

# Hoon Hay School

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Kia ora whanau

## Welcome back to Hoon Hay School in 2015!

What a glorious summer break we have had. Beautiful sunny, warm weather like the old days we remember with fondness. I hope you all managed to relax and spend time with your family and whanau. I did. I love to make the most of all holidays – I thoroughly enjoy my own children having the freedom from school routines and most of all the absence of school lunches.

The staff attended a conference at the Lincoln Events Centre called 'The Future is Now'. We listened to speakers with expertise in the Modern Learning Environment or as we prefer to think about it - environments that suit modern teaching and learning. We also attended workshops led by schools that have already been part of the rebuild. We still have a few years until our school begins the master planning stage so we will look and learn and do some experimenting ourselves. Whatever we do will be carefully thought through to ensure the environment supports effective teaching and reflects the way children learn best. In the meantime please be assured that there is very modern teaching practice happening despite our old classrooms ;-)

We also understand the way of the future is very different to how things were when you attended school and change can be uncomfortable. We will take you along on the journey too so you can feel informed and positive about the direction all schools will be heading.

We warmly welcome all our new children and their families to Hoon Hay School. When you see them around please take the time to greet them ensuring they get the full Hoon Hay treatment. Have a look at the gorgeous photos of our new starters.

I would like to remind you all of the information evening on **WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY** to share some exciting and interesting information with you about The Hoon Hay Way and also "Meet the Teacher" sessions. The evening starts at 6.00 pm in the Hall, with The Hoon Way presentation and the Meet the Teacher sessions are at 6.30pm, then again at 7pm. We hope that you are able to attend – everyone welcome.

Lee





## Miss Georgia Cone

Hi, my name is Georgia Cone I am very excited to be teaching in Room 11 this year! It's going to be a fun year full of lots of learning and new adventures.

I grew up in Christchurch with my Mum, Dad and little brother. I attended school in Christchurch and then went to University, studying to become a teacher. Something you won't know about me is that I love on-line shopping - I just can't stop looking - and buying!!!



## All our lovely New Entrants!

A huge Hoon Hay welcome to our gorgeous children in the Mighty Minnows:

Renan C, Simon J, Paul F, Naomi T, Rhys A, Liam P, Eva B, Holly T, Leila H, Bella J, Cael dB, Georgia C, Stephanie L and Jazmin H.







## New Students

We are also really pleased to introduce the following students who have joined us at Hoon Hay!

Charlotte D, Lucia A, Taine C, Lochlan W, Jessica P, Cecille F, Briana W, Te Amo C, Aleshia B, Kyla B, Kenny J, Viki J, Anya H & Olivia H.



## Birthdays!

Jamie P, Jazmin H, Olivia H,  
Emma N, Hannah P, Toby S,  
Zachariah N, Aimee-Jade W, Caleb R, Alex G, Phoenix  
G-S, Samantha Y, Xanthe A, Ben K, Morgan K, Dominic  
V, Flynn B-W, Pippa B-W, Sophia L & Olivia R!



# Legends - Year 5 and 6 only

## ***We are good to go!***

On Monday all rooms will begin the Chromebook adventure. We do have enough Chromebooks for all children even though we are awaiting the arrival of the 25 lease (to own) Chromebooks. It is exciting!

Some house keeping

- Please ensure your Chromebook and case is clearly labelled and personalised
- Chromebooks need to be brought to school fully charged (no cords please)
- Please return the google form (1:1 Device Agreement at School) and the cybersafety agreement by Monday 9<sup>th</sup>. These have been talked through and discussed with the children, however, another discussion with you would be great.

## **"Lease to Own" Meeting - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2pm Staffroom**

If you are keen to lease (to own) then you need to attend this meeting so you can be fully informed of the obligations.

Parents who want to progress quickly (i.e. pick up a Chromebook on Wednesday) will need to bring to the meeting:

- deposit - they will be issued with a receipt
- ID (e.g. driver's licence) - we will need to photocopy this on Monday (we have to have this for the money laundering act!!)
- bank account details - to set up an AP

There will be a general information sheet, credit sale document for signing, and an automatic payment form.

The 2 year lease will be \$22.07 per month for 24 months (\$5.10 per week), with a \$50 deposit.

Obviously you may want to consider the credit sale document at home and this will be forwarded by e-mail late Thursday.

We have 25 Chromebooks available for lease so it will be first in, first served. Delivery is within 48 hours.

**Other devices** - For those that have brought along different devices we are currently working with our network provider to ensure access to our network is safe for your device as well as protecting our network. This may take a week or two to sort so in the meantime we will provide your child with a Chromebook/ school device. However, they can access their work from home from your original device.

