

Hampden Street SCHOOL



Newsletter

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HSS Mihi Whakatau

Piki ake ki ngā whetū - Reach for the Stars

Principal's View

Tena koutou e te whānau

The school has had a settled start with a starting roll of 438. This is well up on 2023. The staff and tamariki are excited to be back.

With a change of government and a bit of a shift in direction in policy and agenda, we will be cross checking our programmes to confirm we meet the requirements of these changes being delivered, but also make sure that we maintain the engaging vibrant learning opportunities we have always offered.

Our Whānau Strategic Survey provided lots of great information that will inform our Strategic Plan for 2024/2025 and support us in reviewing some of our systems to ensure they are working for tamariki and whānau, particularly around communication from classrooms. Thank you to all of you who were able to complete the survey.

You may be wondering what we are going to do around the 'mobile phones in school ban' the Government has instigated. Well, the short answer is not a lot! The reality is mobile phones are not an issue at HSS and never really have been. Very few tamariki have them at primary age and the reality is in most cases they don't need them. There are some children who have them because they catch buses and need to keep parents informed of their movements, but generally these are older students. What we are doing is developing a policy on phones that formalises our stance on them and is inline with the government's new policy. It is likely we will ban all phones from school, with the exception of those who have a genuine need to to have a phone at school. This topic will be on our Board agenda for our first meeting on 20th of February. We will provide an opportunity for you to feedback on the policy once it has been developed.

Recent road works in our area has once again shown us the vulnerability of our arterial roading network in the city. This work will not be finished until at least the end of this month. Traffic is particularly busy around the start and end to the school day. Please be patient and don't double park or park in driveways when picking up your child. You may want to consider parking a block away from the school and walking. For those walking, if you are crossing Waimea Road, please use the traffic lights crossing. Do not cross outside the crossing, this is very dangerous and is poor role modelling to the tamariki.

2024 promises to be another great year at HSS. I look forward to catching up with you all over the coming term.

Ngā mihi

Don McLean
Principal

Notices

Breaktime Structure

Our breaktime structure for this year is as follows:

- 9.00am - 10.30am:** Block 1
- 10.30am - 10.40am:** Read and Feed (morning tea)
- 10.40am - 11.00am:** Play
- 11.00am - 12 noon:** Block 2
- 12.00 noon - 12.15pm:** Lunch
- 12.15pm - 12.30pm:** Play
- 12.30pm - 1.30pm:** Block 3
- 1.30pm - 2.00pm:** Play
- 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Block 4



School Policies and Procedures

At HSS we use SchoolDocs to maintain a comprehensive, up-to-date set of policies and procedures. These policies and procedures follow guidelines and legislation and best practice and have been tailored for our school.



Staff and our school community all have access to SchoolDocs, which can be done by going to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> and searching Hampden Street School. Once you are logged in you can use quick links under the 'parents and whānau tab' on the left-hand side. Throughout the year we will advise you via our newsletter what policies are up for review.

The community user name is: hampdenstreet

The community password is: ngatiawa

Illness Guidelines

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, including if they have a cough, cold, sore throat or runny nose.

If they have had vomiting or diarrhoea, Ministry of Health guidelines say children should not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode. There is a handy table on their website listing symptoms and exclusion periods for some common childhood illnesses.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/school-exclusion>

Breakfast Club

We are in the planning stages for how Breakfast Club will look this term. In the meantime, we are happy to collect in donations of rice bubbles, cornflakes and jam. If you have excess at home that you are keen to donate, please drop items to the school office.

Sport

Last week we emailed a sports information letter for the start of the year. Sport registrations are currently open on our school website under the sports tab.

<https://www.hampdenstreet.school.nz/hsssport> Please take careful note of registration closing dates as we cannot guarantee placement in a team after the close off date.

Please contact the school office if your child is keen to play a sport but you cannot sign up online, or if you did not get the sports letter.

SportStart is a funding initiative for families where financial hardship is a barrier to participation in physical activity. Children between the ages of 5 and 18 are eligible for funding support. Application forms are available from our school office for any HSS after school teams. SportStart is also available through local clubs.

<https://www.sporttasman.org.nz/Funding/Sportstart-1>

Application forms need a copy of a Community Services Card attached.

Drop Off/Pick Up Times

Just a reminder that we encourage children to arrive at school after 8:15am in the mornings. Teachers are often not in their classrooms until after 8:30am depending on before school meetings, resource preparation etc.



After school our expectation is that children have left the school by 3:15pm. Once again staff are busy after school with meetings and are not available to supervise students.

