

# Hampden Street SCHOOL



## Newsletter

17 August 2023

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**Senior Netball Tournament 2023**

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



# Principal's View

## Tena koutou e te whānau

Recently, I shared our Term 2 attendance data with the Board of Trustees. The report showed that only 57.1% of Hampden Street tamariki attended school regularly for the term. This means that out of a total roll of 436 only 249 of our learners were here 90% or more of the term, averaging 9/10 days per fortnight. This was quite a significant drop from our Term 1 data that saw 70.3% of our tamariki attending regularly (90%+).

The Ministry of Education's Attendance and Engagement Strategy was released by the Government last year in response to the concerns around the long-term trend of low school attendance and disengagement from learning and the impact this has. The strategy includes targets for attendance levels, starting with a target of 70% of our tamariki attending school regularly (90% or more).

Research shows that attendance at school is habit forming and that habits made at primary school will be reflected right through a child's school journey, whether that habit is a good one of regular attendance or one of high absences.

Looking at the next attendance bracket (80% - 90%) for Term 2, our figures show that we had 31% (135/436) attending at this level of frequency. At 80% attendance, this equates to a child having one day a week off school over a year.

The challenge with these figures that I need to acknowledge is that they include justified absences such as sickness (we don't want children to come to school if they are unwell) or attending a funeral or tangi, as well as the unjustified absences. Over the coming weeks we will be drilling further down into the data but an initial review highlights that a significant number of tamariki were absent from school due to being on holiday, which is not a justified absence.

Holidays during term time have always been a dilemma for me, as I appreciate that the holiday experiences provide many positive learning opportunities, experiences and special family time. However it is difficult to quantify the family holiday and all that they offer versus the gains made from consistently attending school, particularly when there are 12 weeks of holidays throughout the year.

The Ministry is adding further attendance measures for schools to implement next year to support regular attendance. For us as a school this means that we will continue to work with all of our whānau, to support our tamariki in developing positive attendance habits, which may include us contacting you to talk through attendance patterns that we can see are developing and are not supporting your child/ren to attend regularly.

If you would like to understand more about what makes an absence justified you may find this [attendance code tree](#) helpful, along with our school policies, which can be found [here](#) (user name: hampdenstreet; password: ngatiawa and search attendance). Further, to support us in our accuracy in capturing absences, when notifying us of your child's absence, it is always appreciated when a reason for being away is provided e.g sick, medical appointment.

If you have any questions about your tamariki's attendance please don't hesitate to contact us, as we all have a part in this.

Ngā mihi,

**Don McLean, Principal**



# Notices

## ***Term Dates 2024***

The first official day back for tamariki, for 2024, will be Wednesday 7 February. We will however, be holding start of year whānau conferences on Thursday 1 February. More details on this will come out closer to the time.

### **2024 Term Dates:**

Term 1: 7 February – 12 April

Term 2: 29 April – 5 July

Term 3: 22 July - 27 September

Term 4: 14 October – 20 December

## ***Term 4 Sport***

Information will start to come out soon for the Term 4 sports options. Keep an eye on the school newsletter and Facebook page for updates and reminders. You can also check in to the sports page on our website, information is posted on there as sporting codes open for registration. **We urgently need all HSS tops, not being used this term, returned to the school office** to make sure we have enough for the Senior Syndicate's winter tournament later this term.

## ***Election 2023***

As per previous elections, the HSS hall will be a voting place for the 2023 General Election.



The Electoral Commission needs people with different skills and backgrounds to help deliver the 2023 General Election and are very keen to have people from our local community working at the voting place.

Get paid to bring your skills to the 2023 General Election and help our community to vote. Whether you want to work for several weeks or just for a day, there's a variety of options to suit. Apply at <https://work.elections.nz/home>

## ***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.

## ***New World Stickers***

We would love any of the New World Supermarket stickers from their current promotion for cookware. If you have any spare, please drop them in to the office, we are keen to add some new pots and pans to all of our kitchen spaces.

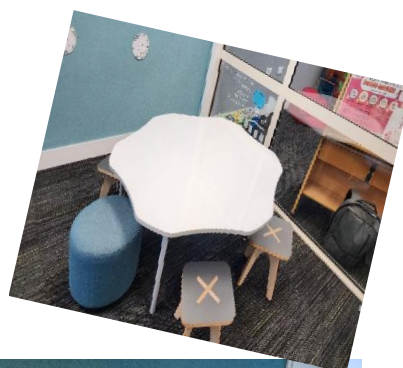




## ***Fundraising Committee, Thank You!***

A heartfelt thank you from the Hampden Street School Fundraising Committee.

