

Hampden Street SCHOOL



Newsletter

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HSS Ferns, First Training Session

Piki ake ki ngā whetū - Reach for the Stars

Principal's View

Tena koutou e te whānau

Every election year schools, and education in general, find themselves at the centre of a match of political football. In an effort to gain the popular vote, generally the commentary starts around what's wrong with our education system, and often the focus is on things that connect with the older generation, like talking about going "back to the basics". Having been a principal for over 20 years, I have heard it all. It would be great if education could be removed from politics, and bipartisan agreements were made between parties based on a well-researched aspirational vision for our tamariki.

The industrial action going on in the education sector at the moment is a disruption for our students, who really don't need it after the past three years of the pandemic. However, we are heading for a real staffing crisis if many of the issues highlighted are not addressed. Hampden Street School has never had issues filling vacancies with high quality teachers, and generally, we have had an abundance of relief teachers to choose from. We feel very lucky to have secured Nic Thomassen and Brodie Spence into the fold of our Middle Syndicate in fixed term positions, and we are still recruiting for a position starting next term in our Senior Syndicate.

In terms of relief teachers, we have had days when we simply couldn't get relievers, and we have had to pull teachers from their classroom or leadership release. This puts extra stress on teachers who get behind in their work and leadership tasks. On a number of days when we have had sick teachers and haven't been able to get a relief teacher, we have been forced to split classes. This is our last resort, as it not only disrupts the sick teacher's class but all the classes that take students in.

Quite simply, we need more teachers. We are already in the midst of a teacher supply crisis. We need to attract good candidates into teaching, and to do this, we need to make the job more attractive. This starts with pay but also includes things like release time and pastoral support.

Schools are a great place to work, and working with children is so rewarding. At Hampden Street, we want to ensure our team is composed of committed, enthusiastic practitioners. For this to happen, we need to continue to attract strong fields of applicants.

Ngā mihi

Don McLean
Principal

Notices

School Choir

Our school choir is holding a concert from 1:30pm to 2:00pm on Wednesday 14 June. Whānau are welcome to join us to hear what the choir have been working on.

Sickness at School

We are noticing a spike in illness among students and staff. There is a clear rise in COVID-19 cases, and we also have a number of students sick with RSV. Please remember that if your child is sick, they should be kept at home. Further, the Ministry of Health clearly states that you must isolate for a full seven days when you become infected with COVID-19.

Please also remember to call us and let us know if your child is staying home, absentee messages can be rung in on 03 548 1825 or text to 027 522 7368. Here at school, we are promoting the use of hand sanitiser and hand washing, reminding students to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze, and doing our best to keep classes ventilated.

Pink Shirt Day

What a fantastic response to our 'dress in pink' day, in support of the Mental Health Foundation, last Friday. Over \$260.00 was raised for the foundation.



Emanuel's Battery Collection

In the last newsletter we highlighted Emanuel's idea for the kaitiaki challenge. Emanuel has set up a container under the TV in the Middle Syndicate Hub where spent batteries can be deposited. Emanuel has already dropped off a lot of batteries to the Nelson Recycle Centre. Keep those old batteries coming in, either to Emanuel's collection point in the Middle Syndicate or to the school office. Ka pai Emanuel!



Working Bee

It's hard to believe that we are only a month or so away from the opening of our amazing new Junior Block. In the next few weeks, we will start to formulate a step-by-step plan on what, who, and when certain things will be moved. Although a lot will happen during the last week of school, we have also set a holiday working bee time for staff and whānau to come and help with various tasks around the school. The hall, library, and new Junior Block will all need a tidy up, and resources and furniture need packing away. This will take place on Sunday, **9 July, from 10:00am-1:00pm**. Please join us if you can. At the conclusion of the working bee, we will have a sausage sizzle.

Blessing of the Junior Block

Our new Junior Block will officially open on Monday, 17 July. We will start proceedings with a dawn blessing ceremony. The event will be run in partnership with our kaitiaki iwi, Rangitāne. This ceremony will include karakia, speeches, and shared kai. All whānau and tamariki are warmly invited. Following this event, we hold our Term 3 Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students.

Access Blocked

Next Wednesday, through to the end of the week, the access way by the corner of the new Junior Block/old school bell will again be closed as the groundworks are finished in preparation for the last of the concrete to be laid.

