

Hampden Street SCHOOL



Newsletter

7 March 2024

Edition: 3



Middle Syndicate Discovery Time, Fried Rice

Piki ake ki ngā whetū - Reach for the Stars

Principal's View

Tena koutou e te whānau

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through Term 1. Now that the Senior Syndicate camps are behind us and the start of year business has settled I'm focussing on a number of our school's core business areas including: class timetabling, behaviour management, and attendance.

Attendance, which is an area that has continued to be highlighted in the media and in political circles, does have room for improvement at HSS. I have always been proud of the attendance rates at HSS but post COVID I have noticed that it has not been as good as it has been. So far this term regular attendance, meaning tamariki have been at school 90% or more is only sitting at 65%. That means 35% of our students have not attended school regularly during our first five weeks of the year. Part of these absences can be explained through sickness, and various other justifiable reasons. However when we look closely at our attendance data and particularly at students who have regular absences we are already starting to see some patterns emerge i.e absent each Friday.

Under the Education and Training Act 2020, attendance at school is compulsory. If a child is sick, we obviously don't want them to come to school and there are a range of other legitimate reasons why a student may be absent from school but just giving them a "day off" is not a reason for an absence. It is easy to call and say your child is sick when they wake up in the morning and are a bit grumpy and say they just want to stay home (trust me I know, I have teenagers!) but this is where as parents we need to remind them that attending school is compulsory and that is the law - it always works with my boys.

As a school we are here to support you getting your child to school. We have a range of internal things we can draw upon and there are also a number of outside agencies available to support schools and whānau, this includes our local attendance service. If you are having trouble getting your child to school it is not a battle you have to have on your own. Please talk to your child's teacher, or a member of the senior leadership team, we are here to help.

Finally, if your child is going to be absent please remember to call or text the school and let us know that they will be away and why.

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi

Don McLean
Principal

Notices

Farewell Mrs Royds

After 13 years at Hampden Street School, including four and a half years as Deputy Principal and 12 months as Acting Principal, Jade Royds is leaving at the end of the term to take up a position in the social services field. Her impact on our school has been huge. Her planning, compassion and pastoral care of both students and staff has been a hallmark of her time with us. She can leave HSS knowing she has made a positive mark and will be greatly missed by all. Starting as a beginning teacher in 2011, Jade has had many roles in our school; a part time and fulltime classroom teacher, Special Needs Coordinator, Community Co-ordinator, Deputy Principal and Acting Principal. All of these positions she has carried out with a bright smile and caring heart. We wish Jade all the best for her new career direction and we hope our paths cross in the future.



We will be appointing a Deputy Principal in Term 3. In the meantime, Lora Bailey and Dean Francois will be stepping up to share the role as they did last year when Jade was seconded to the Ministry of Education.

COVID 19

We have received some queries around what the expectation is at HSS if there is COVID within a household, or if a child themselves has COVID. Like any other infectious illnesses we follow the guidance provided by the Ministry of Health. If your child/ren have tested positive for COVID the recommendation is that they isolate for five days, even if symptoms are mild. The isolation period starts from the day symptoms began, or a positive test was returned - whichever comes first. By staying home for the recommended period, it will support us in reducing the spread of the infection. If your child is still unwell after the five day isolation period, they are encouraged to continue to stay at home until they are well.

If someone in your household tests positive, as long as your child/ren are symptom free they can come to school. Further information about what to do if you have COVID can be found [here](#).

NZEI Te Riu Roa (Primary Teachers Union) Paid Union Meeting

The NZEI Te Riu Roa (Primary Teachers Union) has scheduled a paid union meeting for Friday 5 April at 1.30pm. As our kaiako/teachers will be attending this paid union meeting, school will need to close at the earlier time of 1.00pm on Friday, 5 April. We will have a small number of staff onsite to supervise tamariki for whānau who are not able to collect their child/ren at the earlier time of 1.00pm and further details about this will be shared closer to the time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Easter Break

Easter falls outside of our school holidays this year meaning school will be closed Good Friday (29 March), Easter Monday (1 April) and Easter Tuesday (2 April). The last day of Term 1 is Friday 12 April. First day of Term 2 is Monday 29 April.

