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Dear Families

We have had a great start back to school and already we are humming! The Year 6 children have had a taste of Intermediate School having visited Manning and made use of the technology rooms - I hear the baking was very successful! Kelly Sports have been providing lessons for The Mighty Minnows and Hayden from Localised Sport has introduced Team Koru to volleyball. Add in swimming sports registrations, Meet the Teacher and the coffee van and we are all go!

Thank you to the parents who came along to Meet the Teacher. It is always a great opportunity to share information with you about the way things will be done this year. If you couldn't make it, there are some helpful booklets that are on the website. Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything you are unsure of. Email is a great way to contact us and we are only too happy to respond.

We have a new Student Management System and the procedure we use for absences has changed a little. Thank you for tolerating our blunders as we get to grips with this new system. It is helpful if you can let the office know if your child is going to be away and why. It is great when you tell the classroom teacher but sometimes in the busyness these messages don't get passed on. Again, you can email, julie.b@hoonhay.school.nz who manages the absences. You can also text us on 027 911 6019 or leave a message on the absence line 338 7493.

Staff Professional Development

This week we welcome Tony Burkin from Interlead, Auckland, to Hoon Hay School. Tony will be working with the new staff and the Senior Team to ensure we are all clear about the way we do things at Hoon Hay. It is important that we get this right! Tony will be here from Wednesday through to Friday. Because we are short on space around here we are grateful to our neighbours at Our Lady of the Assumption School who happily let us use one of their workspaces. Thanks OLA!

Furniture News

Thank you to Meredith Smith for successfully applying for grants to assist us with furniture replacement in the school. We are delighted and extremely grateful to the Southern Trust \$9,000 and the Lion Foundation \$6,000. This is fabulous news - so keep an eye out for this new furniture - coming soon. The PTA have done a fabulous job of fundraising (thank you Mums and Dads) and we are optimistic that this year we will furnish an entire block! Exciting stuff and it makes such a difference!

Room 11 Meet the Teacher - Tonight Monday 13th February from 6-6.30pm.

EQ Memorial

We will be holding an EQ Remembrance assembly on 22nd February. We will email you the exact details closer to the time. Pencil in Wednesday 22nd February at 12.51pm. We expect this will take about 20 minutes. Our intention is to honour and acknowledge the significance of the day in a way that does not cause upset or distress. Our friends from OLA will join us.

Newsletters

The newsletter will now be emailed to all families. If you know of parents who do not have email access, please remind them to let the office know so we can send them out a personal hard copy. It is important that we all know what is going on at school and without the newsletter it is hard to keep up!

Welcome

A big Hoon Hay welcome to the following children who have started at Hoon Hay: Hunter H and Toby S



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who have had birthdays recently: Liam G, Lakoda F, Zavier M, Emma C, Zavier Y, Saskia R, Lucy K, Phoebe Y, Caleb R, Phoenix G-S, Kate B, Olivia H, Emma N, Morgan K.

Lucky Winners of Hot Chocolate with Ms McArthur



Friday Morning Coffee

Churros coffee van will be outside school every Friday from before 8.30 until after 9.00am. Regular coffees \$4.00, large \$4.50 - trim, soy and all flavours.



Tēnā koutou katoa. My name is **Karyn Mudaliar** (pronounced Mood-lee-r) and I am pleased to be teaching the lovely Room 12 this year. I have spent the past two years teaching at Cotswold School in Bishopdale. I am married and we have 2 children, Sariah who is 15 and Alex who is 9. Outside of school my interests include geocaching, walking, reading and photography. I am also looking forward to beginning a Maori weaving course this year. Thank you for your welcoming smiles and I am delighted to be part of your Hoon Hay School community.



My name is **Mike Stewart**. I have been teaching for a year and a half and previous to that had experience in a very different line of work managing a rental car company at Auckland Airport! I love teaching and have a special passion for teaching reading and anything to do with computers!! My current sporting interests include touch rugby and I have previously been involved in a variety of martial arts. I have an interest in motorbikes and have restored a classic car. Travelling and visiting beautiful places in New Zealand and the world is a passion of mine. Hiking in the Port Hills with my wife is my favourite way to spend my weekends. I live in Rolleston with my wife and cat.



Hi my name is **Deborah Mauchline** and I come from a lovely town called Blenheim. I was brought up spending the summer holidays caravanning in the Marlborough Sounds. I enjoy swimming in the ocean, fishing, reading books, doing girlie things and spending time with my friends. My family is amazing and they are an important part of my life. I have been teaching for 7 years and 3 of those I spent in London. My husband is also a teacher which is great as I can bounce ideas off him. I have had a great start at Hoon Hay School. Staff, children and parents have been so welcoming and supportive. I am very fortunate to be part of your community.



My name is **Karen France** and I am very excited about joining the team at Hoon Hay. I am married to Neil and we have two grown children. When I am not at school you can find me pounding the streets around Prebbleton (walking) or enjoying a session or two at the gym. I look forward to meeting you in the play ground. Please come and say Hi and introduce yourself to me. You will find me a regular customer at the coffee van on a Friday morning.