529 Garage

529 Garage is a free web-based registration system created in Canada and proven to reduce bike theft by 40%. 529 Garage has already been pushed in New Zealand by police and councils in various districts.

529 Garage helps the cycling community to reduce bike theft. You can register bike details and serial numbers; in the event your bike is stolen you can notify the 529 Garage community by creating an alert. Then if the thief tries to sell the stolen bike, potential buyers can search 529 Garage to check if the bike is stolen. This will help to deter thieves as they find they have a much smaller market to sell to. Members of the 529 Garage community and police can check bikes and if they are stolen, notify the owner and reunite them with their bike.

Bike registration is free, and a 529 Shield sticker is an optional, tamper-resistant, weather-resistant decal that has a unique, seven-character ID code. It adds an extra identifier and layer of protection for your bike. The 529 Shield sticker can be purchased from all good bike stores, we recommend you put one on your bike in a visible location. Always report bike thefts to police, call 105 or go online to [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz).

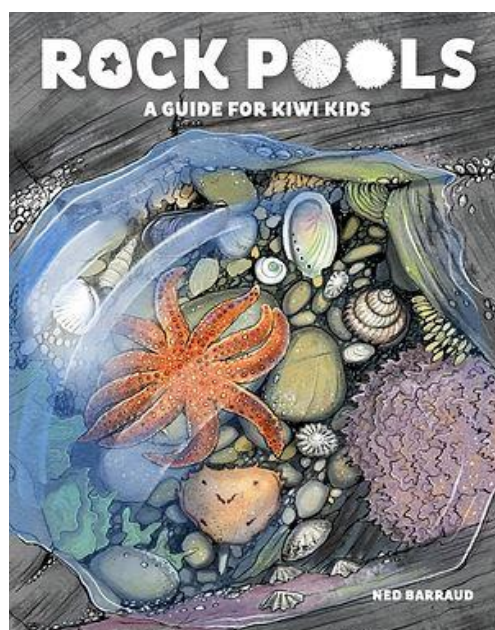


[Bicycle registration for the life of your bike | 529 Garage \(project529.com\)](https://www.police.govt.nz/use-105)

105 Police Non-Emergency | New Zealand Police <https://www.police.govt.nz/use-105>

Drawing Workshop

For our keen young illustrators, there is a fun story share and drawing workshop with fabulous illustrator Ned Barraud at the Elmer Turner Library! Ned is the illustrator of some of New Zealand's most beautiful children's non-fiction books, including 'What happened to the Moa?', 'Rockpools A Guide for Kiwi Kids' and 'Tohora The Southern Right Whale'. This event runs from 3:15pm-4:15pm on Tuesday 30 May in the children's area of the Elma Turner Pop-up Library. Some drawing materials will be provided, but bring your own if you have some. There are no bookings required for this event and all are welcome, though older primary school tamariki will probably get the most from the workshop.



Enrolments

If you have a younger child due to start school later this year, or in 2024, and you have not filled out an enrolment form, please check with the office that they have your child's details on their New Entrant list. We are starting to look at roll numbers for 2024 to see if we can open our roll for some out of zone families.

Outstanding Sports Tops

We are still looking for outstanding sports tops to be returned, as soon as possible, to the office. If your child is not playing basketball this term, please return any tops at home, to the office straight away. With sports trips dotted through the next few terms we do not have enough tops to allow children to hold onto them until the Term 4 summer sports start.

Toothbrushes

We have quite a few Twinkle Tooth toothbrushes left from past fundraisers. These are on sale through the school office for \$1:00 each. Please note that some of them may no longer have the two-minute flashing light.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club remains a popular way to start the day for many of our tamariki. Just a reminder that Breakfast Club runs four mornings a week, Tuesday to Friday, from 8:15am to 8:50am in the school hall. If anyone is keen to make a donation to Breakfast Club, we would love some wholemeal toast bread.



HARVEST GALA
Saint Paul's School, Richmond

NEW DATE! Sunday 28th May
11am - 3pm

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Kiwiana Quiz Night

We have set a new record this year, with tickets selling out within 48 hours of going on sale.