Invitation to Whānau From Other Countries

Currently our kura/school is exploring the theme of journeys and migrations. We are aware that some whānau are keen to share their personal stories and histories of how they and/or their ancestors ended up in Aotearoa. If you are keen to share with our tamariki and would like to chat further please contact Lora Bailey or Greg Hornsby:

lora@hampdenstreet.school.nz

greg.hornsby@hampdenstreet.school.nz



Production 2024, Whānau Volunteers

It's that time again! In Term 3 we will be very busy rehearsing for the production. If you are keen to support our production, we are looking for help with the following:

- Making costumes
- Makeup
- Sail making expertise or heavy-duty fabric skills to make a new backdrop
- Painting backgrounds
- Access to costumes

If you can help in any way, please contact Greg Hornsby;

greg.hornsby@hampdenstreet.school.nz



HSS Piwakawaka Summer Soccer Team

From the Syndicates

Junior Syndicate

In the Junior Syndicate we have been feeling lucky that we have such an amazing school pool. This resource supports children to improve their water, swimming and safety skills. Being able to hold your breath under water and then learning to float well are essential survival techniques for children. For this reason, we have made floating a key focus over the past weeks. Children have been becoming better floaters on both their fronts and backs. Effective floating also aids in learning to swim in a streamlined manner. So, even those children that see themselves as good swimmers have noticed how improved floating has helped their swimming. Some language kaiako/teachers might use when encouraging learners are: "Take a big breath in, let your body go loose and relaxed, look at the bottom of the pool, put your ears under the water and let your long legs float up to the top".





Tamariki had these things to say about their learning:
"I got a lot better." "Floating better helps me to swim." "The noodle helped me today." "I learnt to float better by putting my head in deeper." "I got better at floating for longer because I breathe the air in my tummy and I lock it in." "When I put my head under, I float better."



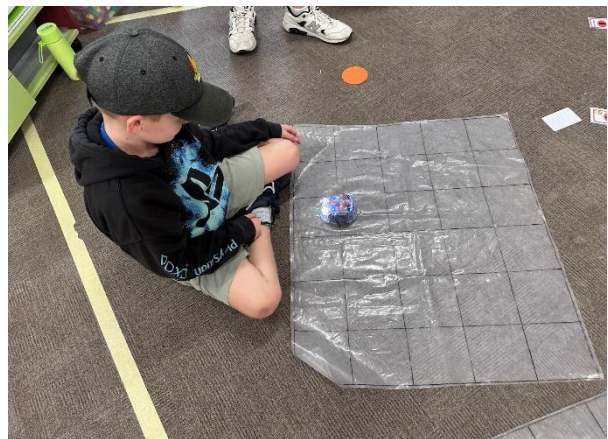
It has been very satisfying to see the children taking bigger breaths, holding their breaths, and adjusting their posture, and then feeling the improvements in their floating.

Janet Arcus Syndicate Leader

Middle Syndicate

Well, Term 1 is well and truly underway! We have swimming sports this week and our classroom programmes are up and running. Please feel free to reach out if you want to learn more about what we are doing.

One exciting part of the Middle Syndicate programme is our STEM lessons. With support from Karen Linyard, we mix up the syndicate and tamariki attend different workshops related to a topic. This term, we are learning about robotics. We are using Bee-bots, M-Bots, Little Bits, Spheros and much more! We are blessed as a school to be so well-resourced. Although these lessons are focused on Robotics, they are also rich in numeracy, literacy and content knowledge.



This is what some of our team think about STEM sessions:

I loved using the LEGO kits and making things with engines. Kytin.

