

Hampden Street SCHOOL



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Middle Syndicate Athletics Day

Piki ake ki ngā whetū - Reach for the Stars

Principal's View

Tena koutou e te whānau

There are many things that schools in Aotearoa have in common; the structure of the day, emphasis on literacy and numeracy, school holidays, students placed in age-appropriate classes, etc. The question we, as a staff over recent times, have been asking ourselves is what identifies us as Hampden Street School, a school in Whakatū/ Nelson, and in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

One thing that stands out is our school motto, "Reach for the Stars / Piki aki ki ngā whetū." We have based so much of what we do around it. Our STARS provide us with a platform for learning and behaviour and are woven through all we do in and outside of the classroom. We even sing about it with our school song, [Super Stars](#).

The work we are currently doing around the creation of a culture narrative for our school is about telling the story of what is unique about the people, our place and our school that we are part of. It will help connect the past to the present by recognising the historical relationship between Whakatū/Nelson and mana whenua. We hope within this cultural narrative everyone will feel they have an identity and understand the journey our place has taken to get where it is today. This may be in the form of pūrākau (Māori stories), early history and events of the city and the school, through to how our current tamariki came to be at our school. We believe that nurturing a sense of collective and individual belonging will strengthen the relationships of everyone within the school.

Some of the questions in our strategic survey will help us shape our cultural narrative. It is important that as many people as possible share their thoughts in our survey - every child, whānau, along with staff, is part of our cultural narrative. Through the participation of everyone in developing our cultural narrative, our hope is that the collective and individual sense of belonging at HSS will continue to be strengthened. We will use other forms of consultation for this key piece of mahi/work but the survey is a great starting point - we now have 85 people who have completed it, and our aim is 150. You can access it by clicking this [link](#). You can also go in the draw to win free movie passes if you complete the survey!

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Don McLean
Principal

Notices

Staff Only Day – Tomorrow, Friday 24 November

Just a reminder that school is closed tomorrow, Friday 24 November, for a Staff Only Day. 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. Our school is closed to students tomorrow.

Strategic Planning Survey

As part of our strategic planning consultation process, we have developed a survey for all whānau to have input into the strategic direction of our school. This is a very important survey and we encourage you to take 10 minutes to complete it. You can access a link to the survey [here](#).

Whānau Conferences, Save the Date

Next year, we are starting our year with whānau conferences on Thursday 1 February from 10.00am to 7.00pm, as opposed to having them later in the term. We trialled this for the first time this year, and overall, we found the scheduling of these conferences at the start of the term very positive. These conferences, which we encourage tamariki to attend with whānau, will provide a wonderful opportunity to connect (or reconnect) with your child's kaiako for 2024, talk through any concerns or worries that might be arising with the school year starting and share any aspirations you may have for the school year ahead. The booking form for these conferences, will be sent out in our start of year newsletter in January.

The first day on site for the whole school next year is Wednesday 7 February.

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

Breakfast Club

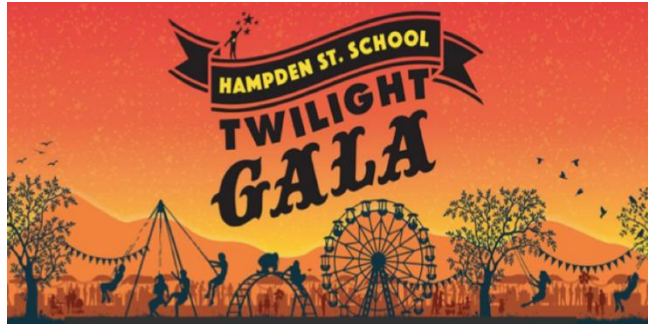
Breakfast Club has been extra busy the last few weeks and the cupboards are running very low. The team are aware that we are asking a lot of our school community in the gala build up but would love jam, honey, rice bubbles or cornflakes if you are keen to donate.

Board of Trustees

Thank you to everyone who voted in our recent Board of Trustees Mid-Term Election. Our Returning Officer, Wayne Jamieson from CES, has now declared that Kathryn Jennings, Richard McLaren and Emily Parker have been elected.

Twilight Gala, 1 December

The countdown is on....Twilight Gala - next Friday! Get ready for an evening filled with scrumptious food, live music, games and more at our highly anticipated Twilight Gala on Friday 1 December, 5:00pm to 8:00pm!