We have a sign in/out tablet at the office. If a child arrives late, leaves during the day for any reason or leaves early, they need to use the sign in/out tablet. It connects with our Student Management System and updates a student's attendance information automatically.

0275 ABSENT

If your child is going to be absent, you must contact the school. You can text your child's absence to our absence text line. Just text 0275 ABSENT (0275 227368) and leave your child's name, class number and reason for their absence. Alternatively, you can call the school and leave a message or email the school office. You can do this at any time prior to the start of the school day.

Even if you have let your child's classroom teacher know about the absence, please let the office know too as the teacher's don't always have time to check their messages or there may be a reliever teacher in the class.

Performing Arts Lessons

At HSS we have a highly experienced and passionate team of external music professionals who are committed to engaging your tamariki in a variety of music and speech and drama lessons. Currently there are lessons scheduled within school time on Fridays for; guitar/bass (small groups), piano (1:1), drums (either solo or 2:1) and speech and drama. Prices are set by the tutors and we invoice on behalf of them.

If your child did lessons last year and would like to continue, please fill in this form: [LINK](#)
Please note: Priority is given to returning students.

If you are interested in your child beginning performing arts lessons, please fill in this form: [LINK](#) Please note: There are waiting lists for lessons.

All information about lesson quantity and prices is on each Google form.

Mary Cameron is our new Performing Arts Leader. As part of her role, she will be overseeing music timetables. If you have any questions around music lessons, please contact her through our new dedicated music email address; music@hampdenstreet.school.nz.

School Lunches/Subway/Sushi

We have a water only policy when it comes to drinks at HSS, and we encourage students to bring a healthy lunch. If you would like your child to have a bought lunch, there are two lunch options available at HSS; Subway and sushi.



Subway orders need to be placed online by 9:00am **on Mondays for Monday lunch** through the lunchonline website; www.lunchonline.co.nz We DO NOT do these orders for the children at school. Don't forget to update your child's classroom number if they have moved classes since you last placed an order.

Sushi won't be starting for another week or two as we need to formalise this year's system. Sushi is **ordered on a Thursday for Friday lunch**. Cash payment is required for sushi as we collect the money on behalf of the sushi suppliers. Orders are taken between 8:30am and 9:00am at the school hall on Thursday mornings. We will update the sushi start time as soon as possible. Watch this space.

Scholastic Bookclub

The first issue of Scholastic Lucky Book Club is out. If you would like to place a cash or EFTPOS order through the office, these close on Friday 16 February. Online orders via the Scholastic LOOP close on Monday 19 February. Once the orders arrive, they are delivered to classrooms unless you have specified that the order is a gift.

HSS Hoodies

HSS Hoodies are available from the school office for \$46.00 each. They come with 'HSS' printed on the back. Names can be added for an additional cost by local screen printers – we ask for first names or surnames only, no nicknames.



HSS Sports T-Shirts

Children borrow HSS sports t-shirts for use during term time in after school sports teams. The tops are available for sale though if you child would like to own their own named one. Student owned versions have a small star on the sleeve to show they are not a school owned top. Student owned tops can be worn at any time. **We ask that school owned tops are only worn after school for HSS team sport to prolong their usable life.**



Our tops are now being produced by Tyneli, who have set up a site for online ordering on the following link: <https://www.tyneli.co.nz/hss> (Select 'student owned version'). The current order will close on 28 February at midnight, with an estimated delivery of 15 April.

Tyneli sample sizes are at the school office, however you have the option of adjusting the length of the body or sleeves to suit the child. Names can also be added to the back at the time of ordering.

Sun Hats

Please ensure that your child brings a sun hat to school, children must wear hats when outdoors – if they don't, they will be instructed to play in the shade. This is a school policy.

We have a limited number of red bucket hats for sale at the school office for \$5.00 each.



Hampden Street School Fundraising Committee, HSSFC

We have a small, but active and dedicated, Fundraising Committee as HSS who are meeting for the first time this year, on 28 February, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the staffroom. If you would like to be involved, in any capacity, please pop along and see what it's all about.

Alternately email hssfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com .

From the Syndicates

Junior Syndicate, Meet the Team



Room 7, Anna Wilde



Room 8, Sam Pricolo



Room 9, Mary Cameron



Room 10, Bronie Ford



Room 12, Janet Arcus



Room 13, Zoe Allen

What was your favourite summer activity?

Anna: Lying on a rock at Pelorus.

Sam: Gardening and spending time with my whānau.

Mary: Doing a concert for Totaranui camp with my family over New Years.

Bronie: Surfing at a whole lot of new spots around the motu.