Your unwavering support for our Quiz Nights, Sausage Sizzles, and Twilight Galas has been nothing short of incredible. Because of you, we've furnished the recently opened junior block with new, inviting furniture, enhancing the learning experience for our youngest tamariki.



And that's not all! We're thrilled to announce that we're sponsoring swim lessons for all three syndicates with Hampden Street Swim School in Term 4. These lessons not only teach vital life-saving skills, but also improve children's confidence in the water. Your support makes all of this possible, and we can't thank you enough for being a crucial part of our journey.

Make a note in your calendar for our **next Sausage Sizzle on 6 September**. We will be advertising for helpers closer to the day, along with keen cooks to provide muffins for Meal Deals.

Hampden Street School Fundraising Committee:  
Sam Soh, Kathryn Jennings, Claire Young, Jodie Schriek



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## ***The Library is Open***

We are thrilled to have our library back up and running. Lots of new books will be appearing on the shelves soon thanks to a very generous donation from one of our HSS families. You know who you are....we thank you so much!





# *From the Syndicates*

## *Junior Syndicate*

Throughout our busy classrooms the focus is on geometry. During our maths sessions as well as in Play-based Learning the air is filled with excitement as these budding architects work in teams to construct impressive structures using our new resources. Through shared visions and thoughtful discussions, they navigate challenges, refine their designs, and celebrate each success together.

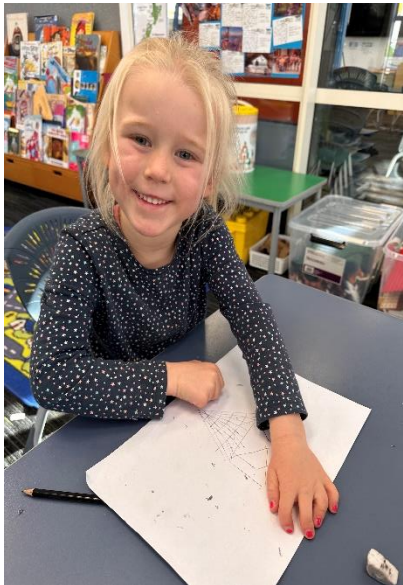
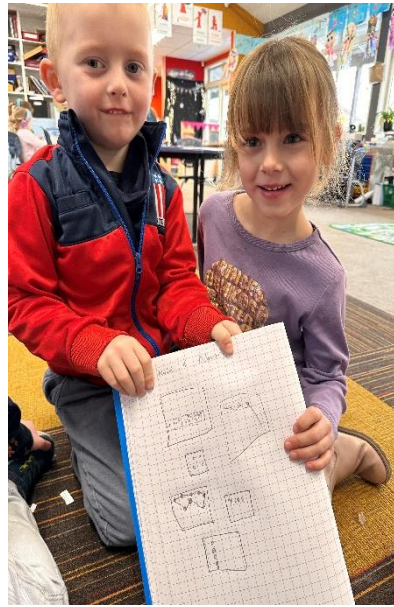


Through the busyness of play, these ākonga not only master the art of shape manipulation but also navigate through the key competencies – relating to others, thinking, participating and contributing, using language symbols and text, all the while managing self.



Combining mathematics with our arts curriculum has allowed us to create some pretty amazing tangram puzzles and calendar art that showcases the tamariki's understanding of position and orientation.