We are super excited about this new adventure. Our staff has spent 2014 preparing for this and can't wait to start. We don't expect everything to go according to plan so we do ask for your patience (and tolerance) as we begin the journey.

**Please remember** – There is no expectation from the school for you to provide a device.



# The Hoon Hay Way & Meet the Teacher Night

As per the e-mail sent home earlier this week, please come along on Wednesday 11 February at 6pm to the school hall to hear about "The Hoon Hay Way". Following this presentation will be the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and get the "feel" as to how the year is going to work. Sessions are at 6.30pm and 7.00pm, with time allowed to move between two different classes. The Legend teachers will be in the hall, and all other teachers will be in their classrooms.

## Website

The website is well used and where you can find all current information. It has a calendar of events which lets you know dates and times, etc. The News Centre also has all the latest news, cancellations, updates and the daily notices. These can all be accessed from home. It is the place to go first when you need to know what is happening and when. You can sign up to twitter to ensure you receive all emergency information immediately. If you would like to receive text alert updates from the school you will need to join Twitter. Please note the school website will continue to be the main source of communication but the school will use text alerts for important last minute or emergency situations i.e. snow cancellations, late bus arrivals.

## Twitter

To receive twitter alerts you will need to join twitter. This does not mean you have to become a twitter fanatic, in fact you may never need to touch twitter again. Please follow the instructions below to join twitter. If you already have a twitter account please skip to step 7.

1. Create a twitter account by signing up at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)
2. Enter your full name, e-mail and a password, it will then suggest available user names that may be appropriate, select one. You will be automatically signed into twitter (it will suggest selecting some people to follow - you do not have to do this).
3. Click on your user name in the top right hand corner, select settings in the dropdown box.
4. Under the Account tab you will need to change your time zone to Wellington and you may select to protect your tweets so only your selected friends may see your tweets.
5. Select the Mobile tab. Select New Zealand in the country/region box. Enter in your cellphone number and click on the start button. It will ask you to text go to 8987 to confirm your phone number. Once twitter has received this text it will send a confirmation text and the screen will also confirm your cellphone.
6. You can now select sign out by clicking on your name in the top right hand corner and using the drop box. This is the last time you have to go onto twitter.
7. Text "follow HHSevents" to 8987. You will now receive all tweets directly to your cellphone.

You can stop this service at any time by texting "unfollow@HHSevents" to 8987.



## School Account process in 2015

We have received feedback that the amount of notices and payments for different events has been overwhelming (particularly at the end of the year). In order to streamline our process we are introducing a Term Activity Fee from Term 1. This will outline the planned events for the upcoming term with the costs and dates and will be different for each Team. This cost will be added to your account, however the form will need to be returned to us and payment made by a specified date - will be noted on the form. When we require permission, this will be done on a separate notice or by a Google Form which will be e-mailed.

There may be additional outings/events along the way, as we still love to provide unexpected opportunities for our children, and for those specific groups e.g., choir.

We hope that this will make planning easier for everyone.

## New and Prospective Parents

If you know of a 5 year old that is in zone and intending to attend Hoon Hay - please encourage their parents to phone the office to ensure that they are on the database. The more accurate our numbers are, the better we can plan. Thank you for helping us out with this.

### Calendar Dates

#### FEBRUARY

- 9 Chromebook Lease meeting – 2pm Staffroom (Legends)
- 11 The Hoon Hay Way and Meet the Teacher Evening
- 12 Legends Swimming Sports
- 13 Full School Assembly
- 26 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 27 Full School Assembly

#### MARCH

- 9 - 13 Mighty Minnows & The Nest – Swim Week
- 10 SouthWest Zone Swimming Sports
- 13 Full School Assembly
- 20 New & Prospective Parents Meeting 9.30am



### 2015 School Terms

#### Term 1

Monday 2 February – Thursday 2 April

#### Term 2

Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July

#### Term 3

Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

#### Term 4

Monday 12 October – 12 noon Wednesday 16 December

### 2015 Public Holidays

<b>Friday 6 February</b>	Waitangi Day
<b>Friday 3 April</b>	Good Friday
<b>Saturday 25 April</b>	ANZAC Day
<b>Monday 27 April</b>	ANZAC Day Observed
<b>Monday 1 June</b>	Queens Birthday
<b>Monday 26 October</b>	Labour Day
<b>Friday 13 November</b>	Show Day

## SchoolDocs

If you would like to become more familiar with the school policies you can do this by jumping on the school website and clicking on the policy button. That will take you directly to the policies and will also explain how you can contribute to the review process. The school encourages your involvement.