Early Arrivers to School

We are changing our procedure for children and parents who arrive early to school. We are trialling the idea of having the teams waiting in more logical places, so from here on The Mighty Minnows children and parents will wait on the seats outside Rooms 1-4, The Nest will wait on the seats outside Rooms 5-7, Team Koru can wait on the seats outside Rooms 8-12 and the Legends can wait under the shade cloth. If your child has an older sibling we are happy for them to sit in either of the areas. The two key words are **sitting and waiting**.

No one is to play on the playgrounds. Remember there is no supervision and school does not officially open until 8.30am. We will also be reminding all children that they are not to scoot their scooters when inside the school grounds. Many a person has nearly been skittled - even pre-schoolers need to be walking scooters. Please help us out with this by ensuring your child follows the rules. Thanks.

New Start Interviews - Advance Notice

We plan to meet with you and your child in week 6 - 7th & 8th March. These interviews will be 15 minutes. We plan to spend the first 5 minutes without your child, discussing how they are settling and what is going on for them. This is extremely valuable for us because it gives them a clearer picture of your child and helps to get to know them as individuals. The second part of the interview will involve goal setting and we will use the 2011 report as a reference document.

The plan is that we want to get focussed on learning straight away and we think 3 way interviews involving all the major parties is a great way to do this. We have taken on board the feedback from the community consultation and tweaked things, hopefully making them more worthwhile. School will close at the usual time of 3pm on both these days.

Important Dates

February

- 14 Yr 6 Technology Sessions Manning Intermediate
- 17 PTA - Chocolate Milk & Cookie
- 20 Legends Swimming Sports - Jellie Park
- 21 Yr 6 Technology Sessions Manning Int.
- 23 BOT Meeting 7.00pm
- 24 Full School Assembly
- 27 Miles Kau Kau - Rm 13
- 29 Miles Kau Kau - Rm 17

March

- 1 Miles Kau Kau - Rm 16
- 2 Miles Kau Kau - Rm 15
- 6 Zone Swimming Sports Wharenui
- 7-8 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 9 Full School Assembly
- 16 New & Prospective Parents Meeting 9.30am
- Mighty Minnows/The Nest Swim Week - Wharenui Pool
- 19-22 Mighty Minnows/The Nest Swim Week - Wharenui Pool
- 23 Full School Assembly

Sports News

Winter sports coaches needed

Hopefully winter is still a long way off, however we have to start planning for winter sport now. We are seeking coaches in netball, rugby, football, hockey and basketball. Details are as follows:

Year 5/6 Teams for Friday Winter Hagley Sport

Teams play at South Hagley Park on a Friday afternoon between 12:30(tbc) - 2:45pm. The number of teams we are able to enter in the Hagley competition is limited to 2 of each code and is dependent upon the number of coaches we can get.

Rugby requires a coach that has completed a recent small blacks coaching course. Courses are being run on the following dates: Wednesday 28th March, 6pm at Burnside Clubrooms; Thursday 10th May, 5pm at Christchurch Boys' High or Wednesday 16th May, 6pm at Marist Albion Clubrooms. You only have to attend one evening.

If we do not get someone to coach the team we will be unable to enter a rugby team.

The Hagley Winter Sports competition begins on Friday 18th May and concludes on Friday 24 August.

Basketball for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6

Teams play at Pioneer Stadium on a Wednesday after school normally between 4:00 and 6:45pm. Games go for 30 minutes. The season normally runs from May-September, times and dates will be confirmed closer to the time.

Team Trials

Both Hagley Sport and Pioneer Basketball competitions are competitive so we will be having trials for all mentioned sporting codes. The number of teams we enter in both the Hagley Year 5/6 competition and the Pioneer Basketball Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 competitions are also dependent upon the number of coaches we can get.

Trial dates for teams will be put on our school website and children will be informed of trial dates at school. We will be looking at doing team trials in Term One from week 8 onwards.

Mrs Faga has started lunchtime netball skill sessions for any Year 5/6 children interested in playing netball in preparation for trials later in the term. She will also run some skill sessions this term for any children interested in playing basketball. We will inform children at school the days these skill sessions will take place. A notice will also be placed on the school website.

A big thank you!

In Term 4 last year we were given some rugby league balls and sports cones from the Halswell Rugby League Club. We always need more balls for the children to play with which can be very costly. We are very appreciative of being given the balls and cones. Thanks Halswell Rugby League.

We would also like to thank the Smith family who generously donated a gazebo to the school. We now have a very smart gazebo to take to sporting and any other events we may require one for. Thank you so much.

Future Ferns (Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings) and Action Indoor Netball (Fridays afterschool -TBC)

Last year I sent home a notice asking for coaches and names of children who may be interested in either of these competitions. If your child is interested in playing please return your notice as soon as possible so we can make some decisions about entering teams and which competition we will be entering. If you missed getting a notice you can pick one up from the school office.

If you are able to help with coaching any of our teams or co-coaching please email me at: megan.a@hoonhay.school.nz. You may know someone in the community who may be able to help - perhaps a grandparent, university student, someone you know that has a passion for sport and would make a good coach - and also has the time!