Janet: Lying in the hammock with a good book.

Zoe: Swimming everywhere! Reading books and camping with the whānau.

What excites you about school in 2024?

Anna: Connecting with families and getting to know the learners.

Sam: Getting to use our new spaces to their full potential.

Mary: Play-based Learning to nurture children's interests, starting Choir and Ukelele Club.

Bronie: Joining the Te Kakano leadership team and the new opportunities that this provides.

Janet: I am always so excited to meet and get to know new whānau. Introducing new tamariki into our school is the best part of my job!

Zoe: The new Kapa Haka group will be fantastic this year and I'm looking forward also to the production.

What is your favourite thing to do when you're not at school?

Anna: Walking my dog up Pipers Track.

Sam: Being in the outdoors, walking up the Barnicoat Track.

Mary: Climbing big hills in the sunshine while listening to my favourite songs. (And going to Planet Unicorn for long weekends)

Bronie: Being in the outdoors, anything and everything.

Janet: Spending time with my own family and going on adventures.

Zoe: Early morning walks on the beach with my dog.



Giraffes Can't Dance Artwork by Room 8

Janet Arcus Syndicate Leader

Middle Syndicate, Meet the Team



L-R, Gareth Breton, Emma Logan (Rm 14), Sarah Bates, Josh Shelley (Rm 16), Katie Everett (Rm 19), Nic Thomassen (Rm 18), Heather Davidson (Rm 17), Mandy Cain-Townley (Rm 15).

If you could choose a superpower, what would you pick and why?

Emma: *If I could choose any superpower, it would be telekinesis. This way I could move objects with my brain. This would be the best superpower because if something was in my way I could move it, or if I was laying on the couch the remote could come to me!*

Mandy: *The superpower I would choose would be the power of flight. I love flying and aviation, so this superpower would work nicely for me. It would also help me get to all the places I need to go quickly and efficiently. I like the idea of seeing things from others' perspectives.*

Josh: *I would love to be super original, but having the ability to teleport would be amazing. I have elderly grandparents, a sister, and some nieces whom I very rarely get to see, and I love the idea of just teleporting to my Grandma's for a cup of tea!*

Heather: *If I could choose a superpower it would be teleportation. This way I could visit any of my family members and friends who live all around the world. I would be able to support and connect and stay closer to the ones I love.*

Nic: *The superpower I would choose is super speed. I would love to save money on petrol for my car and be able to run everywhere. I could probably then get to each tennis grand slam in a day and still be back in time for dinner!*

Katie: *If I could choose a superpower I would choose to speak to animals. I would start a business translating pets for their owners. I would also get lots of dog cuddles, which would make for a high level of job satisfaction*

What's your favourite holiday?

Emma: My favourite holiday would be one where I could spend time with friends and family. I love to play board games, and relax in the sun, so the Marlborough Sounds is my second home.

Mandy: My favourite holiday would be cruising on the high seas with my family, bound for a tropical destination. A holiday that involves relaxation, travel, a bit of sun, and the people I love the most.

Josh: I'm a bit of a homebody, so while I love getting away and seeing new places, I also enjoy pottering around with my whānau and taking day trips in and around Nelson. We live in a beautiful part of the world.

Heather: My favourite holiday is one where I share it with loved ones. This could be with family or friends. I love exploring new places that are rich in history and culture.

Nic: My favourite holiday is somewhere sitting in the sun, possibly playing some beach games like cornhole or kubb. I do enjoy Marahau for this. However, I do also love sitting next to a pool at a resort in Fiji!

Katie: My favourite holiday is a mixture of exploring and relaxing. I would love to spend some time out on the water swimming and snorkelling. I would also like to spend some time at the beach in a hammock chipping away at my extensive reading list.

How do you spend your free time?

Emma: My free time is often spent out at local markets or at the beach. I also love going for a drive down to my family's bach and having a relaxing weekend away.

Mandy: My free time is mostly spent with my kids and husband, whom I love. I am often seen taxiing my kids to and from sports. I like to read and watch sports (all sports!).

Josh: I read a lot; I will read almost anything, but I particularly enjoy historical fiction because I'm a bit of a history geek. I also watch a lot of sports and follow the glorious Tottenham Hotspur semi-fanatically.

Heather: My free time is spent reading, e-biking, playing golf or spending time with my family and friends. As my kids are overseas, I also enjoy watching them play their sports on TV.

Nic: My free time is spent with my wife or her family either swimming or I enjoy playing tennis and even more so, watching it! During each Grand Slam tennis season, that is what will be on my mind!

