



Havelock North Intermediate School

Newsletter

2nd February, 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of the School,

A warm welcome to you all to the 2010 School Year. A special welcome to parents of Year 7 students and new Year 8 students, who join us for the first time. To parents of Year 7 students during 2009, welcome back to what promises to be another busy and fruitful year.

We truly practise our school motto "Learning Together". Together we are going to have a busy and productive year filled with many exciting learning, sporting, cultural and social opportunities. We look forward to meeting with you and working together to support and foster your child's learning and development. I strongly encourage you to make sure you communicate with your child's teacher, as this relationship is vitally important to a successful year.

Throughout the year we will keep you fully informed of school activities and programmes. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend our numerous school events throughout the year. Details of all happenings will be included in our fortnightly school newsletters, which come home on Tuesdays and are also available on the school website www.hni.school.nz.

There are occasions when some students face some settling in difficulties at Intermediate in the first instance. These matters are usually dealt with successfully within the first few days.

My congratulations and thanks to you all for the way your children presented themselves at school today. They created a very good impression and we are looking forward to an exciting and successful year.

Regards,
Graham Ellis
PRINCIPAL



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Staffing

During the holidays Miss Ingpen resigned to enter the world of private enterprise. We wish her well.

We welcome Mrs Sturch and Miss McIlroy to our teaching team and look forward to the significant contribution they will make.

School Staffing For 2010

Senior Management Team

Mr Graham Ellis	Principal
Mrs Debbie Clifford	Deputy Principal
Mr Damion Kinsey	Deputy Principal
Mrs Louise Goodwin	Sheppard House Leader
Mr Rod Pemberton	Nepia House Leader
Mrs Rowen Hurley	Te Kanawa House Leader
Mrs Melissa Eveleigh	Hillary House Leader

Teaching Teams

Sheppard House

Miss Kimberley Ward	R1 – Year 7
Mr Alan Birnie	R2 – Year 7
Mrs Carla Ellmore	R3 – Year 8
Mrs Maahi Kaka	R4 – Year 8
Mrs Louise Goodwin	R6 – Year 8

Nepia House

Mr Colin Campbell	R5 – Year 8
Mr Rod Pemberton	R7 – Year 8
Mrs Barbara Summers	R8 – Year 7
Mrs Aliasha Gordon	R9 – Year 7
Miss Mae Pullar	R10 – Year 8

Te Kanawa House

Mr Kieran Billings	R11 - Year 7
Mr Kent Bussell	R12 - Year 7
Mrs Julie Sturch	R13 – Year 8
Miss Kelly McIlroy	R14 – Year 8
Mrs Rowen Hurley	R15 – Year 8

Hillary House

Mrs Melissa Eveleigh	R16 – Year 8
Ms Valerie Moratti	R17 – Year 8
Mrs Jill Smith	R18 – Year 7
Mrs Bonne Atkinson	R19 – Year 7
Mr Jim Stove	R20 – Year 7

Mrs Mary McHattie	Music Specialist
Mr John Fullwood	Mathematics
Mr Marilyn Field	SENCO

Support Staff

Mrs Anna White	Teacher Aide
Mrs Karen Williams	Teacher Aide
Mrs Jan Kay	Teacher Aide
Mrs Lissa Pearce	Teacher Aide
Mr Brian Ward	Teacher Aide
Mrs Mae Rapley	Librarian
Mrs Lynne Sherborne	Canteen/Uniform Shop

Technology Teaching Team

Mr Doug Sutherland	Wood & Plastics Technology
Mrs Christine Houghton	Electronics & Bio-Technology
Miss Jane Hawtin	Media Technology - Art
Mrs Liz Elder	Food Technology
Mr Peter Cottrell	Media Studies

Administration

Mrs Pam Nijssen	Principal's Secretary
Mrs Shane Rooney	School Secretary
Mrs Karen Williams	Admin Support

Property & Grounds Staff

Mr Gus Keip	Property Supervisor
Clean Works	Cleaning

Dental Therapists

Mrs Fiona Goulding & Mrs Lynne Pinker

Music Tutors

Mrs Amanda Cooper	Violin
Mr David Boston	Guitar
Mr Chuck Davis	Percussion
Miss Frances Morgan	Clarinet
Mr Ray Isaacs	Saxophone
Mrs Wendy Johnson	Cello
Mrs Jocelyn Ludlow	Keyboard
Mr Neville Stewart	Brass
Mrs Bridgette Tiedemann	Flute
Mrs Susan Melville	Choir
Ms Wai Tahu	Kapa Haka

School Stationery Pack

Details about the School Stationery Pack including the tear off Order Form accompany this newsletter. It is essential that all students have their stationery requirements **no later than this Friday.**

2010 School Fees

Details of School fees for this year are also included with this newsletter and provision is made on the Stationery Order Form for these to be paid. The \$220.00 School Fee includes \$105.00 School Donation and \$55.00 Technology Fee (compulsory) and \$60.00 ICT Fee (compulsory).