**Janet Arcus Syndicate Leader**

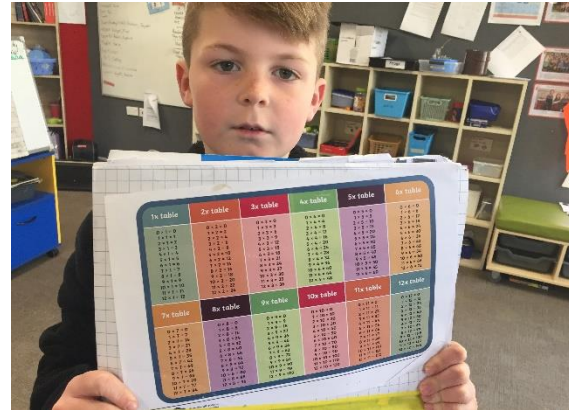
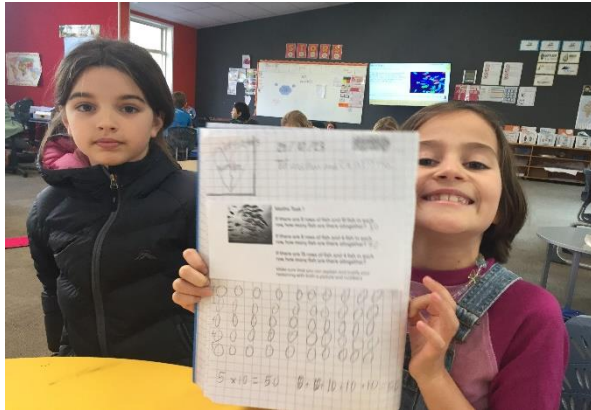
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## ***Middle Syndicate***

The Middle Syndicate bought a 12 metre tall multiplication symbol and just realised they can also use it as an addition symbol too. That's a big plus! Sorry about that. Amidst the fun and the frenzy of learning about multiplication and times tables, we have also been inserting many Dad jokes. The tamariki are working very hard on learning their tables and demonstrating different ways to show multiplication.



On a totally different vibe, we have almost wrapped up our mahi on Creatives in Schools and our cane spheres and pepeha spoons are looking glorious.





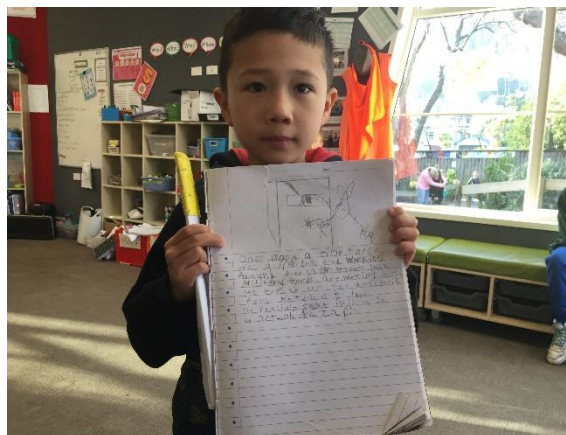
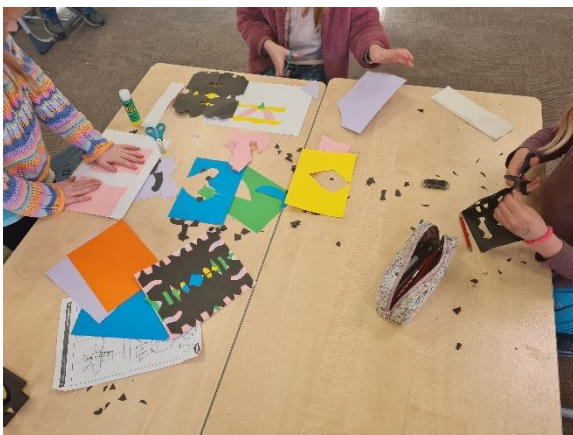
Here are some thoughts from the tamariki about what they are enjoying at the moment;

*Sophie: I am enjoying writing about Banksy and other artists. Banksy's name is not Banksy, it's Robin Gunningham.*

*William: I enjoy waiata time. I love singing all the songs.*

*Rui: I am enjoying free writing. Right now I am doing it about mysteries. I start writing about solving mysteries. I try to write stuff about books I have been reading on Epic.*

*Pablo: I am enjoying learning my times tables. Up until now I haven't known any of my times tables but after being a Year 3 I have learnt my times tables. I have done my twos, fives and tens.*