Katie: My free time is spent with my family and friends. I love baking, crafting, cooking and reading. I also like exploring new places and going on road trips with my husband.

We have several teaching staff who accompany our team throughout this year. Sarah Bates in Rooms 14 and 15, Gareth Breton in Rooms 16, 18 and 19, Denise White in Room 17.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher. They can be reached on their school email address which is located on the [school website](#).

Mandy Cain-Townley *Syndicate Leader*

Senior Syndicate, Meet the Team

Welcome to 2024 in the seniors. We hope your child has had a happy start to the school year and is feeling optimistic about the year ahead. There's nothing better than starting the year with a giant sleepover with your mates and that's why we are excited to be heading off on camp over the next three weeks. Please call in on your teacher if you need to borrow any gear or with any queries or concerns you may have. Our doors are always open.

Let's get to know the team a little better:



L-R, Simon Ashby (Rm 2), Sarah Bates, Michelle Richardson (Rm 4), Dean Francois (Rm 1), Tarnia Pilcher (Rm 5), Karen Linyard, Noel McClements (Rm 3). Absent: Tom Marston (Rm 6), Belinda Peterson, Gareth Breton.

Something that would surprise you is.....

Dean: *I have a degree in Landscape Architecture from Lincoln University.*

Simon: *I grow pretty mean garlic.*

Noel: *I hate cucumbers and can smell them from a great distance away. Oddly though, I like pickles.*

Michelle: *I survived the Sri Lankan tsunami in 2004.*

Tarnia: *I learnt to drive a manual bamba around the farm when I was about 9 years old.*

Tom: *I have a significant dislike of horses.*

Belinda: *I have taught at HSS for 20yrs! I'm surprised - where did the time go? Must be a great school!*

Sarah: *I like muscle cars!*

Rivers, lakes or sea?

Dean: Definitely sea! Many an hour spent playing around on the beaches of Pakawau, and Rabbit Island over the years.

Simon: Rivers. Nothing better than a cold, clear freshwater drink during a tramp or run.

Noel: 100% wide open sea. Think I might have been a pirate in a previous life. A friendly one though who never made much money.

Michelle: The sea. Even if you do feel salty after. Kaiteretera is my turangawaewae and if I could be an animal I'd be a dolphin roaming the great oceans.

Tarnia: The sea everytime! There's something about watching the waves roll in and the moon rising on the East Coast.

Tom: Fresh water all day... I love a good river or a lake, lots of shade and a place where my do, Marlo, can join us!

Belinda: The sea - preferably playing in the surf at a Sunshine Coast beach.

Sarah: The sea! I have enjoyed many summers in Papamoa.

What was your favourite thing about going to school as a kid?

Dean: Bullrush on the front field at Brightwater School.

Simon: Creative writing stories with friends. I'm pretty sure bazookas and heroes played a big role.

Noel: Doing cool art projects and playing gaelic football. Good times!

Michelle: Sport! I loved all the sporting opportunities, especially netball and swimming! And days at school when it snowed. They were so much fun! (I don't think that'll ever happen in Nelson!)

Tarnia: The stationery and handwriting - especially when I was allowed to write on the blackboard.

Tom: Sports. I loved competing, practising, travelling and all the opportunities that school sport gave me.

Belinda: Tuckshop, camps and collecting the printing (who else remembers the smell?)

Sarah: I loved going to my two-classroom school in Wyllies Crossing and knowing everyone and their families.



Tarnia Pilcher Syndicate Leader

Coming Events

Room 5 Camp, Marahau	12-15 February
Room 2 Camp, Marahau	13-16 February
Camp Hui, Rooms 1 and 3	13 February, 5:30pm-6:30pm
School Assembly	16 February, 2:20pm-3:00pm
Room 6 Camp, Marahau	19-22 February
Middle Syndicate Fairfield Journey	19 February, 9:15am-10:30am
Room 4 Camp, Marahau	20-23 February
Board of Trustees Meeting, Staffroom	20 February, 5:00pm-7:00pm
Room 1 Camp, Marahau	26-29 February
Room 3 Camp, Marahau	27 February-1 March
Fundraising Committee Meeting, Staffroom	28 February, 5:00pm-6:00pm
School Assembly	1 March, 2:20pm-3:00pm
Middle Syndicate Swimming Sports	8 March, 12:30pm-2:00pm
Mihi Whakatau	11 March,
Senior Syndicate Swimming Sports	12 March, 12:30pm-3:00pm
School Assembly	15 March, 2:20pm-3:00pm
Interschool Swimming Sports, HSS Pool	19 March, 12:30pm-3:00pm
Good Friday, School Closed	29 March
Easter Monday, School Closed	1 April
Easter Tuesday, School Closed	2 April
School Photos	3 April
End of Term 1	12 April



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.