Using the sferos was really fun. Olivia

Look what we made! The LEGO kits are awesome! Percy

I learned about prosthetic limbs and made our own with cardboard and string. Alyssa

I loved programming the Beebots! August



Mandy Cain-Townley Syndicate Leader

Senior Syndicate

We were so fortunate that every Senior camp was blessed with beautiful weather and wonderful memories to last a lifetime. As teachers we are incredibly proud of the resilience, collaboration and growth mindsets our pupils showed. Since getting back from camp we have done lots of work using our experience of camp to stimulate our ideas and learning.



A Moment in Time

The glistening silky smooth sand shines below the murky water, a grey swoosh zooms past the board. Squeals echo through the air as my paddle calmly slices through the sky-blue water. Leaves drift slowly past me. A glowing ray of light whooshing past my body. I slowly thump into an island not knowing what awaits me.

By Jack

The waka slides through the sparkling sea, making small ripples in the water below. Everyone was paddling in sync as the waka soared along the aqua blue surface.

By Phoebe

My Favourite Memory

My favourite part was the paddling boarding because it was my first time doing it and it was amazing gliding through the water on the board.

Palash

My favourite memory at camp was kayaking because I got to glide across the sea. Also, we were allowed to race back to camp with Dave.

Tuwharetoa

My favourite thing was the camp concert as I liked performing for my classmates and at the end of the camp concert we had a disco where we got to dance and jump around. Alba



What I Liked Best About Camp

I liked camping in the tents at Anchorage with my friends because I like staying in the wild and I enjoy camping. Isabella

I liked doing the sandcastle competition at Anchorage because we got to be creative. Pia

I liked kayaking at Marahau with my friends because we got to run across the kayaks- I could do the challenge. Dominic H



This week we had an incredible amount of courageous Senior pupils present a speech to their fellow Housemates. It was a challenging task to choose only two House Captains and a Deputy for each house but after votes and discussions we have our 2024 House Representatives.

Next week, we have our last week of swimming. On Tuesday pupils will put their skills to the test at the Senior Swimming sports - we'd love to see you there to cheer your children on if you can.

Tarnia Pilcher Syndicate Leader

Coming Events

Middle Syndicate Swimming Sports	8 March, 12:30pm-2:00pm
Mihi Whakatau	11 March, 9:10am-9:45am
Senior Syndicate Swimming Sports	12 March, 12:30pm-3:00pm
School Assembly, Middle and Senior Syndicates	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
NZEI Te Riu Roa Paid Union Meeting, School Closing 1:00pm	5 April
Excellence Assembly, Middle and Senior Syndicates	11 April, 9:15am-10:00am
Excellence Assembly, Junior Syndicate	11 April, 2:15pm-3:00pm
End of Term 1	12 April
Start of Term 2	29 April
Mihi Whakatau	29 April, 9:10am-9:45am

PORT NELSON Community
OPEN DAY

Take a peek behind the gates!

**Sunday
17 March**
11:00 until 16:00

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.

Morning Childcare and Drop Off. Stressful mornings rushing your kids out the door?

Would you like someone to swoop in and help with lunches, breakfast, drop-off etc while you get away to go to work/the gym/a quiet coffee? I can help! I'm Maggie, a former HSS LSA and am currently studying at NMIT. I'm available for morning work Tues-Friday. Send me an email maggie.sosnowski@gmail.com or text/call 022 642 8297.

Granny on Call. Do you need morning drop offs and/or after school pick ups to/from your home or after school activities? Granilyn is a GRANNY ON CALL and lives just five minutes from school, she is kind and trustworthy with excellent local references, a current Police Check, and very affordable rates. Phone or text 021 457 188.

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>

Children's Jewellery Course. I have recently opened a jewellery school, The Bench, in central Whakatū and will be teaching jewellery courses called Kids Stacker Rings in the upcoming April school holidays. It will cater for 9-15 year olds. The class is a lot of fun and is designed to be achievable for creative young people. If you have any questions, please get in touch. <https://www.thebench.nz/> or check my Facebook and Instagram.



