

## Newsletter

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Rugby League Tournament Team

Piki ake ki ngā whetū - Reach for the Stars

# Principal's View

#### Tena koutou e te whānau

Every three years we seek information from stakeholders within our HSS community about what their aspirations for us as a school are and what areas we should be focused on. Work has commenced for this triennial cycle through initial consultation with our staff and Board of Trustees, and this has led to the identification of three key areas of focus for the 2024-2025 period for us to gather feedback on from our tamariki, you - our whānau, and wider school community. The proposed key areas being:

- 1. Ako Innovative Teaching and Learning: This will focus on how we teach (our pedagogy) and our planning and assessment. We want to ensure that these are all aligned and consistent across our school.
- 2. Mauri Ora Overall Wellbeing: This will look at attendance and engagement at HSS, and what role whānau might play in this area. This area also covers student pastoral and learning support practices in our school, and how behaviour is managed within our school under the Positive Behaviour for Learning framework (PB4L).
- 3. Marautanga Our Curriculum: We will be looking at the refreshed NZ Curriculum, our local curriculum and stories, and how we give effect to Tiriti o Waitangi.

These are broad areas and within these areas we would like to hear from you about, firstly, how we have done so far and, looking to the future, what aspirations you have for your child within these areas.

Next week we will be sending out a survey to begin gathering your feedback. We would love to get representation from across our school population and so encourage you to complete it.

Once we have collated the survey results we will draw out some of the common threads and facilitate face-to-face whānau hui. This is where we can delve deeper into these questions so we can ensure our annual plan is focused on the identified needs.

Last year staff attended a symposium run by the coalition of the eight iwi from the top of the South, Te Kāhui Matauranga. This event was to launch the Kahui Matauranga aspirational education plan for our region, Te Tauihu. The plan, Ngā Kawatau me ngā Tūmanakotanga o Te Tauihu, will be the key document we draw upon as we consider iwi input into our strategic plan. We will also be consulting with our kaitiaki iwi, Rangatāne.

This work is an important part of the development of our school and ensuring that it is responsive to our school and wider community needs. Please take to opportunity to provide your input when we send the survey out soon.

#### Ngā mihi

## Don McLean

Principal

NB: Under the Education and Training Act 2020 a new planning and reporting framework came into effect on 1 January 2023. Consequently, our first strategic plan using this new framework will be for a timeframe of two years (1 January 2024 - 31 December 2025) to align the strategic planning cycle with board triennial elections.

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## **Board of Trustees Election**

By now all eligible voters should have received candidate profiles and voting instructions via email from Canterbury Education Services (CES). Voting closes at 4:00pm on Wednesday 15 November. If you have not had any communication from CES, please contact them; <u>election@cessl.org.nz</u>

## Whānau Voice For Term 4 Reports

As we look towards the end of the year, it is time for us to collect the whānau voice that we include in our Term 4 written reports. We include this because we recognise that learning also occurs outside of the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm and know that you have valuable insight to offer us. Please know that a small sentence about things you have noticed in your child as they have progressed through the year is sufficient. This is your voice so you can choose to comment on any of the aspects of learning (academic, social, emotional, etc) that you value.

Hold Ctrl and click on your child's class to find their form and fill out a brief reflection for

each child you have at school. There are two spaces to comment. These comments will then be copied into your child's end of year report. Please be aware that there is a 200-character limit in the report box, therefore comments longer than this will be edited to fit.

Please fill this form out as soon as convenient. Classroom teachers will send out another reminder closer to the deadline. We do require these comments by Monday 6 November in order to put them into the reports. If no comment has been made by this point, we will record on the report that "Whānau voice was not

Junior	Middle	Senior
<u>Kōwhai 11</u>	<u>Room 14</u>	<u>Room 1</u>
<u>Kōwhai 12</u>	<u>Room 15</u>	Room 2
<u>Kōwhai 13</u>	<u>Room 16</u>	Room 3
<u>Mānuka 7</u>	<u>Room 17</u>	<u>Room 4</u>
<u>Mānuka 8</u>	<u>Room 18</u>	Room 5
<u>Mānuka 9</u>	<u>Room 19</u>	Room 6
<u>Mānuka 10</u>		

collected." If your preference is to communicate your comments directly to your teacher, then please feel free to do so.

