

Hampden Street SCHOOL



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Piki ake ki ngā whetū - Reach for the Stars

Principal's View

Tena koutou e te whānau

Often, we have parents ask us about internet safety and screen time at school. It is a hot topic, and the speed of change in the digital world can sometimes seem overwhelming. As a school, we are very lucky because our network is managed by the Government's Network for Learning (N4L). This network provides us with the filters and firewalls that prevent tamariki from accessing many of the things that, in an unfiltered home network, could be relatively easy to access.

We are aware of the need to carefully choose which digital tools we use to support learning, and also recognise that using a device is not always the best platform. In fact, we want our tamariki to be following processes of design and bringing creative ideas to fruition that don't always involve digital tools. However, we would be underserving our learners if we didn't encourage them to use digital tools within areas of their learning programme. When working in the office, I would use my computer 85% of the time and maybe a pen and paper for the other 15%. I would never dream of handwriting a letter or report for the board. My situation here is typical of most workplaces, so like knowing how to read, write and being mathematically literate, the ability to navigate the digital world has become an essential life skill.

As teachers and parents one of the many roles we juggle is to help our children safely navigate this fast-changing digital world. The recent advancement of AI technology in things such as Chat GTP has added another layer of complexity, and I have heard of schools that have decided to make learners submit handwritten assignments, so they know that it is the students' work. Obviously, this approach is a step backwards, and rather than shutting out technology that is going to be here to stay, we need to invest time into understanding how the technology will enhance learning. We need to support our children in using the digital tools available in an ethical manner.

The digital world can seem a little bit like heading into a dark cave without a flashlight, but it's okay for us to walk alongside our children and learn together as we go. That way, when faced with a challenge, children can see you as the learner, and problems can be solved together.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Don McLean
Principal

Notices

Staff Only Day - Term 4

We will be having a Staff Only Day on Friday 24 November. This is the second of two days that the Ministry of Education has made available to all schools and kura in 2023. The day will provide us with dedicated time to understand, prepare and engage with changes across The New Zealand Curriculum refresh.

Waimea Road Traffic Lights

One of Mr McLean's highlights of the week is doing the road crossing duty at the Waimea Road traffic lights. There are lots of smiling faces from our tamariki and good chats about how their day went. What has been disappointing is that a number of parents and their children cross either side of the crossing. This is very dangerous and sets a poor example for our tamariki. For the sake of a couple of minutes of delay, the consequences of cutting across the road could be very serious. Please always use the traffic light crossing to cross this very busy road.

Scholastic Book Club

Just a reminder that orders for the latest Scholastic Book Club pamphlet close on Friday 11 August for cash and EFTPOS orders at the office, or on Monday 14 August for orders via the online LOOP.

Creatives in Schools

A huge thank you from the Creatives in Schools team to the following whānau who have been helping make the cane spheres for our project: Vanessa, Yuki, Amy, Tim, Jo and Roxy. We couldn't do this without you!

Nelson Community Food Bank: Mid-Winter Donation Drive

Last chance to drop a donation to the school office for The Nelson Community Food Bank (NCFB). The NCFB held a mid-winter donation drive throughout July due to many families currently struggling with the cost of living. HSS thought this would be a great opportunity to give-a-little if possible, to those most in need. Tomorrow, Friday 4 August, is the last day we will be collecting items. (Packet soups, cans, noodles, pasta, rice, crackers, spreads etc)



MID-WINTER DONATION DRIVE

Please donate to the Nelson Food Bank so we can continue helping those in need in our community.

We are in need of non-perishable pantry supplies:

Cereals	Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce
Oats	Packet soup
Baked beans	Noodles
Tinned fruit/fish	Crackers
Biscuits	Jam/peanut butter
Pasta/rice	Instant coffee/tea
Toiletries	

Donation drive to run throughout July 2023



Every item donated earns a point for your child's house.

Join the HSS Fundraising Committee

You could be part of the incredible Hampden Street School Fundraising Committee!

Though small in number, our determination and creativity know no bounds, but we need more help.

Meet our current four team members:

Sam Soh (Agnes Year 0, Zeke Year 4, Isla Year 6), Kathryn Jennings (Sam and Jack Year 4, Ben Nelson College Prep, Lucy NCG), Claire Young (Zoe Year 2, Joshua Year 4), Jodie Schriek (Louis Year 0, Reuben Year 2, Peyton Year 4). We are also grateful to have Belinda Peterson, who brings experience and organizational skills as our committee's staff representative.

Together, we aim to make a positive impact on our school by raising funds and bringing our community together with fun-filled events.