## Newsletters

The newsletter will be emailed out every second Friday. Copies of all newsletters are available on the website and hard copy is available from the office.

## Concerns, Complaints and Compliments

We want to hear them all!! From time to time we get things wrong and we need to know when we do, so tell us. We encourage you to talk to the person who can fix the problem. Telling 10 other parents what is wrong and what needs to be done won't fix the problem, it will only make you and them feel worse! Come in and talk to us. If you have a sensitive issue to discuss, please email the teacher and make an appointment so we can ensure we give the time and attention your concern deserves. We also want to hear the things that we do well - so please tell us!

## School Records

The start of the year is an ideal time to update the school database with your correct contact details. Email is our main form of communication and it is vital that your address is correct. Each time we send an email we do have large numbers bouncing back so please take this opportunity to update all of your details. Thank you!



## Community News!

Don't miss 'Culture Galore', Saturday 7th March at Ray Blank Park on Maidstone Road, 12 -4 pm. This event allows you to experience the world and celebrate cultural diversity. Be entertained by over 50 cultural performance and demonstrations, sample some of the appetising ethnic cuisines or get involved in some arts and crafts. There are also plenty of activities for all ages to enjoy. Please contact [lauren.robbs@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:lauren.robbs@ccc.govt.nz) with any queries.

**After School Programmes at Christchurch City Libraries** - the South Library are running some after school workshops – Girls Zone & Workshop Club – check out <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/LearningCentres/Brochures/Community-Connections-Families.pdf>

**Suburbs Rugby Registration Day** – Monday 16 February 6.15pm at Hoon Hay Park – come along and meet some Crusaders. New player's passport or birth certificate is required. Also register on Tuesday 24th 6.15pm and Sunday 1st March 11am. For more info contact Michael Christie on 0212106858 or email [md.christie@msn.com](mailto:md.christie@msn.com).

**Halswell Hornets Registration Day** – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 12 noon – 2pm. For 4 – 16 years. Please contact Tara on 0273916177 with any queries.

**Addington Rugby League Registration Days** - Thurs 26th Feb 3.30pm-5.30pm and Sun 1st March 10am-noon, Coronation Hall next Spreydon Domain. Enquiries Gail Ph 0274341771 or email [gailwerahiko@live.com](mailto:gailwerahiko@live.com)

**Halswell Rugby League Netball Registration** for Years 1 – 4 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 6 – 7pm or register at [www.sportsground.co.nz/hrlnc](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/hrlnc) before Wed 13 Feb.

**Halswell United Summer Football** (for 4-8 year olds), Fridays 4.30-5.30pm, 13th February to 20th March (6 weeks), \$40.00. Contact Sam Bunn for details: [huaafckff@gmail.com](mailto:huaafckff@gmail.com) or check out our website ([www.hawkfootball.org.nz](http://www.hawkfootball.org.nz)) to register for First Kicks / Fun Football

**Cashmere Netball Club Open Day** – Sunday 15 February 11am – 1pm at the Hagley Netball Courts. Detroit Stirling and Marg Foster will be available at midday to answer questions and provide netball tips. More info at <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/cashmerenc> or email [cashmerenetball@hotmail.com](mailto:cashmerenetball@hotmail.com).

**Diva Rhythmic Gymnastics**- Rhythmic Gymnastics is a combination of ballet, dance and gymnastics. We emphasise fun and fitness and fantastic for co-ordination. Classes are for girls aged 4 and above for recreational and competitive classes. We are based at The NZ Institute of Sport, 66b Wharenui Rd. Contact Bianca [divargc@gmail.com](mailto:divargc@gmail.com) or call [027 521 7220](tel:0275217220). Limited spaces.

**O'Callahan Dance Studio** ♥ Fairy Dance ♥ Ballet ♥ Jazz ♥ Stretch and Acro  
Now taking Enrolments for Term One. Exam and Performance opportunities, From two years of age. Classes held in Beckenham, Barrington and St Albans areas. Contact Ciara at [ocdancestudio@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:ocdancestudio@hotmail.co.nz)

**Hoon Hay Prayer** - Meets fortnightly 1.30-2.30, starting Wednesday 11th February to pray for our children, staff and school community. There is also a Facebook Group for those unable to attend at that time. All welcome. For more details, or requests for prayer please contact [hoonhayprayer@gmail.com](mailto:hoonhayprayer@gmail.com). Messages will be treated with the utmost respect and confidentiality.

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