Legends Swimming Sports - Monday 20 February at Jellie Park Pool, 9:45am-1:15pm approx.

A reminder that all entries are now due in. Thanks to everyone that has already returned their entry. We are all looking forward to the day and would love to see you there.

Thank you to the many parents who have offered to help at the swimming sports next Monday. I will be in contact with you later in the week to inform you on how we would like you to help on the day. We are looking forward to a fun filled morning with lots of action!

The children will need to come to school with their togs under their clothes. They may wear a top the colour of their house they are in with their school shorts/trackpants. This is **NOT** a mufti day. Snacks, drink bottle and lunch will be required. Come along on Monday if you can, we would love to see you there.



My name is Hayden Lawless - I am the new sports coordinator for Localised Sports. I have recently completed a degree in Psychology from the University of Canterbury. I am involved in the local community through several youth activities and sports groups. I enjoy all sports but have a love of rugby in which I have been playing since the age of 6. I have a passion for local youth and community and seeing children develop on the sports field and as young people.

PTA for 2012

A warm welcome back to 2012 from the Hoon Hay School PTA. We held our first meeting on Tuesday 8 February, and it was great to see some new parents joining. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 29th February at 7.00pm in the staffroom. If you are interested, come along and meet everyone. We have a lot of fun and really make a difference to the school.

Last year our parent community supported the school fundraising with such enthusiasm, that we are looking forward to the same this year. Our first effort will be a Chocolate Milk and Cookie on Friday 17th February - a note will be sent home closer to the time.

We look forward to a great 2012 at Hoon Hay School.

Bernie McCarthy

Community News

Weetbix Tryathlon

The Weetbix Tryathlon is coming up soon. It is on Sunday 11 March at Centennial Park. If your child would like to enter they can do so by going online at www.weetbix.co.nz or by calling the Customer Services Team on 09 531 5050.

Gifted Child? Here's your chance to come and try out One Day School, New Zealand's longest running programme for gifted learners. There will be two age based sessions on **Monday 5 March at Kendal School** from 9-12pm for 9-12 year olds and 12.30-3pm for 6-8 year olds. The cost is \$35 per child. Places are limited and bookings are essential! For more information, or to book a place for your child, ring Andrea on 021646963 or email andrea.wong@giftededucation.org.nz.

Halswell Rugby League Club - Juniors Registration Day 2012. When: **Sunday, 19th February 2012, Time: 10am - 12noon, Where: Halswell Rugby League Clubrooms, Halswell Domain.** All new players welcome. Ages 4 to 16 years. Please bring a copy of Birth Certificate. All subs paid on the day receive a free Halswell Hornets Club T-Shirt. (While stocks last). Subs: **4 - 7yrs - \$45 per child, 8yrs - 16yrs \$55 per child. Cash only, sorry no eftpos available.** For further enquiries email halswelljuniors@gmail.com or phone Rachael TeHau, Juniors Secretary 021 081 00772.

Halswell Rugby League Netball Club - Registration & Trial Dates - Come along and sign up for the 2012 netball season! From year 4 primary through to 'The Old Girls' social, including a premier side, Halswell Rugby League Netball is a great, fun and competitive club to be a part of.

REGISTRATION - Sunday 12th Feb 4.00pm -5.30pm, Monday 13th Feb 6.00pm - 7.00pm @ Halswell Rugby League Clubrooms, Halswell Domain. For those that can't make these dates, we do have forms we can email to you. Please email hrlnetballclub@gmail.com to request one of these. All Primary Trials will be held at the Lincoln Netball Courts, North Belt, Lincoln. Any questions please call Emma Griggs 027 249 1973.

Adult and Community Education Classes - A full range of Adult and Community Education classes is on offer through Risingholme Community Centre. Classes are held at Risingholme Community Centre, Shirley Boys' High, Riccarton High School and Christchurch Girls' High. Full details for Term 1 programme on www.risingholme.org.nz or email info@risingholme.org.nz.

Sydenham Rugby Club - SRC Picnic. SRC will again be hosting the annual Club Picnic at Hansens Park on the 26th February 11am - 3pm. Bring along a packed picnic basket, and join us for our pre season get together with an afternoon of fun. Entertainment for the whole family. Sausage sizzle & BBQ's available, all are welcome. Junior Registration Dates: Junior registrations (U6 - U18) will be held at the Cashmere Club in the Sydenham Lounge on: Sun, 4th March, 10am - 1pm Wed, 7th March, 5pm - 8pm Sun, 11th March, 10am - 1pm. Birth certificates are required for all new members. \$55 subscription per player, \$25.00 for additional siblings. Shorts, socks and headgear will be available for sale, plus a limited range of boots. www.sydenhamrugby.co.nz.

The Co-operative Bank Children's Day - Sunday 4th March 2012 - 11am-4pm. Come along and celebrate Children's Day a FREE community event. Pack a picnic lunch and bring along family and friends. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE. So come along and join in on the excitement at the Groyne's Park on Johns Road. Buses will be organised to depart from different locations to bring families to the event. For more information contact 941 5409 or check the Be There website <http://bethere.co.nz/>.