Seeking Donations for Kiwiana Quiz Night and Auction

The success of our fundraiser relies on the generosity of our incredible community; there are some ways you can donate:

Be a legend by donating products and services for our auction prizes. Do you have a coffee shop you love or adore the little homewares store in town? Show them some love by donating a voucher or their products to our fundraiser. We are especially seeking:

- Family-friendly restaurant vouchers
- Date Night restaurant vouchers
- Take-away restaurant vouchers
- Accommodation in Kaiteriteri
- Accommodation in Hanmer
- Vouchers for any of your favourite local businesses

Our team of kitchen volunteers has planned a delicious menu of kiwi classics, from cheese rolls to slices that would make your Nan proud. We won't ask you to bring a plate, but we do need donations of ingredients for our snack and dessert platters. We require items such as flour, butter, sugar, and condensed milk now to begin our baking. More items such as cream cheese, colby cheese and more will be needed closer to the event. All donations can be brought to the school office. You can find our full wishlist here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944aeaa2ca0f9c43-kiwiana1#/>



If you prefer we do the shopping, we are also accepting donations towards prizes and menu ingredients into the Hampden Street Fundraising Committee Account: 03-1354-0374813-00 (Different from HSS account).

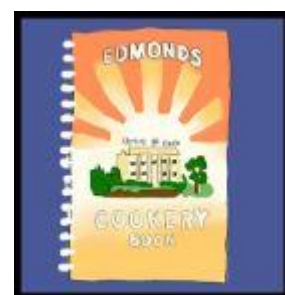
Thank you to everyone who has already donated so generously.

Volunteers Needed

We literally couldn't pull off such an epic affair without the help of our team of volunteers. If you are interested in helping decorate and setup the hall, support the kitchen crew with food preparation, or sell raffle tickets at the event, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944aeaa2ca0f9c43-kiwiana#/>

If you have any questions, you can email the HSS Fundraising Committee at hssfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com



From the Syndicates

Junior Syndicate

"On your markies, get your car keys, go!"

With a burst of energy, the Junior Syndicate embarked on their cross country event on Monday, leaving spectators in awe of their impressive performance. The presence of numerous whānau members added to the vibrant atmosphere, despite some minor technical difficulties with the sound system. Nonetheless, our dedicated team ensured that all tamariki were well-prepared and ready for their races, displaying resilience and determination throughout. As they conquered the small hill at Fairfield Park, their unwavering perseverance was on full display, accompanied by radiant smiles as they triumphantly crossed the finish line.





Looking ahead, the focus for the remainder of the term will shift towards enhancing ball skills and exploring various winter sports in our Physical Education programme. This exciting transition promises to offer our students an engaging and dynamic learning experience, further developing their physical abilities and fostering a love for active pursuits.

Janet Arcus Syndicate Leader

Middle Syndicate

Our young learners have been embarking on an incredible journey of scientific discovery, as they've delved into exhilarating experiments and class projects. Diving into hands-on activities and discovering the wonders of the scientific world, the tamariki's passion for science experiments and class projects is clearly evident throughout the syndicate. Stay tuned for their stories, experiments, and achievements.

Alongside their scientific endeavours and cross-country training, our talented ākonga are developing their sketching abilities. With each stroke of their pencil, they are capturing the world around them, bringing their observations to life on paper.



Let's check out what the tamariki are enjoying this week:

I am enjoying art because we are learning hard things about shading. I enjoy playing with my friends. Sativa, Room 14

I am enjoying doing art because I like art. I am enjoying writing because I like to write about whatever I want, I get the opportunity to do that. I am looking forward to the cross-country because we get the opportunity to run. Otis, Room 15.

I am enjoying play times because I am having a lot of fun playing with friends. I have been enjoying maths and going on the Chromebooks. I have been enjoying doing all the art with Karen. Thea, Room 16.

I am enjoying science because it is fun and you get to do lots of experiments and find out lots of things about science. Tui, Room 18.

I am enjoying playing on the playground because I like playing with my friends and we always play games. I enjoy reading books because they are really interesting.
Grace-Lilly, Room 17.

I am enjoying art because it lets you tell a story. I enjoy science because you get to find out different things and solve things. Indira Room 18.

I am enjoying having fun with my friends and doing maths. Wyatt, Room 18.