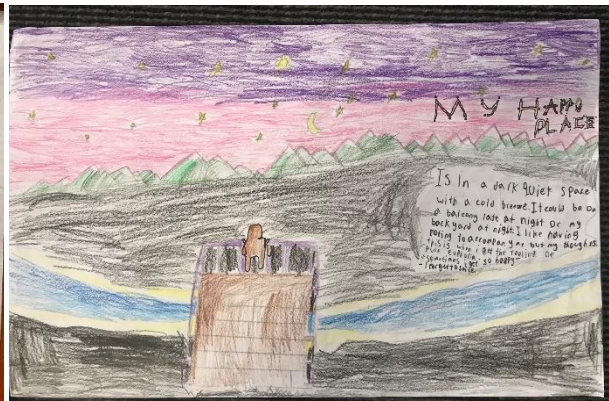




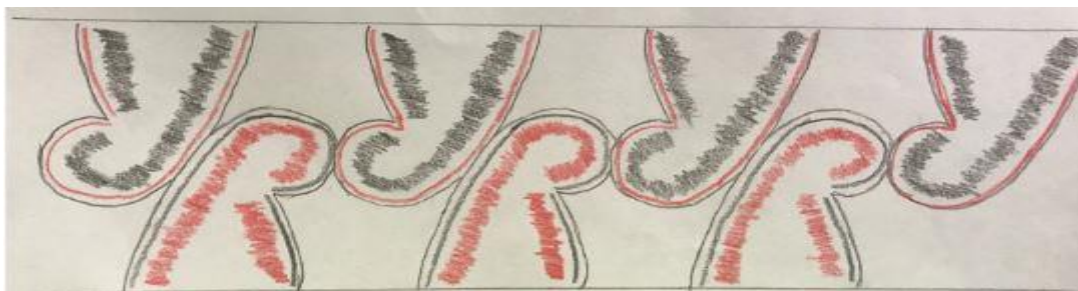
### *Senior Syndicate*

This term at HSS our special topic focus is on the Arts. Students have been reading and writing plays, creating short films, creating masks and producing a wide variety of visual artworks. They have also been discussing the artworks they enjoy and what they like about them as well as the place of art in their lives. Each student has created a slideshow portfolio of their artworks, which they can share with whānau, as well as being able to bring their art home.

*My Happy Place Artworks - Room 3*



*Kowhaiwhai Artworks - Room 3*





## Useless Invention Posters – Room 2

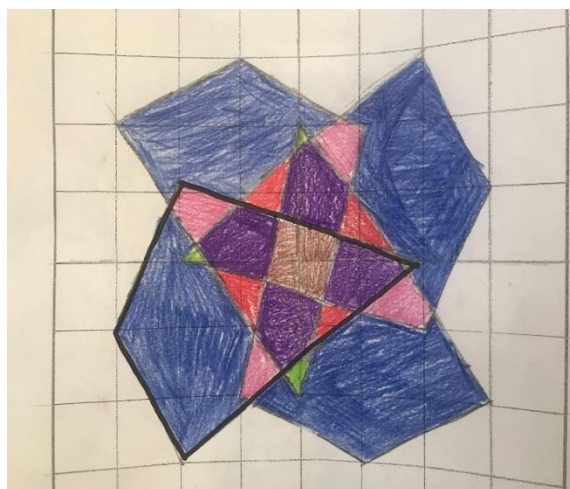


## Gordon Walters Inspired Artworks - Room 2





Our special focus in maths has been Geometry - the translation, reflection and rotation of two-dimensional shapes within a coordinate grid. This has been a fun unit of learning and has also involved students producing some geometric artworks. From next week our focus in maths will shift to fractions.



### The Plan:

Yesterday the students of Room 3 published the first edition of their class newspaper. Inspired by The Onion and by a picture book that the class read, The Awesome Book, there is a twist with this paper as not all the stories are true. Students are dreaming big and writing the stories that they want to read, fact or fiction - looking to explore fun and provocative ideas, make people laugh and plant seeds for positive change. Each issue will be a single page with the frequency of publication to be determined.

**the PLAN**  
Hampden Street School's Most Radical News Source

## Making The News

**Introducing The Plan**  
Hello, kias ora, talofa, bula vinaka! The students of Room 3 have teamed up to produce a newspaper and this is our first edition.

The point of this paper is to explore fun and provocative ideas, make people laugh and plant seeds for positive change. Some of our stories are true. Others we wish were true.

The name of our paper came from a class brainstorm and vote. The top three names were The Plan, The Potato and The Hedgehog. The Plan got the most votes and it was decided.

## Students Want Uniforms

**Olivier Houarau and Ethan Watkins**

A survey of two Year 5-6 students at Hampden Street School found that 80% would prefer to wear uniforms.

"They add a sense of order in schools," said Year 5 student Jazz Karki.

A number of kids said they have been bullied about their clothes.

"I was teased about wearing my selection of anime clothing," said a student who wished not to be named.