The School fee of \$220.00 per student does not fully cover costs associated with the activities of the school and is substantially subsidised from the Board of Trustees Operational Grant.

Bell Times

Monday - Friday

8.15am	<i>Entry School Grounds</i>
8.35am	<i>Classes commence</i>
10.40-11.00 am	<i>Morning Interval</i>
12.30-1.30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
3.00pm	<i>Dismissal</i>

Punctuality

Students are expected to arrive at school to commence lessons at 8.35am. Students who arrive late are to report to the office before proceeding to their classrooms, so punctuality and reasons for lateness can be explained, and where necessary action can be taken.

Bus Students

Bus students received a circular today from the school outlining our procedures and rules to be followed by students travelling on buses and of the steps that will be taken when undesirable behaviour occurs. It is important that parents discuss this Contract with their child and **return the signed document to the School Office by Friday 5th February**. Queries re all bus matters should be directed to Mrs Clifford.

Cyclists

All students cycling to school are required by law to wear a cycle helmet. Cycle stands are available for bikes and it is **strongly recommended** that the bike is locked to the stand. If your child will be using the roundabouts on Te Mata Road, please make sure he/she understands the road rules.

Swimming 2010

We will be using the HNHS pool for our class swimming. Students will be advised in advance of their swimming times. Our Tabloid Swimming Sports will be held in term 4.

HNI Swimming Championships

A cordial invitation is extended to all parents and friends to view our 2010 HNI Swimming Championships at the Village Pool on **Wednesday 17th February at 5.30pm**. Students swimming in the Events will represent their House (Sheppard, Nepia, Te Kanawa, Hillary) and score House points as part of the Inter-House Competition. The overall winning House will be presented with the Frank Bacon Inter-House Shield, which will be displayed in their House area until our next Inter-House Event. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable evening.

Sun Hats

The school has a Sun Hat/Cover up policy. Sun hats are part of our school uniform requirement for Terms 1 and 4. Students will be required to wear their hats during interval, lunch, and physical activity times.

Students not wearing their sun hats during interval or lunch times will be directed by staff and duty teachers to the Shade Areas for the duration. Parents may purchase either the Slouch Hat or Cap for \$10.00 from the School Office.

Log Books

The Log Book is our main means of daily communication between school and home. Parents need to sight and sign this book daily to ensure the communication is effective. Please refer to the information contained in the School Log Book, which is purchased with school stationery tomorrow.

Twink

Students have been advised that the **use of Twink is not allowed at school**.

Students Absences and Attendance Check

The school employs an effective daily attendance check system 8.45am and 1.45pm which includes logging of students on the computer

- *present,*
- *absent and the school has been notified*
- *absent without notification to the school*

Parents are requested to telephone on all occasions when their child is to be absent or late. This is to ensure maximum knowledge of each child's movements. An office absence slip is then forwarded to the class teacher.

If your child is absent and the teacher (or school) has not been notified by 9.30am each day then an automated voice message will be sent to you by phone advising you. Please respond accordingly.

Absence notes (or an entry in the Student's Log Book) to verify both the phone call and absence should be furnished on the child's return to school. Where unexplained absences occur we will endeavour to take all possible steps to follow up such absences. Parents of students attending our school have been most reliable and responsive in the past and I look forward to the extended co-operation sought.

Where a pattern of student non-attendance is of concern the school is required to take appropriate steps to address this problem.

Homework

The setting of Homework for all students is School policy. It involves 30 minutes daily (Monday – Thursday) providing an opportunity for parents to share their child's schoolwork and reinforces learning carried out at school. It is important that students at this level learn to organise their time and establish sound work habits.

All homework will be listed in the children's Log Books. We ask parents to sign these and use the Log Book as an on-going communications link with the classroom teacher. Family events (eg. Mum's birthday) takes priority over homework.

Specialist Technology Classes

In the interests of safety and welfare, all students must wear covered footwear when attending Technology classes, as a pre-requisite to their entry to these classes. On Technology days, during summer, students are asked to bring and change from sandals into shoes or other suitable protective covered footwear prior to the commencement of such classes. Also long hair must be tied back. Students have been advised of their Technology days and times of attendance. Requirements for such lessons will be noted in the Log Book.

Canteen

Lunches can be ordered as from tomorrow. Canteen lunches are available every day of the week. The canteen is also open every lunchtime for ice blocks, chips, and small healthy snacks.