The graphic is a promotional poster for the Nelson Arts Festival. It features a dark blue background with a circular logo on the left that says 'NELSON ARTS FESTIVAL' in white. To the right, the text 'SAVE THE DATES NOW FOR OUR 30TH FESTIVAL!' is written in white. Below that, the dates '24 October – 3 November 2024' are written in white. At the bottom left, it says '11 days of unmissable arts experiences for and with Whakatū' and 'nelsonartsfestival.nz'.

JUNIOR & YOUTH PRE-SEASON OPENDAYS

**SUNDAY 17TH MARCH &
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH**

NEALE PARK - NORTH ROAD END

9th Grade (born 2015): 9am - 10am
(Kids born 2016 - only with approval from our Director of Football)
10th Grade (born 2014): 10am - 11am
Junior Girls (born 2013-2015): 10am - 11am
11th Grade (born 2013): 11am - 12pm
12th Grade (born 2012): 12pm - 1pm
13th Grade (born 2011): 1pm - 2pm
14th Grade (born 2010): 1pm - 2pm
U16 (born 2008-09): 1pm - 2pm

There is no U17 league this year. Players born 2007 or older to register for Senior Football or contact us requesting a dispensation.
Dispensations for all grades - only through our Director of Football - contact via admin@fcnelson.co.nz

Any queries - DOF Tj Hansen - tj@fcnelson.co.nz / 02102537146

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The Hapori Fruit & Veg Box is a community food cooperative that offers fresh, seasonal, local fruit and veg boxes weekly for only \$15.00. Wholesale purchasing power makes fresh produce affordable!

Pay for a Box by Friday and pick up your box the following Wednesday from Helping Families Nelson from 3pm to 6pm. Located at 452 Lower Queen Street.

Getting your Hapori Fruit & Veg Box starts with signing up.

You can sign up online at our website: www.hapori.org.nz

Select Helping Families Nelson as your pickup hub and then pay for your Hapori Fruit & Veg Box by Friday. Your box of fresh seasonal produce will be ready to pick up the following Wednesday from 3pm to 6pm.

Any questions, you can ring Helping Families Nelson on 021 876 901 or email kai@helpingfamilies.org.nz

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Awards and Achievements

Room 1	<i>Dominic Moon for striving for success on Room 1's camp, especially the camp concert.</i>
Room 2	<i>Jethro McPherson for amazing creativity and focus during all learning - Ka Rawē.</i>
Room 4	<i>Leo-Kōtare Murray for all the creativity he has shown, both in literacy and his wonderful camp concert performance.</i>
Room 5	<i>Aliya Thomas for always stretching herself to the next level of thinking and learning. Her kindness is appreciated too.</i>
Room 6	<i>Devarsh Patel for showing empathy by being a thoughtful and caring classmate</i>
Mānuka 7	<i>Noah Marshall for striving for success by asking questions and attempting challenging tasks.</i>
Mānuka 8	<i>Frankie Campbell for taking the initiative, knowing the class routines and being ready to learn.</i>
Mānuka 9	<i>Jayden Dungca for responding creatively by drawing amazing pictures and writing imaginative stories.</i>
Mānuka 10	<i>Ezzy Dobson for challenging herself with her learning and trying her best to improve.</i>
Kōwhai 12	<i>Alfie Walker for striving for success in everything he does! He always tries his best.</i>
Kōwhai 13	<i>Sion Tamou for striving for success to be a leader in the classroom and showing enthusiasm in his learning.</i>
Room 14	<i>Emanuel Gomez Marin for always showing so much resilience and confidence in everything he does.</i>
Room 15	<i>Thea Miller for her excellent student council speech and overall top effort at school.</i>
Room 16	<i>Rui Schwarze for taking the initiative by making great choices in his learning.</i>
Room 17	<i>Kytin Jansen-Mitchener for an amazing growth mindset in all work areas.</i>
Room 18	<i>Thomas Wing for taking the initiative in all areas of learning and helping around the learning space.</i>
Room 19	<i>Niko Chinnery-Brown for striving for success by managing her time and always doing the right thing at the right time.</i>

