

# Hampden Street SCHOOL



## Newsletter

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***Nelson Cluster Interschool Cross Country Team***

***Piki ake ki ngā whetū - Reach for the Stars***

# *Principal's View*

**Tena koutou e te whānau**

Last week, I was thrilled to be able to attend the Citizenship Ceremony at the Nelson City Council with our Te Kākano performance group. It is not the first time I have attended one of these very special occasions and every time I go I am reminded of what an amazing, diverse, community we live in. Like a massive jigsaw puzzle, all these different cultures come together and become part of the fabric of our country. I think back on the New Zealand my father grew up in and how our country and society have changed over time. What we value, what we accept as cultural norms, and our attitudes, have evolved and I feel we are richer for this.

As schools, we have looked at ourselves and asked the questions, "How do we represent our community", and "How would you know we are a school in Aotearoa/ New Zealand?" We want all students to see Hampden Street School as their place. This can be represented by signage and artwork, but in reality, we need to go deeper than these superficial representations. For kaiako in the classroom, it is about personalising learning so ākonga can see their world within it. It is about sharing local stories and history from pre-European times that connect the social formation of this region with the land. We are excited to have received funding from the Ministry of Education to support this journey, with Jen Bennett from Kind Mind Kai facilitating.

We are thrilled to have Rangitāne as the kaitiaki iwi of our school. They are the guardians of our land, and we see our relationship with them as a partnership. We were pleased to share some artwork depicting local pūrākau/stories with them recently and some students singing local waiata. At the start of next term, they will lead us in the dawn opening and blessing of our new Junior Block. This will be a very special occasion for our kura, and we would love to see a great turnout from our school community. This building project represents the culmination of a series of school redevelopments that started in 2011 when we refurbished our hall. We will now take a break from building projects and focus our attention on what happens inside the building, ensuring that our schools continue to be a future focused, culturally responsive, place for our tamariki to flourish.

**Ngā mihi**

***Don McLean***  
**Principal**

# Notices

## ***Sun Strike***

We have had another reminder about the dangers of sunstrike this week with a near miss for one of our young ākonga. Please remind tamariki to be very careful on all the footpaths and crossings around our school.

## ***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.

## ***Working Bee***

We have set a holiday working bee time for staff and whānau to come and help with various tasks around the school as we move into our new Junior Block. The hall, library, and 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.

## ***SKIDS Out of School Care***

sKids Out of School Care service are in discussions with HSS about potentially opening an on-site service at our school. They would like to know if there is a demand in our school community for their services on-site. The below survey isn't just limited to users of after school care. sKids would like as many HSS families as possible to take a few minutes to fill out the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2M3VFD7>



## ***Creatives in School***

In Term 3 we will start our amazing Creatives in Schools project. Mairi-Lewis Smith, an HSS parent and art therapist, along with Karl Wulff, who creates amazing sculptures, masks and movable art pieces at The Community Artworks, will be leading this project. With our tamariki they will be creating different types of sculptures that will eventually be displayed around school. These sculptures will represent all of the local pūrakau (stories) from Te Taihū. This will be an incredibly exciting project and very hands on! We know we have some creative whānau out there who may want to get involved. There will be some initial prep work starting next week and then ongoing artwork every Tuesday of Term 3. If you are keen to tautoko (support) please contact [greg.hornsby@hampdenstreet.school.nz](mailto:greg.hornsby@hampdenstreet.school.nz)