Friday 1st December 5-8pm

Your support is crucial in making this event a success, and here's how you can be a part of the excitement:

- 1. Ingredient Donations:** Our food stalls are calling for your support! We're specifically in need of condensed milk, corn chips, vegan butter, and fresh fruit. Check out our full wish list here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AEAA2CA0F9C43-twilight#/>
- 2. Volunteer:** Join our fantastic team! We're on the lookout for volunteers to assist with setup and run various stalls, including Bouncy castles, Laser Tag, and Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Let's keep all stalls open and thriving with your help. Sign up for a role here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AEAA2CA0F9C43-twilight1#/>
- 3. Homebaking:** Calling all bakers! We'd love slices, cupcakes, brownies, and more for our Homebaking Stall. Pick up a cake box from the office, fill it with your delightful treats, and return it on the morning of the Twilight Gala.
- 4. Children's White Elephant:** Do you have gently used children's items seeking a new home? Bring children's books, clothing, toys and sports gear to the school hall from Wednesday, 29 November, for the Children's White Elephant.
- 5. Chocolate Wheel:** Your last chance for double fun and house points! Donate full-sized chocolate bars to the office this Tuesday for the popular Chocolate Wheel and earn double house points.
- 6. Borrowed Equipment:** Do you have a chilly bin, blender, or slow cooker we could borrow for our food stalls? Email us at hssfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com or text/call Sam 021 670 084.
- 7. Plants:** Green thumbs, we want your spare plants! Donate labelled potted plants for the plant stall. Bring them in on Monday or Friday for Amy the gardener to tend to and sell at the Twilight Gala.

Your contributions make a world of difference, and we can't wait to see you there for an evening of fun, food, and festivities!

Twilight Gala: Produce Stall

Don't forget your shopping bags to enjoy the produce stall at the Twilight Gala. You'll score incredible fruits and vegetables for great prices, with all proceeds going to the school's fundraising committee.

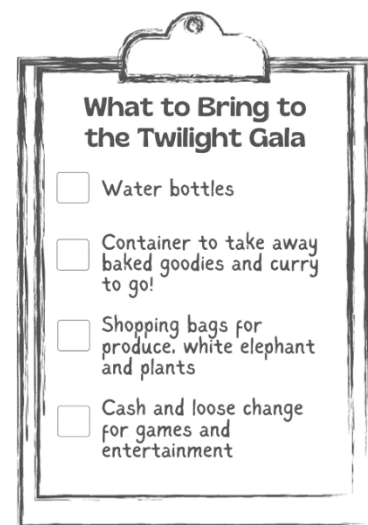


Twilight Gala: Waste No More Partnership

We have partnered again with Waste No More to minimise the waste at the Twilight Gala. You can support our efforts by utilising the correct bins, and by bringing your own water bottles, containers for takeaways and shopping bags.

Twilight Gala: Craft Creations

The popular Craft Creations stall is back this year. Led by two of our artistic teachers, the craft stall offers a cool, quiet place to create unique art pieces at the Twilight Gala. Your donations of craft supplies (eg pompoms, pipe cleaners, giftwrap, colourful paper etc) are greatly appreciated. You can bring your donations to the office.



Needed: Craft Supplies

We need craft supplies for the Creative Corner at the Twilight Gala (led by two of our artistic teachers!)

We happily accept any and all craft supplies such as pompom balls, Christmas gift wrap, coloured sticks, beads, paper, anything

Please bring donations to the office

From the Syndicates

Junior Syndicate

The junior team have been making the most of the wonderful weather we have at the moment by a range of outdoor activities.

As well as a successful athletics rotation, the juniors have dived into fun in the pool. We have had our four structured lessons from the Swim School last week and are now beginning to work in our classes to grow our skills even more. The teachers are excited to extend the children now that they have a level of confidence in swimming. It is such a vital part of children's early years to build this water confidence, and what a wonderful resource we have at HSS with the heated pool at our doorstep.



Let's hear about swimming from the tamariki.....

"I love going under water" – Natalie, Kōwhai 12

"I mostly liked being taught how to swim because it helps me feel safe in the pool and it's really fun" Eadi, Kōwhai 11

"I like putting my head underwater water and kicking my legs super-fast" Zander, Kōwhai 11

"I like doing my rocket ships and learning to do freestyle. I even went in the big pool!" Joshua Mānuka 9

"I enjoyed swimming, I'm getting better" -Cameron, Mānuka 9



Over the next few weeks, the children will be having some transition visits into their new classrooms. This is an exciting time of year where we see children begin to blossom in their new learning areas.



Janet Arcus Syndicate Leader

Middle Syndicate

What a mammoth term we are having.

