

Hampden Street SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Twilight Gala 2023

Piki ake ki ngā whetū - Reach for the Stars

Principal's View

Tena koutou e te whānau

It is amazing to think the 2023 school year is over - this 11 week term has flown by. It has been a very positive year for Hampden Street School. Students continue to set high standards of achievement, behaviour and presentation. These standards can be credited to the hard work of students, staff and the expectations of parents. Hampden Street parents realise the important role they play in the education of their children and that school and home is a partnership.

Hampden Street School is a busy place and 2023 has seen many highlights. Personally, the opening of our Junior Block was a high point for me. From concept to completion, this project was around five years long. Being there on that cool July morning at our beautiful blessing ceremony with our kaitaki iwi, Rangitāne o Wairau, I was very proud and emotional to see our original vision come to fruition. Other highlights of 2023 include the Te Kākano performances at the gala and citizenship ceremonies, successes at interschool sports, ski trips, and Pakawau and Teapot Valley camps. Communication is key to a successful school and is something we work hard at. This year the staff and I have really appreciated the many parents who sent in positive, supportive emails during the year. It is lovely that parents take time to let us know when something goes well or they appreciate something we have done. We also welcome and encourage parents to keep us informed when they have concerns or issues and appreciate those who have done so. We are very grateful to the 126 people who shared their thoughts on the school and it's future direction in our recent Whānau Strategic Survey.

The HSS Fundraising Committee has done another fantastic job in 2023, running two major and highly successful fundraisers in the form of the Quiz Night and our famous Twilight Gala. These funds have helped pay for things such as the Junior Play-based Learning furniture, swimming lessons and new library furniture.

Our Board of Trustees has had a successful year and I have appreciated the support I have received from them. Huge thanks to two Board members who are leaving us; Alvin Soh is moving on as he and his family are relocating to Auckland. Alvin has been with us for 12 months on the Board and his skills and knowledge have been highly valued. We thank Alvin for his dedication to our school. Also leaving us is Belinda Miller. Belinda has been a hardworking and dedicated Board member, including spending some time as our Board Chairperson. Belinda has contributed so much to our school over the years, which also included time as chairperson of our HSS Fundraising Committee. We wish Belinda all the very best for the future and I would like to thank her personally for the support and guidance she has shown me over the years.

Finally, I would like to thank our amazing staff. We are blessed to have such a dedicated, professional and hard-working team. We farewell Seth Hickling, Brodie Spence, Susan Skeggs, and Maggie Sosnowski - all of whom have made fantastic contributions to our school and will be greatly missed. We wish them well for 2024 and beyond.

Best wishes to you all for a safe and happy holiday and thank you for your support this year.

Ngā mihi

Don McLean
Principal

Notices

Sushi Change, 15 December to 14 December

Our sushi providers are unable to do sushi on Friday 15 December so are doing an earlier order next week. **Next week only, sushi can be ordered on Wednesday 13 December for Thursday 14 December lunch.**

Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in the box around the corner from Room 6. At the end of next week, Friday 15 December, all remaining items will be taken to a local second-hand store.

HSS Yearbook

If you would like to order a 2023 HSS Yearbook at a cost of \$20.00, please call into the office. The order is being sent to the printer tomorrow, Friday 8 December. Yearbooks will be sent to classrooms when they arrive.

Survey Draw Winners

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the recent Whānau Strategic Survey. We drew two names from the entry box on Monday, Nils Pokel and Kimberly West were the lucky recipients of Silky Otter gift cards.

iPads for Sale

We still have a number of mini iPads for sale from our school office for \$40.00 each, while stocks last. Model numbers are MD528X/A and MF432X/A.

They are either space grey or silver and come reset to factory settings. You will need wifi/data to set them up and run basic apps. All have Hampden Street School markings or engraving on the back. They are in good condition as the robust covers we used to protect them, kept them from being overly scratched/damaged.

However, they are approximately 12 years old – some older. They have been well used in classrooms and their covers have been removed. Some batteries don't last long and they will need to be charged regularly. Apple no longer provides security updates for these models of iPads and not all apps will run on them anymore. The devices are not being sold fully charged.

There is a limit of two iPads per household and there will be no returns and no pre-orders. We have a limited number of iPad chargers to give away with them. We are not selling the chargers separately. NOTE: It is important that iPads are charged with apple chargers to avoid issues with the Lithium batteries exploding. Please do not leave them on charge overnight.

Shout Out to Some Amazing Kaiako

Over the last few years Simon Ashby and Josh Shelley have been working hard completing their Masters; Simon in Digital Learning and Josh in Mathematics. Recently they handed in and passed their final assignments. This is a huge achievement, particularly considering the fact that most of their study was completed while also teaching. They should be very proud of their achievements. Simon and Josh would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their support of their studies.

Also celebrating is Anna Wilde/ Whaea Anna. After two years as a provisionally registered teacher, she has now received full registration. Anna is a hard-working kaiako, who is more than ready to move into the status of a fully registered teacher. Some staff and whānau were able to celebrate this achievement at a special ceremony at the Harvest Kitchen in Appleby last week.



Creatives in Schools Exhibited at Morrison Square

The tamariki have completed the mahi on their Creatives in Schools projects. Mairi Lewis-Smith was our lead artist for the Junior and Middle Syndicates, who have created beautiful cane sphere weavings that represent themselves and are connected by pēpeha spoons that show where they come from and who their whānau is. These have been grouped into class clusters that eventually combine into larger pieces that will be displayed around our kura in 2024.