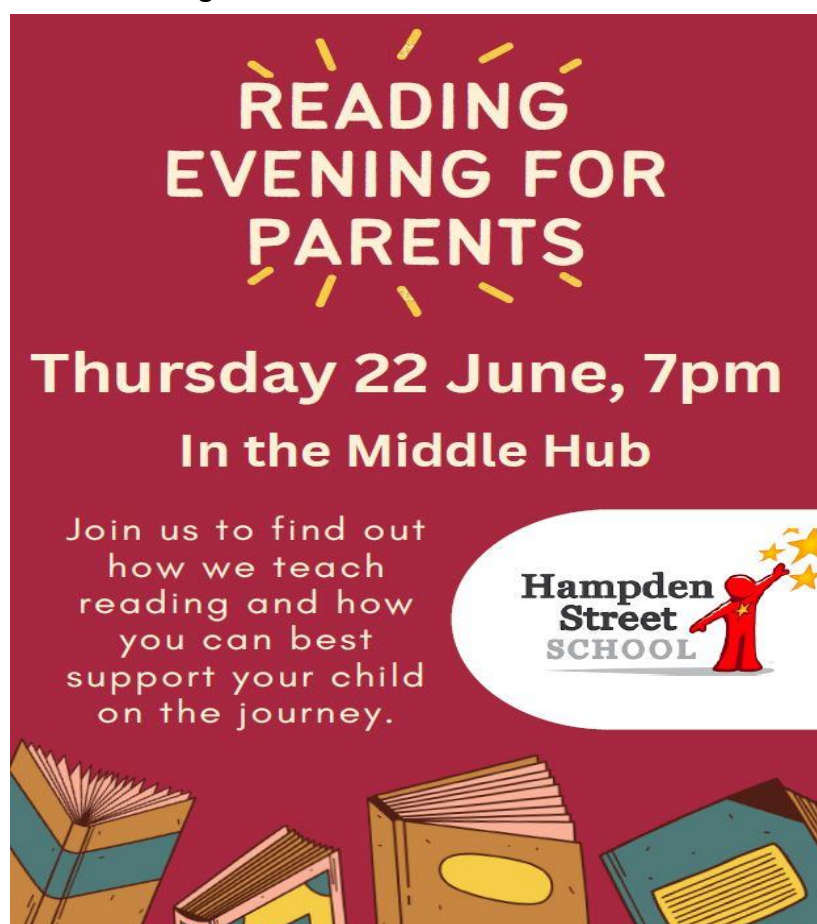
## ***Out of School Fees and Costs***

We are very lucky to be part of the government's Donations Opt-out Scheme. This allows us to not charge for school donations, school trips and concerts, etc. This means that over your time at HSS, your only cost would be a contribution to school camps in Years 3 to 6.

However, we do offer a number of out-of-school sports and itinerant programmes. These are things like out of school sports teams and music or drama lessons on a Friday. These are optional activities and not part of the school's regular class programme. As such, the Donations Opt-out Scheme does not apply, so if you choose to put your child into these activities, fees must be paid. The school does not have the funds to pay for over-runs in these activities. For sports, Sport Tasman does have a fund that can support whānau who may be struggling with sport fees. The office team can help you with this. The office has recently spent a great deal of time following up on unpaid sports and music fees. Please don't be offended if we do call you, and we ask that you please pay these fees as soon as possible.

## ***Old Furniture - Make us an offer***

Recently, we replaced a number of quarter round ottomans in our Senior Syndicate. They are 10 years old and a bit worn. The vinyl covering has some rips and cuts, but they are still solid and comfortable. If you are interested in having an ottoman or two in your tamariki's playroom or community group building, please see Don. We don't want too much for them, but we are keen to see them go before the end of the term.



## Kiwiana Quiz Night

Our Annual Quiz Night and Auction Fundraiser is next Friday, 16 June. Doors open at 6:30pm and the quiz begins at 7:00pm. Be sure to leave enough time to play your Joker Card and grab a drink before the questions start rolling.

Thanks to the generous support of the HSS and greater-Nelson community, we have some epic Silent and Live Auctions prize packages, including:

- Golden Bay Getaway
- Adults Date Out
- Old Ghost Road Holiday
- Ultimate Wellbeing and Pamper Package
- Wairoa Gorge Weekend

## Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors



### Volunteers

The success of the Kiwiana Quiz Night relies on the support of our HSS volunteers. We are especially after volunteers to move and set up the tables and chairs in the Hall from 2:00pm on Friday 16 June. You can just come along or sign up here:

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

### Quiz Night Food Donations

We would love some help with food donations. You can find our full wishlist here:

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

If you prefer we do the shopping, we also accept donations towards 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.



### Lost Property

Please check the Lost Property box around the corner from Room 6, before the end of term, if your child is missing any clothing. It is bursting with a mixture of clothing, footwear and other gear.



### Production Photos

Last chance to purchase professional photos from last year's school production. The photos are being sold as a fundraiser for the Himalayan Trust and can be viewed on the following link:

<https://virginiawoolfphotography.pixieset.com/hssschoolproduction2022/>

**Gallery Password: R3ddy'sN3ws:Th3Sh0w!**

To order 20cm x 30cm prints for \$6:00 each, record the photo number and place an order, with payment, at the school office.





# *From the Syndicates*

## *Junior Syndicate*

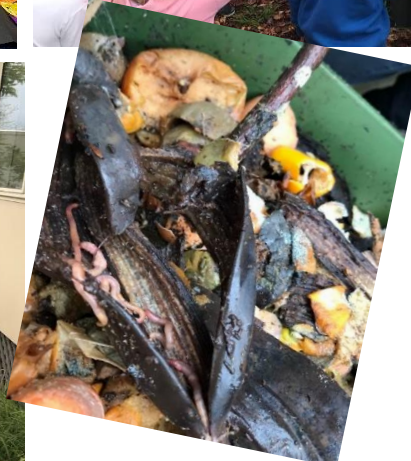
Play-Based Learning has continued to help tamariki in the Junior Syndicate explore, make and create, with a focus on allowing children to lead their learning through play and be driven by their urges and interests.