Last week, we enjoyed spending the day at Saxton Athletics Track for our syndicate athletics day. We are so lucky to have the opportunity to use our region's amazing facilities. Not many schools have that opportunity, so thanks to Mandy Cain-Townley and Tom Marston for organising this for us.

The tamariki were amazing, and we were again astounded by their energy and enthusiasm. We know athletics isn't everybody's cup of tea, but everyone gave the events their all and can be proud of their achievements. A big thank you to all the parents and whānau who supported the event.



Some thoughts about athletics from Room 16...

"I loved the long jump the best." Evander

"I love long jump!" Lorraine

"I enjoyed the high jump the best because it was challenging at the start, but you learn the more you try." Thea

"I liked high jump because it was fun." Max

"The class relay and the 400m was fun because I like running a lot." Charly, Room 16



We've also been continuing with our geology topic. For the last fortnight, we have been looking at caves. This leads to an independent project over the next few weeks, the outcomes of which we hope to share with you in Week 10.

Swimming lessons have also started, and again our tamariki do us proud with their enthusiasm and effort.

Thanks for your continued support.

The Middle Syndicate Team

Senior Syndicate

Last week 167 (mostly) keen senior athletes woke up to the sweet sound of rain on rooftops. *Surely our teachers wouldn't be crazy enough to send us out for a day of running, jumping and throwing in this*, they thought... but they were wrong! Upon arriving at school, excited for a day of math and literacy ahead, they were greeted with the astounding news that the athletics day was on. And so it was, that on a wet Nelson day, the classes boarded buses and made the trek out to Saxtons Athletics Track.



On arrival the weather gods looked down upon the HSS tamariki and gave up their attempts to sabotage the event, called off the rain, and packed it in for the day! Things kicked off with the 800m races - not for the faint hearted, and a true test of the stamina and growth mindset of the students. After passing the first challenge with flying colours, the next four hours were a blur of flying discuses, leaping bodies, speedy legs and cheering children!





The day came to a thrilling conclusion with the class relay. Four boys and four girls from each class had syndicate bragging rights in their hands (or should I say feet?). In the end it was Room 3 who took the gold, closely followed by Room 5, with Room 1 rounding out the top three.



In the end a great day was had by all. Well done to Mr Marston for organising another fantastic event run with the precision of a Swiss clock. After starting the morning overcast and drizzling, in the end things turned out perfectly as the rain disappeared. A great relief all round to have successfully completed the day despite the forecast.

Well done to those students who excelled across the various events and have been selected to attend the interschools next Tuesday. Good luck team, reach for the stars!

Simon Ashby Syndicate Leader

Coming Events

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
Junior Syndicate, Walk to Adopt-a-Spot, Grampians	5 December, 12:30pm-3:00pm
Class Transition Visit 3	6 December
Junior Syndicate Teddy Bears' Picnic	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
Middle Syndicate Big Day In	12 December
House Relay	14 December, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Excellence Assembly, Middle and Senior Syndicates	15 December 9:20am-10:20am
Excellence Assembly, Junior Syndicate	15 December, 2:15pm-3:00pm
Leavers Assembly	19 December, 10:00am-12:30pm
Last Day of Term, School Closes at 12:30pm	19 December
Whānau Conferences	1 February
Start of Term 1, Whole School on Site	7 February



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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/>

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

TAUTOKOUKRAINE, Motanka dolls for sale. Motanka dolls are traditional Ukrainian dolls that symbolise prosperity, goodness and hope, they are also a symbol for the unity of family and the connection between multiple generations. If you would like to purchase a doll and help support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, please contact Mandy on 022 698 4359. Dolls are \$10.00 each.



Saturday 25th November
Nelson A & P Show



Come and see our local excavator operators complete a variety of fun challenges

Bring the kids along to have a go at the mini dig (gold coin donation)

Colouring competition for preschool to 10 years of age - 3 x \$50 Jumpin Nelson trampoline vouchers to be won

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(Colouring competition paper is available from our school office.)

