

More information will come home closer to the time. As usual we will use the online booking system.

Room 12 and Room 10 will be having their interviews earlier to accommodate Kate Macpherson who is leaving to have a baby after Queen's Birthday and Jacinda Hall who is away for the last 2 weeks of the term. This information will come home via the classroom.

Open Morning

25 May 2011

9:00-11:30am

Come along and see Hoon Hay School in action.

Morning tea will be in the hall from 11-11:30am.

Professional Development Opportunity

On Wednesday the 18th May staff will be taking part in a writing presentation delivered by Gail Loane. Gail is a NZ expert in the field of implementing stimulating writing programmes for primary aged children. This is a 4-7pm workshop and is being held at West Spreydon School, so we will be making a quick exit from school on that day.

School Donations

\$65.00 per year for 1 child, \$130.00 for 2 children, \$165.00 for 3 or more children. Statements are sent throughout the year.

School donations are a small but vital component of our school's budget. They are set each year by the Board of Trustees to supplement funding received from the Government. Without your donation we would be unable to fund many of the programmes that we currently do, e.g. dance, music, ICT and sports.

All school donations are now incorporated in our computer records and computer generated invoices and receipts are issued.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff very many thanks to all parents for your continued support.

Sportcheck

Instant Text Messaging Communication Service

A new text messaging service for sports cancellations and other urgent sports notifications is available. You can subscribe for one sport or all sports/events and receive a text message. For further information go to: www.sportcheck.co.nz. Each message will cost 50c (or 25c charged at a one-off \$5 for 20 texts) and is charged to your mobile phone account.

Cancellations will also be on the www.primarysports Canterbury.org.nz website.

Important Dates

May

20	Rooms 10 & 11 Antarctic Centre
25	Open Morning
26	BOT Meeting
27	Full School Assembly Winter Sport - Hagley Park
31	Zone Cross Country - Halswell Quarry - Approx. 9.45am

June

3	Winter Sport - Hagley Park
7	Zone Cross Country pp
10	Full School Assembly