The Seniors worked under the guidance of Community Art Works artist, Karl Wulff, to produce six large-scale sculptures that range from Kupe's giant wheke to fire taniwha and the creation stories. A collection of these works are on display in window on the corner of Morrison Square, next to Aki Sushi. Our wheke currently resides/squirms in the school office.



From the HSSFC

Thank you to all of our incredible sponsors of last Friday's Twilight Gala. Thanks to your support we were able to provide delicious food, fun games, and epic live performances.

We have so many people to thank for making the Twilight Gala a success:

All of our parent volunteers who sorted, set up, served, supervised, and tidied.
The staff who provided fun games all evening along with letting us take over the school.
John, our school's above and beyond caretaker who was game for all of our ideas.
Helen who was the Queen of Sweet Treats, but also provided patient admin support.
Don and Jade who were endless sources of help and encouragement.
The kids of HSS for inspiration, enthusiasm, and making it all worthwhile.
Our families and friends who came along for the ride that is planning a Gala, made sure we were fed, and practiced patience through it all.

We look forward to bringing HSS more fun events in 2024!

The Hampden Street School Fundraising Committee

THANK YOU TO OUR TWILIGHT GALA SPONSORS

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From the Syndicates

Junior Syndicate

What a fabulous year we have had in the Junior Syndicate. I want to take this opportunity to thank the amazing whānau support we have received throughout the year.

Here are some photos of our fantastic Big Week In activities this week with some yet to come.





Ngā mihi nui e te whānau.
The Junior Syndicate Team
Janet Arcus Syndicate Leader

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Middle Syndicate

This term has been flying by in our Middle Hub.

Recently we awarded certificates to our tamariki who placed in the top three places at our Athletics Day at Saxton Athletics Track. We were so proud of the amazing attitude, enthusiasm and hard work of everyone.



Our hub has a vibe of buzz and enthusiasm as the tamariki are well underway creating their PBL projects. The learning around our Geology topic this term has been evident in how excited they all are to work on completing these creations to share with their whānau.

Please come along on Monday 10 December between 2.00pm and 3.00pm to see these and share the learning.

Zara and Ava Rm 14: "Sharing facts about glow worms found in caves."

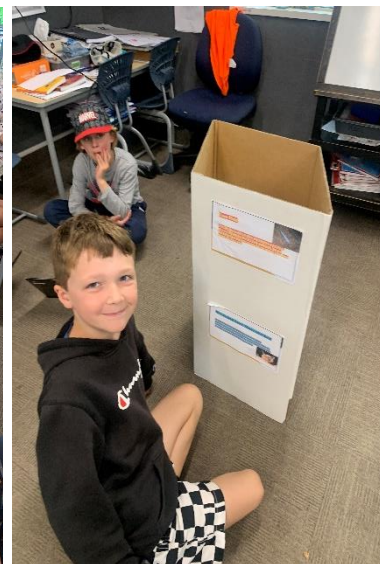
Otis Rm 15: "I am sharing what animals you can find inside caves."

Louis Rm 16: "I am sharing the four different types of caves that I have been learning about. I will make 4 models of each different type."

William, Ryan and George Rm 17: "We are creating a cave with stalactites, stalagmites lots of rocks and crystals and even some animals that you can find inside caves".

Charlotte Rm 18: "I am making a cave with animals and fossils and mountains on the top."

Jordan Rm 19: "Making a crystal."



Thanks for your continued support. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

The Middle Syndicate Team

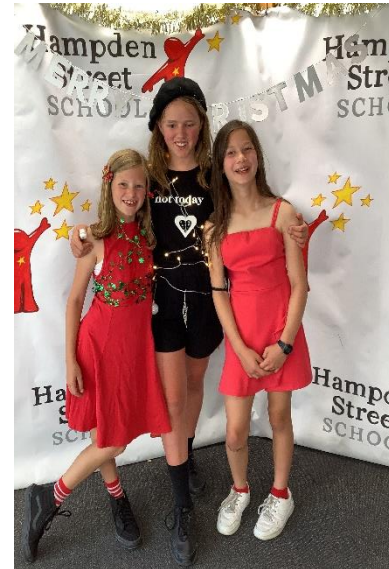
Mandy Cain-Townley Syndicate Leader

Senior Syndicate

I want to take the time to thank all of the students and parents for your support and engagement this year.

2023 has been a cracker for the Seniors and we are so appreciative of all of the parent help we get. From ski days to Big Day Outs, multiple sports trips, and our epic camp you are there in an encouraging and positive capacity. The students have been polite, inquisitive and enthusiastic about their learning all year, we commend them for that.





Happy holidays and here's to another great year in 2024.
The Senior Syndicate Team
Simon Ashby Syndicate Leader

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Coming Events

Junior Syndicate Disco, School Hall	8 December
Middle Syndicate Project Sharing	10 December 2:00pm-3:00pm
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



Staff vs Students basketball game

YikesNelson Christmas Schedule (January Schedule online too) <https://www.yikesnelson.com/holidays>

<p>Pony Party</p> <p>Mon 18 Dec</p>  <p>Picnic with the ponies and grooming and washing.</p>	<p>Beach Party</p> <p>Tue 19 Dec</p>  <p>Petanque and Volleyball at Tahuna and dip in the shallows</p>	<p>Christmas Party</p> <p>Wed 20 Dec</p>  <p>Create decorations, visit Cathedral Christmas Trees, Christmas games</p>	<p>Bouncy Party</p> <p>Thu 21 Dec</p>  <p>Bouncy castle, bike ride along the trail</p>	<p>Giving Party</p> <p>Fri 22 Dec</p>  <p>Kriskindle, Christmas card making, bake onsite and give to locals</p>
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