Teeball. Teeball: Champion Green (behind Garin College), Richmond every Thursday of term 1 from 8th February, 4-5pm. Years 1-6 welcome as a team or as an individual. \$25 per player for the term. All equipment and coaching provided. Turn up and register on site or register at www.nelsonheatbaseball.org.nz For more information call 021 343 690.

Lego Therapy. Bricks Included Social Skills Groups. Bricks included uses evidence-based Lego therapy to support children and young people to develop confidence in making meaningful friendships. Participants are supported in communication, collaboration and problem-solving skills. The programme offers participants positive social experiences in an understanding and accepting environment, the sessions and environment are predictable, the process is structured and follows a routine. bricksincludedplay@gmail.com
0212641595 Facebook @BricksIncluded.

Piano/Keyboard Tuition.

Piano and keyboard tuition available in central Nelson (Wellington St) Monday to Wednesday, after school. Accelerated learning through colour, suitable for ages 6 and over. \$25.00 per half hour weekly lesson. For more information contact 0220873136 or madhu@cosmusic.academy



Akido Nelson. Want to learn self-defence and become more confident? Do AIKIDO, a Japanese Martial Art. We have children's classes from 8yrs -16yrs Wed & Fri 5pm – 6pm Check out our Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/AikidoNelson>

Gumboot Friday Competition. I Am Hope are running a gumboot design competition in collaboration with Number 1 Shoes and Hannahs, with the winning design being used as their limited-edition gumboot for this year's Gumboot Friday campaign. For a budding designer or artist they will get to see their creation come to life and for sale at stores around New Zealand - raising funds for free counselling sessions through Gumboot Friday.

See details and an entry form link on

<https://www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootdesigncomp>

Paper copies of the entry form are available from the school office. Entries close on 28 February.

Number One Shoes • Hannahs
Design Gumboot Friday's next limited edition gumboot

Name: _____
Contact No: _____
Age: _____
Email: _____





THE DANCE club ZUMBA



ALL WE NEED IS A BEAT


Thursday 22nd February

COMETS 3.30 to 4.20pm
GALAXY 4.30 to 5.20pm

8 weeks \$70
Richmond New Life Church
Wensley Road

The Dance Club
027 778 5888
dancers.at.the.dance.club@gmail.com
(to register simply email us your child's name and age)

Find out more 

Join ST JOHN YOUTH

Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.


St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

Matai Division

Tuesday 5:15 - 6:45pm (School Years 0 - 3)
6:30 - 8pm (School Years 4 - 13)

The Haven Seventh Day Adventist Church
34 Collingwood Street, Nelson

youth@stjohn.org.nz | 0800 ST JOHN | youth.stjohn.org.nz




Jammers Basketball

INCLUSIVE SPORT TRUST
PROMOTING ABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SPORT SINCE 2006

For children aged 5-12 with supported learning needs or lacking confidence in team sport.

Tuesdays from Feb 13th-April 2nd 2024
Jack Robins Stadium, 3.40 pm-4.40 pm



Cost : \$30.00 per child
Sport Start funding may be available for eligible families

To register and for further information contact :
Julie, Sports Co-ordinator, Inclusive Sport Trust,
Email: admin@inclusivesport.org.nz Phone: 021 062 6750



THE ART NEST

TERM 1 2024

ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN
AGE 6 TO 10
TUESDAY 10.30 TO 11.30AM, 3.45 TO 4.45 PM

ENQUIRES AT: 0223457642



2024 Nelson Hockey Junior Program I

Thursday 22nd February to 28th March 2024 - Saxton Field Hockey Turfs

Register online at www.nelsonhockey.org.nz

Kindy Sticks:

3 & 4 years old, fun fundamental skill games

3.45pm - 4.30pm

\$40 for six week program

Fun Sticks:

5 & 6 years old, learn the basics of hockey, some fun games

3.45pm - 4.30pm

\$40 for six week program

Mini Sticks:

6 to 8 year old, skill development and game

4.30pm - 5.30pm

\$45 for six week program.

Kiwi Sticks:

9 to 13 year old, skill development and game

5.30pm - 6.30pm

\$50 for six week program

Please make payment using child's name as reference to:

03-1354-0452914-16

Registration spaces are limited and will close 15th February



Regional Development Manager Daniel Hobbs

rdm@nelsonhockey.org.nz or phone • 03-5479988