## Calendar Art

The first order has now closed, a second order is open until **11:30pm on Monday 30** October for anyone who missed the first closing date. This is your last chance to place your Calendar Art order!

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

- 1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
- 2/. Use the Entrance Code: KZ2128
- 3/. Enter your child's room and name when prompted.

## New World Masterchef Stickers

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of New World Masterchef stickers handed in to the office.

We are still collecting them as the promotion heads into its last few weeks so please keep dropping any spare ones into the office.



Lots of our tamariki have already put the new pots and pans into use.



Check out Mrs Davidson's Friday cooking group making delicious, scrambled eggs, made in our new fry pans.

This cooking group is one of the things funded from our Pastoral Fund made possible by funds from the Government's Opt-In Donations Scheme.

### Twilight Gala

The countdown is on for our eagerly anticipated Twilight Gala on Friday 1 December! It's going to be a night of family fun, delicious food, and fantastic activities. But we need your help to make it a success!



### **Calling All Foodies: Donations Needed**

Our food stalls will be serving up a mouthwatering array of delights, including nachos, vegetarian curry, and pork sandwiches. To make these dishes extra special, we're seeking donations of fresh ingredients. You can find our wish list of ingredients here: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AEAA2CA0F9C43-twilight#/</u>

If you can spare some, please drop them off to the school office by their requested date. Your contribution will add flavour to our event and is greatly appreciated.



### Join Our Team: Volunteers Wanted

For an unforgettable evening and a chance to be part of something incredible, we're also in need of volunteers. Whether you can lend a hand with setup, food service, or game stalls, your support is invaluable. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with our community and have a blast while making a difference. Sign up

here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AEAA2CA0F9C43-twilight1#/

#### **Chocolate Tuesdays**

We are collecting full-sized chocolate bars for our ever-popular chocolate wheel. Bring your donations to the office on Tuesdays for double house points.

# From the Syndicates

## Junior Syndicate

Term 4 in the Juniors has been off to a fantastic start, setting the tone for an exciting and enriching season of learning. We welcome Kōwhai 20 as they join our Junior Syndicate and we have already had them as a great addition to our collaborative Play-based Learning (PBL) sessions.





During our afternoon PBL time, students are engaging in a variety of activities that combine fun and skill-building. The creativity of students shines through in the construction projects they undertake, from building intricate structures with blocks to crafting imaginative designs with recycled materials. The warm weather also encourages water play, where students have a splashingly good time while exploring the new pump and water toys.

A significant highlight for this term will be the emphasis on digital technologies exploration within a play-based framework. Through interactive games and creative digital tools, tamariki will jump into some innovative digital learning.



With all of these experiences, intertwined with the consolidation of key foundational skills, we hope to ensure a well-rounded and enjoyable summer term.

As it warms up, we will be outside daily, with our sport focus for the start of the term around small ball skills and an improvement of hand-eye coordination. We will then move into an athletics rotation followed by swimming from Week 7.



Janet Arcus Syndicate Leader

## Middle Syndicate

Wow! What a start to the term for the Middle Syndicate! We have come back refreshed and ready to tackle the last term of the year in style!

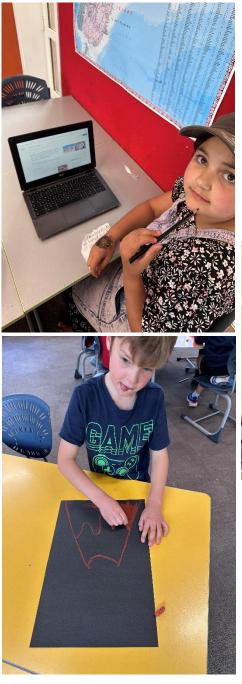
With so much happening this term the Middles have wasted no time, getting to work on our athletics practices straight away. We are working in rotations that include sprints, high jump, long jump, discus, shot put and long distance/relay races. All tamariki will get to practise each discipline four times over the course of the six weeks leading up to our Middle Syndicate Athletics Day at the Saxton Field Athletics Oval. In an effort to practise technique, strength and endurance, we also endeavour to have fun whilst doing so.