Otis's Minecraft Adventure

Once upon a time in Minecraft, Otis was stacking netherite blocks to make a house by the bay. It was the afternoon, so Otis had sweat all over his hair and face. He was hurrying because he was trying to build his house before dark so the monsters, creepers, zombies, and mobs wouldn't kill him. At dusk, he finally finished. He stepped back to admire his work. He then went to get the wood he had cut a few hours ago. Soon Otis was in his new netherite house, sitting on a bed that he had crafted that morning and eating a dish of carrots and berries. He soon fell asleep as the fire burned to its last embers and the monsters and mobs made scary noises in the dark night.

The next morning, Otis woke up to the sound of someone knocking on his door. He pulled on his clothes and opened the door to see his friend Joshua. Otis let his friend in and offered him some breakfast. Joshua kindly accepted, so Otis got to work making some pancakes with raspberries. Soon, Otis finished making them and gave a plate to Joshua. They ate and talked all morning. By Otis, Room 15

Mandy Cain-Townley Syndicate Leader

Senior Syndicate

As we have reached the midway point of Term 2, the tamariki are now well underway with science fair projects and cross-country training. We have also been really lucky to visit the Nelson Provincial Museum to see the 'I Am Treasured' exhibition and learn more about local taonga, thinking about what is special to us and why.

Cross Country Training

I have been able to push myself to jog faster and playing lots of sports has helped me to get fitter. Finn, Room 2

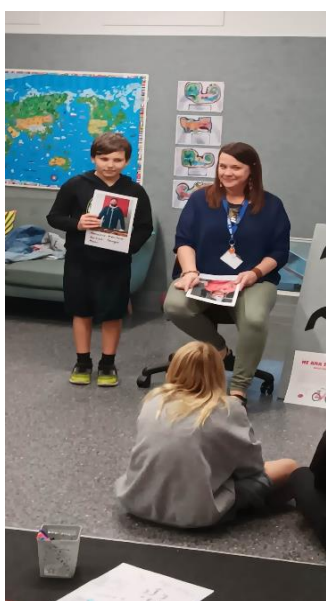
Something I have improved on is keeping on running even when I get the stitch!
Luca, Room 5

I've gotten better at jogging for a longer time and I've enjoyed the games we've done to help with our fitness. Oscar, Room 5

Provincial Museum

I really liked learning about the history and seeing the beautiful huia feather on display. I learnt even more about Huria Matenga and the shipwreck at Delaware Bay. Aoife, Room 5

The museum was full of new information. I liked seeing the tiki, the different dresses on display and the gingernut recipe. It would be cool to try that sometime. Zinnia, Room 4



Science Fair

There is a lot more to the senior school science fair because we are using display boards and keeping a logbook. I'm enjoying taking photos of my testing to put in the logbook.
Mila, Room 2

I've enjoyed picking my own topic and testing out how well my plants will grow with and without oxygen. Sophie, Room 1

Thala, Halo and I have liked doing the actual testing where we water plants with different liquids. Eowyn, Room 1



The rippa rugby tournament took place at Greenmeadows on Tuesday with nearly 50 senior tamariki taking part! Ka mau te wehi!



Simon Ashby Syndicate Leader

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Coming Events

HSS's Got Talent, Heat 3	26 May, 1:30pm-2:00pm
School Cross Country League, Race 3, Saxton Field	27 May
Mihi Whakatau	29 May, 9:15am-9:45am
Senior Syndicate Cross Country, Fairfield Park	29 May, 1:00pm-2:30pm
Postponement Day, Senior Cross Country, Fairfield Park	31 May 1:00pm-2:30pm
HSS's Got Talent, Heat 4	2 June, 1:30pm-2:00pm
School Assembly	2 June, 2:15pm-3:00pm
King's Birthday Public Holiday, School Closed	5 June
Interschool Cross Country, Branford Park	6 June, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Postponement Day, Interschool Cross Country	8 June, 1:00pm-3:00pm
HSS's Got Talent, Heat 5	9 June, 1:30pm-2:00pm
HSS Choir Concert, School Hall	14 June, 1:30pm
School Assembly	16 June, 2:15pm-3:00pm
Quiz Night	16 June
Sausage Sizzle	27 June
Excellence Assemblies	29 June
Last Day of Term 2	30 June
Working Bee	9 July, 10:00am-1:00pm
Start of Term 3	17 July
Dawn Blessing Ceremony of the Junior Block	17 July
Mihi Whakatau	17 July, 9:15am-9:45am



Community Notices

Community notices are placed at the request of the advertiser. Hampden Street School does not take any responsibility for, or endorse the content of, these advertisements.