Prices

<i>Filled Rolls</i>	\$2.00
<i>Yoghurt</i>	\$1.00
<i>Fruit – Apple</i>	\$0.50
<i>Flavoured Milk</i>	\$2.30
<i>Noodles</i>	\$2.50
<i>Mince Pie</i>	\$2.50
<i>Potato Top Pie</i>	\$2.50
<i>Mince/Cheese Pie</i>	\$2.50
<i>Pizza</i>	\$2.50
<i>Meat Ball</i>	\$1.30
<i>Chocolate Muffin</i>	\$1.40
<i>Chocolate Mousse</i>	\$2.60

Music Tuition

Tuition commences the week beginning 15th February when in excess of 200 students will participate. Those involved will receive a separate circular outlining day, lesson time, and location. Parents are reminded that Music Tuition Fees (\$250.00) must be paid by **Friday 12th February** before lessons commence. All enquiries about Music Tuition are to be directed to Mrs McHattie.

EFTPOS

Please note HNI does not have Eftpos facilities. Any payments can be made by cash, cheque or internet banking. Our bank account no. is 03.0658.0072342.00. Please include your child's full name and room no.

Jersey Identification

Stitchery House have offered to embroider 'HNI' and 'first and last names' on the upper left hand side of students' jerseys at a cost of \$6.00. We encourage all students to have this done. They are also able to remove an old name for you prior to stitching a new name, the total cost of this service is \$12.00. Should you be interested, then please forward the jersey and money to the School Office on a Friday. The jersey will be returned to your child on the following Tuesday or Wednesday.

Meet The Teacher Evening

We are looking forward to a big turn out at our 'Meet the Teacher Evening' on Tuesday 16th February, and look forward to the parental support for our many school activities this year beginning with our HNI Swimming Championships week 3 this term.

While many aspects of our classroom learning programmes will be discussed at our 'Meet the Teacher Evening', there may be a few parents who may wish to meet their child's teacher, **to discuss a specific need/concern about their child.** Caregivers are welcome to make an appointment with their child's teacher if they feel this is required.

EOTC WEEK Term 1 Weeks 6 or 8

This year all Year 8 classes will be going to a residential Outdoor Education Centre at Lakes Ranch in Rotorua. Students will be offered a wide range of activities at the centre and in the wider community. Classes will need strong parental support for this programme to succeed. The cost is likely to be around \$250.00 which includes transportation, food, accommodation and activity costs. We are advising caregivers as early as possible in recognition of the budgeting reality. Further details will be available later.

Year 7 classes will not have EOTC experience in Term 1 this year.

BOT Notice

The Havelock North Intermediate Board of Trustees wish to advise that at their next meeting, to be held in the HNI staffroom at 5.30pm Tuesday 16th February 2010, they will consider a motion to increase the number of parent representatives on the board from five to six. This notice serves to remind parents of students enrolled at HNI that they have the right to attend this or any meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Last year the board resolved to hold staggered elections every 18 months replacing half of the parent representatives at each election. At the next election on the 7th of May this year, half of the vacancies for the HNI board will be for an 18 month term and the balance for three years. This is a "one off" and is necessary to start the staggered election cycle for HNI. Elections following this one will be for three year terms. Having six parent representatives will not only facilitate an even split for staggered elections, but will allow for a broader range of skills and experience on the board and improved succession planning. School Boards of Trustees may have between three and seven parent representatives.

Book Club Orders

Offer No.1 brochures have been distributed to students. Please take the time to look through these with your children and consider the books that are appropriate for your child's reading level and interests. Your orders are due back by Monday 22nd February.

For every item purchased through Scholastic Book Club, the school earns valuable Bonus Points, which we use to purchase further resources for the school. Please remember if paying by cheque, that the cheque is made payable to Scholastic. Thank you for your participation. *Mrs Rapley, Book Club Co-ordinator.*

Community Notices

- **Havelock North Tennis Club** - "Fall in love with Tennis" Open Day on Saturday 13 February from 1 - 4 pm at the Havelock North Tennis Club on Lipscombe Terrace (Anderson Park, Havelock North). We are holding an open day at our club for the public to come and try tennis as part of the Tennis New Zealand's annual promotion. Come along to the tennis club and try tennis for free. A BBQ will be run and our club coach Shane Wilson will be there to give you some tips. All ages welcome.
- **Drama workshop** - Drama Classes held at Keirunga Gardens. Wednesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm. Ages 10 -14. Excellent tuition. Only \$95 term. To book go to www.workshopdrama.com or phone Juliet on 0274 585438.



Term Ahead

8/2	School Timetable commences
11/2	Cultural Organisation Meetings
12/2	STAR Testing for Year 7
15/2	Music Tuition commences
16/2	Meet the Teacher Evening 7.00pm
16/2	BOT Meeting, Staffroom 5.30pm
17/2	School Swimming Sports 5.30 - 8.30pm
5/3	HNI Athletics Day
8/3	Year 8 EOTC for Rms 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10
16/3	BOT Meeting, Staffroom 5.30pm
18/3	Cultural groups commence
22/3	Year 8 EOTC for Rms 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
24/3	Intermediate Volleyball Tournament
27/3	Rathkeale Sevens Tournament in Masterton
1/4	Term 1 Ends
19/4	Term 2 Begins



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