We'd love for you to join us! Our next meeting is 5:00pm Wednesday, 9 August, to kick off planning for our 2023 Twilight Gala. It's always informal, no previous experience necessary and we meet in the school staffroom. Hope to see you there!

hssfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/thehssf>



Whānau Conferences, Room 6 and Kōwhai 13

Term 3 whānau conferences for Room 6 and Kōwhai 13 are scheduled for Tuesday 8 August, 3.20pm - 7.00pm, and Thursday 10 August, 3.20pm - 5.00pm. Bookings for your 10 minute conference can now be made online by going to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and selecting 'make a



booking'. Use the booking code **78545**. If you are not able to make a booking online, please contact our office team (office@hampdenstreet.school.nz or 03 548 1825) who can schedule a time for you. If an in-person conference is not suitable, then please contact your child's kaiako to arrange an alternative.

Children's Asthma Study in Nelson

New Zealand has one of the highest rates of asthma in the world, with one-in-seven tamariki taking asthma medication. Asthma is also one of the most common causes of hospitalisation in children/tamariki, with Māori and Pacific Island tamariki up to three times more likely to be admitted than other groups. This study has been approved by the Ministry of Health (Health and Disability Ethics Committees), and is sponsored by MRINZ (Medical Research Institute of New Zealand).

If a child qualifies for the study, their inhalers will be provided free of charge, they will have free breathing tests and asthma education, receive a koha/gift card after each visit and parents will be reimbursed for travel expenses, for each visit. The duration of the study is just over one year (56 weeks), which includes six in-person clinic visits.

Clinical research has the safety and ethical concerns of the participants at the centre of the process. Staff have been police-vetted and they have a child safety policy, they are all medical professionals. They work with the parents, whanau and the GP of the young person through a consenting process and would be very happy to talk further about the study and any questions you might have.

A link that can be clicked on to register interest is here: <https://sctrials.co.nz/site-locations/southern-clinical-trials-tasman/#!/study/97>

START CARE
Children's Asthma Study

Do you have asthma?
We want to find the best inhalers for kids/tamariki with asthma.

SCAN ME!

What does it involve?

- Try turbuhalers to manage your asthma symptoms
- Attend 6 visits over 1 year for asthma reviews, education, and breathing tests
- Reimbursement for travel expenses for parents, and gift card koha for children

To take part you must:

- Be between 5 and 11 years old
- Have asthma
- Take separate reliever and preventer inhalers

Get in touch to learn more:

(03) 265 6163 sct.tasman@sctrials.co.nz is.gd/startcare

From the Syndicates

Junior Syndicate

After two weeks back at school, our junior team is bubbling with excitement over our fantastic new block! The children have settled in and are thrilled with their new spaces.

This term, as a school we have placed a strong emphasis on the Arts, and the classrooms have been brimming with painting sessions, clay creations, lively dance performances, and creative music exploration during our collaborative Play-Based Learning sessions.



Some of the primary objectives for Play-Based Learning time is to support the building of friendships and cultivate essential social skills, such as turn-taking, patient waiting, and sharing. We believe that these skills are crucial for the children's overall development, and our PBL time provides the perfect platform for supporting this learning.

By offering scaffolded opportunities, we ensure that the children receive the support they need to make positive choices and learn to interact with different peers. It's evident that this new block has injected a fresh wave of excitement and engagement into our classrooms, and we can't wait to see what other amazing experiences and accomplishments it will bring for the rest of the term!



Janet Arcus Syndicate Leader

Middle Syndicate

Welcome back to a very busy and creative Term 3. We hope you are well rested and enjoyed the winter break. Just a reminder with the colder weather to label those jackets and jerseys so they don't go missing.

We are full steam ahead with our Creatives in Schools project. Our tamariki have been very engaged and enthusiastic during the process from weaving to painting and drawing. I bet you can't wait to see the final results. We sure can't!



We have started our winter sports rotations on Mondays and Thursdays. Our Monday session sees Rūma 14, 15 and 16 rotating through skills development with rippa, basketball, hockey, football, netball and miniball for the term.

In our Thursday sessions, our Rūma 17, 18 and 19 tamariki rotate through the term and develop new skills in netball, basketball and hockey. We are lucky to have the talented Jess helping with hockey development.



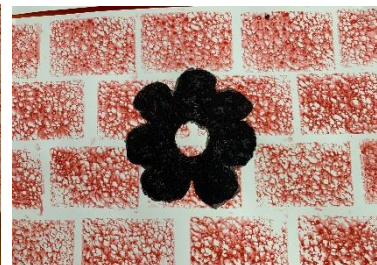


We will also be starting 3 weeks of football sessions with a coach from Nelson Football. Look out as we have Life Education Harold the Giraffe visiting us this term. Our focus will be around kai/food and the importance of good food choices.

Please diarise our camp in Week 9. We will have a camp meeting for all whānau on Wednesday, 30 August, at 5:00pm in the Middle Hub so please come along.

Our learning focus this term will be around artists and developing different artistic techniques.