The Juniors love...

- Building in carpentry.
- Developing social and gross motors skills through football, basketball and other games.
- Water play.
- Developing oral language skills and sharing their imaginative ideas through socio-dramatic play: doctors, vets, dolls house, cafe, pretend classrooms.
- Constructing with Lego, Duplo, blocks and loose parts to create imaginative worlds, situations and play experiences.
- Dressing up!
- Designing, building and playing by making huts.
- Digging, building, tunnelling, exploring how water moves and making in the sandpit.
- Learning play rules such as sharing, taking turns, solving problems, treating play equipment with respect and tidying up.
- Building collaborative skills by solving play problems with friends and teachers.
- Creating amazing art.
- Designing and constructing at the craft table.







**Janet Arcus Syndicate Leader**



## ***Middle Syndicate***

What a fun filled fortnight we have had in the Middle Syndicate!

### **Suter Art Gallery**

Yesterday my extraordinary class went to the interesting art gallery to draw and learn about Gary Baseman art. Gary Baseman's art is cartoon and he puts his old cat that died in every cartoon. He (Gary Baseman) has lots of copies of the memento moa that have either a blue ribbon or a golden locket on them. Gary Baseman likes to do hybrids in most of his art projects and he wanted to be an artist when he was a kid. My extraordinary class went to a small room filled with art pictures from kids. Esther (the tour guide) showed us video of Gary Baseman drawing a hybrid. By Mia B, Room 15.





## Cross Country

What a wonderful afternoon we had at Fairfield Park for our Middle Syndicate Cross-Country. The sun was shining and the tamariki were absolutely amazing. Congratulations to all the competitors for their outstanding effort and attitude.



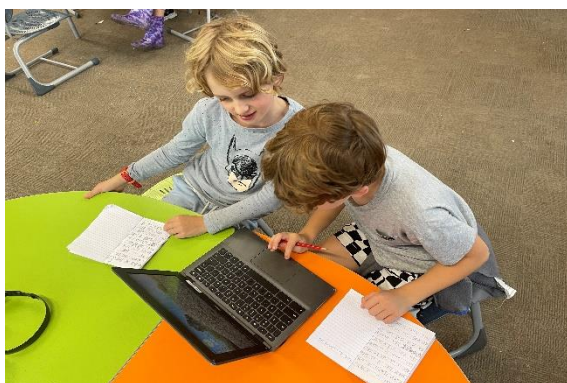
*"It was good fun because I came 13th and we raced each other." Dom, Room 15.*

*"It was very fun and I tried my hardest." Mia, Room 15.*



## Science Fair

Science Fair investigations are well underway. Each class is going through the scientific process and will produce a board with their findings. There is lots of cool learning taking place and some excellent discussions.



**Mandy Cain-Townley Syndicate Leader**



## Senior Syndicate

### Science Fair

It's been a busy couple of weeks in the Senior Syndicate. Science fever has officially taken over. Many of our tamariki are well into the testing phase of their projects, after completing background research into their chosen topic. Last week, the syndicate were even lucky enough to have special guest Richard Scholes visit and deliver science through magic.



*What do you enjoy about doing Science Fair?*

### **Investigating which household stain removers remove mud stains the best.**

*"I'm really enjoying the freedom to choose what we can investigate, what we do, and being trusted to do it by ourselves". Olivier, Room 3*

### **How can we keep apples from going brown.**

*"I enjoy doing science fair, because I like researching and communicating and collaborating with other friends." Scarlett, Room 3*

### **Plants in different light conditions.**

*"It gives us a chance to find out and experiment in our own unique ways" Frankie, Evie, Kymaia, Room 3*



### Senior Syndicate Cross Country

On Wednesday 31 May, the Senior Syndicate competed valiantly in our annual cross-country event. Our tamariki showed the HSS STARS throughout their actions. Pushing themselves to their limits, supporting one another throughout, and cheering each other to the finish line. An outstanding display of sportsmanship. Thanks for all the support from our HSS whānau, encouraging your child to give cross country a go.