SONGS FOR SUMMER



nelson youth choir

2PM, 25 NOVEMBER 2023
NELSON CATHEDRAL
CONDUCTOR ZOË DEE
TICKETS \$20. STUDENTS \$10
BOOKING AND HANDLING FEES APPLY
ONLINE AT NCMA.NZ
OR NCMA, 48 NILE ST, NELSON
TICKETS ON SALE 6TH NOVEMBER

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HELPING FAMILIES BIG GIVE

We are having a Toy Giveaway!!!
For families NEEDING help with Christmas (or Birthday) Presents this year

2nd December 2023
10am – 12pm

Waimea Bar Area
Richmond Showgrounds
Queen Street, Richmond
(In the main gate, down through the trees,
past the Scout Hall, look for our flag)

Please bring bags/boxes to take your
items home in



Roller Skating Disco

Where: Tahunanui Roller Rink
When: Friday 24th November (Teacher only day)
Time: 10am - 12pm
Price: \$5 (purchase tickets on the day at the rink)



Noho marae fundraiser for Te Pouahi, Nelson Central School

Bring your coins to purchase: Juices, home-baking and drinks

OPEN DAY DEC 3RD

ENTRY FEE:
\$7 PER ADULT (AGE 18+)
\$3 PER CHILD

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

WILLOW BANK

HERITAGE VILLAGE

Car Boot Sale

Festive Food



XMAS THEMED & FESTIVE OPEN DAY.
WILLOW BANK HERITAGE VILLAGE IS A FUN AND INTERACTIVE LIVING MUSEUM 1KM SOUTH OF WAKEFIELD, NELSON. WE HAVE 20+ SHOP DISPLAYS FOR YOU TO EXPLORE, FOOD AND DRINK + MORE.

SUNDAY 10AM – 3PM DEC 3RD

Kids Suitcase Market



BOOK YOUR SPOT AT OUR 'BARTER AND SELL' CAR BOOT SALE - willowbank2002@gmail.com

 willowbank2002@gmail.com [@willowbankheritagevillage](https://www.facebook.com/willowbankheritagevillage)
AVAILABLE FOR GROUP BOOKINGS



CHRISTMAS CRAFTING AFTERNOONS!

WEDNESDAY 6TH & 20TH OF DECEMBER
3:30PM TILL 5PM

FREE CRAFTING ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS, COLOURING IN,
PICTURES WITH SANTA AND FREE FACEPAINTING



PEANUT BUTTER
— WORLD —
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OPEN DAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Join us on the water! Our open day is the perfect opportunity to discover the joys of sailing and water sports. Our experienced instructors are passionate about helping you develop your skills and confidence on the water. Register your interest now:



Date: 25th November | Time: 13:00-16:00 | Location:
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time to celebrate

Holiday program: Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Dec
Primary age kids \$60/day
winz subsidies avail



Richmond Showgrounds

Book at
www.yikesnelson.com

Awards and Achievements

Room 1	<i>Reid Tatley for striving for success in the senior athletics.</i>
Room 2	<i>Finn Barker for taking the initiative for his learning by making good choices and working hard.</i>
Room 3	<i>Frankie Webber for applying herself to complete work to a high standard and enjoying herself at the same time.</i>
Room 4	<i>Josh Clements for striving for success with his learning and making positive choices out of the class.</i>
Room 5	<i>Hunter Jefferies for striving for success by improving the presentation and quality of his work.</i>
Room 6	<i>Pia Vaid for striving for success in all class tasks and working hard to achieve her goals with a smile on her face.</i>
Mānuka 7	<i>Lily Wallace for taking the initiative by consistently making good learning choices and responding to feedback.</i>
Mānuka 8	<i>Flint West for taking the initiative with his learning and having a growth mindset in reading.</i>
Mānuka 9	<i>Bodhini O'Brien for responding creatively by independently editing her work and seeking kaiako feedback.</i>
Mānuka 10	<i>Charlotte Consedine for showing empathy to everyone and being highly inclusive during learning time. She is a star role model!</i>
Kōwhai 11	<i>Ida Jones for striving for success in her learning by making great classroom choices.</i>
Kōwhai 12	<i>Ezzy Dobson for striving for success in her reading by working hard in reading to sound out words.</i>
Kōwhai 13	<i>Payton Harris for striving for success by putting lots of effort into her learning.</i>
Room 14	<i>Archer Vincent for striving for success in his literacy! Ka pai!</i>
Room 15	<i>Emily Irvine for her positive and enthusiastic approach to all learning. Ka pai!</i>
Room 16	<i>Isali Kalinga for her incredible empathy. She is kind, caring and helpful.</i>
Room 17	<i>Stella Gaskell for making great choices in and around the classroom.</i>
Room 18	<i>Ashton Hill for his amazing attitude to his writing.</i>
Room 19	<i>Wren Perks for her enthusiasm for learning and creativity in writing.</i>
Kōwhai 20	<i>Louis Schriek for his great mathematical thinking and ideas.</i>