The last two weeks we have looked at who is Banksy and his stencil graffiti art. The tamariki have been very enthusiastic on this learning and our hub has been a hive of creativity.



Miss Bailey joins our Middle Syndicate this term as a release teacher for Mr Shelley. We welcome her to our hub.

Mandy Cain-Townley Syndicate Leader

Senior Syndicate

Welcome back for another action-packed term in the Senior Syndicate.

Creatives in School

Room 2 and Room 5 have been lucky enough to start on making their giant masks with Karl Wulff. The tamariki have led the way with exciting and original ideas that are truly unique and never to be repeated! We look forward to being able to share these with you later in the term.



Ski trips

Please ensure you have sent these forms in as soon as possible. Parents who have indicated you can help take transport, look out for forms coming home this week. If these can also be returned quickly, it makes our planning so much easier.

Winter Sport

The Seniors have been enjoying getting stuck into winter sport rotations. We are learning the basics of hockey, volleyball, football, netball, rugby and basketball in anticipation of the Nelson Cluster Interschool Winter Tournament on Tuesday, 5 September.



Simon Ashby Syndicate Leader

Coming Events

Room 6 and Kōwhai 13 Whānau Conferences	8 August, 3:20pm-7:00pm
Fundraising Committee Meeting, Staffroom	9 August, 5:00pm
Room 6 and Kōwhai 13 Whānau Conferences	10 August, 3:20pm-5:00pm
School Assembly	11 August, 2:20pm-2:50pm
Senior Netball Tournament, Saxton Netball Courts	15 August, 9:00am-2:30pm
Senior Ski Trip, Rooms 2, 3 and 4	21 August
Senior Ski Trip, Rooms 1, 5 and 6	24 August
Daffodil Day	25 August
School Assembly	25 August, 2:20pm-2:50pm
Senior Winter Sports Tournament, Saxtons	5 September
Middle Syndicate Camp, Rooms 14, 15 and 17	12-13 September
Wig Wednesday	13 September
Middle Syndicate Camp, Rooms 16, 18 and 19	14-15 September
Hockey Tournament, Year 5 and 6, Saxton Hockey Turfs	19 September
Excellence Assemblies	21 September
Last Day of Term	22 September

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Hapori Fruit and Vege Box. The Hapori Fruit & Veg Box delivers local, fresh, seasonal produce every week at a low, low price making it good for growers, good for the community and good for you. You can select a pickup hub from Victory Community Centre, Nelson Cathedral, Helping Families, Stoke School or Whanake Youth. There is also the option to make a difference by donating a Hapori Fruit and Vege Box. All information and links are on the following website: <https://www.hapori.org.nz/>



Awards and Achievements

Room 1	<i>Tiara Hurtado Castillo for striving for success during HSS's Got Talent.</i>
Room 2	<i>Madeleine Hitchcock for striving for success in all areas of learning; she is a reflective and enthusiastic learner.</i>
Room 3	<i>Alfie Hughes for always being positive and adaptable, working well with others, finding an interest in tasks and running with ideas creatively.</i>
Room 4	<i>Nevaeh Cruz for taking the initiative and being self-driven with lexia and reading.</i>
Room 5	<i>Olliver Norris for his focus in art and his leadership and initiative during Creatives in Schools.</i>
Room 6	<i>Awhina Rolleston for actively collaborating during play performances and maintaining a positive attitude.</i>
Mānuka 7	<i>Esther Penlington for actively collaborating by sharing great ideas while also giving others a turn.</i>
Mānuka 8	<i>Samara Jefferies for taking the initiative in learning and always showing empathy to others.</i>
Mānuka 9	<i>Bonnie Ashby for taking the initiative in her learning to work on her goals and use resources.</i>
Mānuka 10	<i>Zoe Young for taking the initiative with her learning and challenging herself.</i>
Kōwhai 11	<i>Keira Perkins for showing empathy by starting to use self-regulation strategies and extending kindness to others.</i>
Kōwhai 12	<i>Natalie Hemelryk for striving for success with a positive attitude towards school and learning.</i>
Kōwhai 13	<i>Indi O'Riordan for her enthusiastic attitude and contributing great ideas during learning time.</i>
Room 14	<i>Zella Barker for showing respect, helping out in the classroom and caring for others.</i>
Room 15	<i>Tommy Stewart for always displaying a positive attitude towards learning. Ka Pai!</i>
Room 16	<i>Edie Beddek for her great creativity and problem solving in maths.</i>
Room 17	<i>Elijah Adams for his enthusiasm to all learning areas, especially literacy.</i>
Room 18	<i>Edgar Houston for showing empathy as a peer and striving for success in reading.</i>
Room 19	<i>Asacia Jones for striving for success in all learning areas and always wanting to help others.</i>