Bridge Valley Day Camps. Children and youth aged 7-13 years are invited to our Farmyard Olympics Day Camp in July! The camp will be filled with fun outdoor activities, farm-style challenges like gumboot throwing and sheep herding, and great people. There will be a bus with stops from Nelson each day and lunch will be provided.

See more information or register at <https://www.bridgevalley.co.nz/holiday-camps> or email holidaycamps@bridgevalley.co.nz



Archery. Two Arrows Archery, Nelson's traditional Archery specialists. 'Have a go' sessions. Events & team building. Club memberships and after school youth clubs. Lessons and products. Open Tuesdays to Sundays 10am to 5pm, 532 Maitai Valley Road, Nelson. Phone 022 610 2955, 03 546 9272 www.2arrowsarchery.com



Akido. Want to learn self-defence and become more confident? Do AIKIDO, a Japanese Martial Art. We have children's classes from 8yrs - 16yrs Wednesday and Friday 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Check out our Facebook; <https://aikidonelson.nz/>



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MAITAI OPEN NIGHT

13TH JUNE 2023
6.30-8PM
THE HAVEN ADVENTIST CHURCH
24 COLLINGWOOD ST, THE WOOD, NELSON

Are you aged 5-18? You are invited to attend an Open Night for St John Youth to find out about the new Maitai Division that is due to open in Term 3. If you haven't heard about St John Youth before why not come and see what we do. First aid, drill, games, badges, leadership developmental, camps and making friends. All are welcome, we would love to see you there.

Divisional Manager: Gareth Polglaze
gareth.polglaze@stjohn.org.nz, 027-500-9995
Assistant Divisional Manager: Claire Gerrard
claire.gerrard@stjohn.org.nz, 0274-490-459

Atawhai Playcentre
Shop and Play Fundraiser!

Sunday 18 June, 12-4pm

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(Cash payment and bank transfer available)



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Awards and Achievements

Room 1	<i>Sophie Kitchener for striving for success in maths and making great progress.</i>
Room 3	<i>Rory Norris for his wonderful effort in applying himself to his learning by listening carefully and sharing ideas.</i>
Room 4	<i>Tuwharetoa Tipu Paki for being fully engaged in his learning and contributing his ideas.</i>
Room 5	<i>Aoife McClements for striving for success in everything she does to be a responsible, creative, focused learner.</i>
Room 6	<i>Kimiora King for taking the initiative in classroom tasks and responding creatively in writing and visual art.</i>
Mānuka 7	<i>Maya Brown for showing empathy by understanding her own and others needs and making thoughtful, responsive choices.</i>
Mānuka 8	<i>Braxton Knudsen for responding creatively in mathematics and sharing his knowledge with others.</i>
Mānuka 9	<i>Grace Duncan for striving for success in writing, reading and mathematics.</i>
Mānuka 10	<i>Darcy Marment for always trying her best and working well with others, especially in maths.</i>
Kōwhai 11	<i>Zander Greyling for striving for success in all learning areas by being focused, listening to instructions and giving 100% every time. He really shines during BSLA and kaupapa inquiry.</i>
Kōwhai 12	<i>Mary O'Donnell for striving for success at school already. She listens and contributes at learning times. Ka pai!</i>
Kōwhai 13	<i>Charlotte Culley for striving for success by having an enthusiastic approach to all learning.</i>
Room 14	<i>Jake Johnston for his amazing hard work, creativity and empathy in Room 14.</i>
Room 15	<i>Natasja Arcus for her outstanding effort and enthusiasm towards high interest learning areas.</i>
Room 16	<i>Zoe Mortimer for her great enthusiasm and sense of humour in class.</i>
Room 17	<i>William Bane for responding creatively in all literacy areas with a growth mindset.</i>
Room 18	<i>Paz Middleton for being a keen classroom kaitiaki.</i>
Room 19	<i>Ollie Hayes for working hard and always lending a helping hand.</i>