## Interschool Cross Country

On Tuesday 6 June, the top 10 runners in each age group descended on Branford Park to compete against our six neighbouring schools that make up the Nelson Cluster. It was soggy under foot, but milky blue skies and the HSS spirit did not disappoint. HSS competed with notable success. A huge thanks to all the parent-volunteers for helping with transport and support throughout the afternoon.

### ***What did you enjoy about the Interschool Cross country at Branford Park?***

*"It was fun, but the hill was kinda hard!" Eowyn, Room 1*

*"It was hard up the hill, but I found my pace, and really proud of my finish." Henry, Room 4*

*"I enjoyed the run and competing against talented runners." Oscar, Room 4*

*"It was very muddy, but very cool meeting other children from other schools." Arabella, Room 1*

### Top 10 Finishers:

Year 5 Girls; Camille McGuire 4<sup>th</sup>, Tara Proctor 8<sup>th</sup>, Amara Darling 9<sup>th</sup>, Isla Stuart 10<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Boys; Jago Doherty 4<sup>th</sup>, Finn Barker 6<sup>th</sup>, Finley Miles 8<sup>th</sup>, Thom Fletcher 9<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Girls; Zaria Adler 1<sup>st</sup>, Zoe Skeggs 3<sup>rd</sup>, Eowyn Mulder 8<sup>th</sup>, Isla Soh 9<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Boys; Henry Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nelson Lee 10<sup>th</sup>

In the team calculations, the first four runners into the finish chute from each school had their finishing place number added together to get a team total. With only first place certificates handed out, well done to the Year 5 Boys team (Jago, Finn, Finley and Thom) and the Year 6 Girls team (Zaria, Zoe, Eowyn and Isla), for winning their age groups.



***Simon Ashby Syndicate Leader***



## *Coming Events*

HSS's Got Talent, Heat 5	9 June, 1:30pm-2:00pm
HSS Choir Concert, School Hall	14 June, 1:30pm
School Assembly, Online	16 June, 2:15pm-2:45pm
Quiz Night	16 June
Reading Evening, Middle Hub	22 June, 7:00pm
HSS's Got Talent, Heat 6	23 June, 1:30pm-2:00pm
Sausage Sizzle	27 June
Excellence Assembly, Middle and Senior Syndicates	29 June, 9:15am-10:00am
Excellence Assembly, Junior Syndicate	29 June, 2:15pm-2:45pm
Last Day of Term 2	30 June
Working Bee	9 July, 10:00am-1:00pm
Matariki	14 July
Start of Term 3	17 July
Dawn Blessing Ceremony of the Junior Block	17 July
Mihi Whakatau	17 July, 9:15am-9:45am



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See more information or register at

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# Awards and Achievements

Room 1	<i>Jeshika Gosai for striving for success and responding to feedback.</i>
Room 2	<i>Mikaela Bell for great organisation and initiative on her science fair project and class leadership.</i>
Room 3	<i>Evie Dallas for having a wonderful attitude to learning and managing her time well.</i>
Room 4	<i>Blake Scott for striving for success in writing and becoming more driven to succeed.</i>
Room 5	<i>Amara Darling for her fantastic attitude to learning with high engagement in all areas.</i>
Room 6	<i>Penny Hayes for striving for success in class tasks and making valuable contributions to classroom conversations.</i>
Mānuka 7	<i>Neo Randall for being a great role model in reading by always persevering, being patient and explaining his needs clearly.</i>
Mānuka 8	<i>Arlo Wells for responding creatively in reading by sharing his imagination and humour with others.</i>
Mānuka 9	<i>Kacey Wilson for taking the initiative by working on her goals independently.</i>
Mānuka 10	<i>Louis McCashin for challenging himself to improve in all areas and being enthusiastic towards all learning. Ka mau te wehi.</i>
Kōwhai 11	<i>Ethan Kapoor for taking the initiative in his learning by being self-driven and always using his time wisely to produce top quality work.</i>
Kōwhai 12	<i>Isla Eddy for striving for success, being kind to others and building friendships with other tamariki.</i>
Kōwhai 13	<i>Rafael Gargiulo for always trying his best and having a positive attitude towards learning, especially literacy.</i>
Room 14	<i>Ava Howes for her amazing kind and caring nature.</i>
Room 15	<i>Lexie Andrews for striving for success in all learning areas and opportunities.</i>
Room 16	<i>Emmie Paul for her great focus and productivity during learning tasks.</i>
Room 17	<i>Tereina Andrew for striving for success in all areas.</i>
Room 18	<i>Jayden Ashton for striving for success with his maths and fractions.</i>
Room 19	<i>Jozin Kyaing for actively collaborating with all his peers and for always asking questions to further his learning.</i>