Students suggested that wearing the same clothing would decrease the amount of bullying.

Parents also wouldn't have to worry about buying so much clothing because five days of the week their children will be wearing uniform.

Asked for further comment, one student suggested that uniforms should be government funded.

"We don't want uniforms if we have to pay."

Students Jazz Karki and Isabella Westley model what the HSS uniform could look like.

### Ski trips:

Top of mind for the seniors right now is our big day up the mountain next week. A lot of work has gone into preparing for this trip and it is going to be a highlight of the year for us all. For Rooms 2, 3 and 4, the ski trip is on Monday 21 August and for Rooms 1, 5 and 6, it is on Thursday 24 August. All students and adults coming on these trips need to be at HSS by 6:45am on the day. Don't forget your warm and waterproof pants, jacket, thermals, eyewear, hat, lunch, drink bottle and any essential medications.

**Simon Ashby Syndicate Leader**



## Coming Events

Senior Ski Trip, Rooms 2, 3 and 4	21 August
Mihi Whakatau	21 August, 9:10am-9:45am
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
Board of Trustees Meeting, Whānau Room	5 September, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Sausage Sizzle	6 September
Postponement Day/Senior Winter Sports Tournament	7 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
Start of Term 4	9 October
Mihi Whakatau	9 October, 9:10am-9:45am
Staff Only Day, School Closed	24 November





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**Ministry of Inspiration.** Registrations are open for the annual Cawthron Inspire Festival run by the Ministry of Inspiration. Inspire is a two-day STEAMS festival, at Garin College, aimed at students aged 8-13 years old. The full programme can be found here; <https://ministryofinspiration.org/inspire2023/> Cost is \$50 per day, for more information contact Annabel; [annabel@ministryofinspiration.org](mailto:annabel@ministryofinspiration.org)



A large poster for the 'ILLUMINATE NELSON' festival. The word 'ILLUMINATE' is in large, colorful, blocky letters at the top. Below it is a large, glowing, circular light structure. To the right, the word 'NELSON' is in large orange letters. Below that, the dates '8th -10th Sept' and '15th -17th Sept' are listed. At the bottom, it says 'FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK' and 'Tickets-www.illuminateshow.co.nz'. The bottom of the poster features logos for 'GO Media', 'action signs', 'CHRIS LYNCH LOCAL NEWS', 'CANTERBURY WEATHER UPDATES', and 'THE BREEZE MORE FM'.



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# Awards and Achievements

Room 1	<i>Isla Soh for striving for success on her science fair and independent art tasks.</i>
Room 2	<i>Coco Pancha for engaging positively in all areas of learning.</i>
Room 3	<i>Alex Burn for being a fox in lion's clothing. Great skills and attention to detail as a film director. He has a great selling voice too!</i>
Room 4	<i>Zoe Jennings for showing leadership skills, resilience and initiative during the class Creatives in Schools session.</i>
Room 5	<i>Oscar Pugsley for enthusiasm, confidence and great voice projection when performing a play.</i>
Room 6	<i>Lucca Kimber-Bate for striving for success and being an active leader and role model to others throughout literacy and mathematics.</i>
Mānuka 7	<i>Callum Cassidy for always showing empathy towards others and himself, especially when risk-taking and sharing ideas.</i>
Mānuka 8	<i>Katie McCay for always showing empathy and being a kind and caring friend.</i>
Mānuka 9	<i>Thomas Wing for striving for success in writing and maths.</i>
Mānuka 10	<i>Alice Brown for taking the initiative with all her learning and challenging herself to always do her best. You are rawe/excellent!</i>
Kōwhai 12	<i>Peyton Wilkinson for striving for success in her reading. She is trying hard to identify the sounds in the words she reads.</i>
Kōwhai 13	<i>Charlie Wareham-Van Waart for having a positive attitude towards learning and showing empathy to others.</i>
Room 14	<i>Mason Jefferies for being a leader in his learning. The initiative he has to get stuck into his work is amazing. Ka pai!</i>
Room 15	<i>Thea Miller for her positive and enthusiastic attitude towards school and learning.</i>
Room 17	<i>William McCashin for striving for success in all areas with a positive attitude.</i>
Room 18	<i>Finn Turner for striving for success in mathematics and supporting others in their learning.</i>
Room 19	<i>Karangatia Tipu Paki for striving for success in mathematics.</i>