As well as athletics fun, we have also got stuck into our new topic for the term - Geology. In the first two weeks, we looked at mountains, in particular, how they are formed and where they are located in the world.



Email: <u>office@hampdenstreet.school.nz</u> www.hampdenstreet.school.nz The kaiako have been blown away by the wonderful amount of prior knowledge that some tamariki are leading their learning with and being role models for others in their topic mahi. Next we are learning about rock types, minerals, gems and crystals before moving onto caves and caverns.









Mandy Cain-Townley Syndicate Leader

### Senior Syndicate

It's been a busy start to Term 4 in the Senior Syndicate. There's been an election feel sweeping through the classes, with a focus on the recent NZ Election. Many classes have started their own political parties, where each party has to decide on their agenda and how they will make changes to benefit HSS. They have to construct significant policies, a campaign logo, slogan and poster, and possibly a campaign video. Keep an eye out on your child's SeeSaw page for progress before they pitch their campaign!

### What's the focus of your political party?

With the 'Green Ferns Party', we want to get more tree planting, and more music and arts at HSS. Penny, Rm 6

With the 'Helping Hands Party', we want to stop loneliness in the playground, with some environmental changes too. Orla, Rm 6

'NZ Being' is helping people with disabilities, providing special spaces and environments to give different students opportunities to learn. Caeleb, Rm 6

Last week, we were fortunate to have Police officer Hamish visit the Senior Syndicate. He taught us about cyber safety, as part of the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme'.



### **Senior Athletics**

Our preparations for the Senior Athletics Day are well underway. The Seniors have been practicing their long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, sprints and long distance running in preparation for our day out at Saxton Athletics Oval on Thursday 9 November (Postponement Day: Thursday 16 November). We are always looking for whānau help to support a teacher to coordinate an event, if you are able to help please state on the enclosed Google form. We do require permission to transport your child via bus to Saxton's Athletics Oval, please ensure you have completed the attached Google Form: <u>Senior Athletics Day permission form</u>



Which athletics event are you most looking forward to? I'm most looking forward to sprints because I feel I've improved since last year. Olivier, Rm 3 I get to do discus and get to do many jokes about it! Zita, Rm 3 I like long jump because I get to run as fast as I can and then jump in the sand. Ethan, Rm 3

#### My Whākatu

Over the next few weeks, the Seniors are doing a topic based around living in Nelson/Whākatu. As part of this we would love to get some feedback from whānau regarding their life living in



our beautiful part of the world, the things they love about living here and what they would love to see done to make it even better. Please be aware that you are answering the questions with the view that the responses will be used by students.

#### A link to our Whānau Google Form survey

All of our Syndicate classes will be looking for whānau support during these class trips. Please get in touch with your class kaiako if you're able to help during any time throughout these days:

Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 October: Rooms 4 and 5 Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 November: Rooms 1 and 6 Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 November: Rooms 2 and 3

### **Rugby League Tournament**

On Wednesday we had a Senior team compete in the Simon Mannering Rugby League Tournament at Brightwater. Following practice sessions at the Nelson College the team performed admirably against teams from around the region.

It was very fun, there were some good tackles and good tries. We had some hard games, some good games, and we all tried our best. Yassine, Rm 6



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# **Coming Events**

	3 November,
School Assembly, Junior and Middle Syndicates	2:20pm-3:00pm
Senior Syndicate Athletics Day, Saxton Athletics Oval	9 November,
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Hira Football Tournament	10 November,
	9:00am-2:30pm
Mihi Whakatau	13 November,
	9:10am-9:45am
Middle Syndicate Athletics Day, Saxton Athletics Oval	14 November,
	9:00am-3:00pm
Dress in Blue Day, World Diabetes Day	14 November
Nelson College Prep Transition Morning	17 November,
	9:00am-1:00pm
Nelson Intermediate Transition Morning	17 November,
	9:30am-12:30pm
School Assembly, Junior and Senior Syndicates	17 November,
	2:20pm-3:00pm
Class Transition Visit 1	22 November
New Entrant Class Photos (Change to Previous Date)	23 November, 9:00am
Staff Only Day, SCHOOL CLOSED	24 November
Class Transition Visit 2	27 November
Board of Trustees Meeting, Staffroom	28 November,
	5:00pm-7:00pm
Interschool Athletics, Saxton Athletics Oval	29 November,
	9:00am-2:30pm
Twilight Gala	1 December,
	5:00pm-8:00pm
Class Transition Visit 3	6 December
Senior Syndicate Disco, School Hall	6 December,
	5:30pm-7:00pm
Junior Syndicate Disco, School Hall	8 December
Senior Syndicate Big Day Out	12 December
Excellence Assemblies	15 December
Leavers Assembly	19 December,
	10:00am-12:30pm
Last Day of Term, School Closes at 12:30pm	19 December

# **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.

Nelson Surf Life Saving Club, Junior Surf Programme. Our Junior Surf (Nipper) programme is focused on learning, gaining confidence and most importantly having fun in a safe beach environment. The skills gained at Nippers will stick like sand from the beach and will be carried for life. Children will learn how to identify dangers on the beach and most importantly how to keep themselves safe. Children must be a minimum of 7 years old and up to a maximum of 13 years old (Under 14) to participate in the programme. The Sunday programme provides a controlled

environment for children to enjoy swimming, board paddling, wading, beach sprints and flags. For our 13 year olds we offer our Rookie Lifeguard Programme which has been designed to help junior surf members prepare to be Surf Lifeguard.

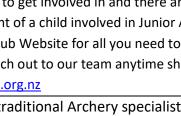
Lifesaving is something for the whole family to get involved in and there are many supporting roles that you can play as a parent of a child involved in Junior Activities. CLICK HERE on the Nelson Surf Life Saving Club Website for all you need to know about the upcoming season and to register. Please reach out to our team anytime should you require any further information – juniorsurf@nelsonslsc.org.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

Sharpen. For all your sharpening needs; knives, scissors, gardening tools etc. Contact Andrew; 021300221 or www.sharpen.nz.







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Parihaka Day Sunday 5th November

## PARIHAKA NGĀ TĀTARAKIHI

#### Dawn Blessing 5.30 am

Anzac Park Whakatū Nelson

## Te Oro Ha 12.30pm

Nelson Cathedral

Contact: Keith Christie 0212051331 Whakatu Parihaka@gmail.com



## Awards and Achievements

Room 1	Leo Anderson for being a spelling superstar.	
Room 2	Oscar Pokel for amazing creative thinking and participation in group activities. What a star!	
Room 3	Jazz Karki for striving for success with his photography, showing enthusiasm and dedication to get a good shot.	
Room 4	Liliana Stroud for being a role model and leader within class and showing empathy to everyone around her.	
Room 5	Parker Maunder for his engagement in class learning activities.	
Room 6	<i>Ria Richards for actively collaborating with others and responding creatively throughout the political parties projects.</i>	
Mānuka 7	Nirav Sharma for working collaboratively on creative projects and branching out socially by making new friends.	
Mānuka 9	Bridget McCarthy for being a proactive and kind leader.	
Mānuka 10	Hunter McIntosh for his amazing effort in writing. Super star!	
Kōwhai 11	Solly Hills for striving for success in reading by being self-driven in his learning, at school and at home.	
Kōwhai 12	Charlie Adams for striving for success in following instructions when cooking in the kitchen.	
Kōwhai 13	Lars Blanchet for striving for success in all learning areas, particularly in literacy.	
Room 14	Isla Arcus for striving for success in her topic work this week. Her mahi is impressive!	
Room 15	Dominic Houareau for consistently using the HSS STARS to drive his learning. Ka Pai!	
Room 16	Esmé Pierce for her amazing, imaginative, creative writing.	
Room 17	Grace-Lilly Baker-Wineera for striving for success in all literacy areas with creativity.	
Room 18	Erin Hajdu for his outstanding commitment to his reading.	
Room 19	Catalina Bosch for striving for success and showing empathy to her peers.	
Room 20	Briar Rameka for a great start to school by showing focus and enthusiasm.	

