

# Hoon Hay School

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Kia ora Whānau,

I hope that you have had a good week. We are enjoying the very first hint that spring time is around the corner. We are certainly looking forward to the grass on the field getting some warmth to speed up the growing process. The children have done incredibly well coping without a field. We welcomed the new Team Koru playground that has been in action this week. Many many thanks to the Southern Trust for part funding this. It looks fantastic and the children are loving the challenge of the new activities.



We have completed the visits to the Hillmorton High School mārae which is a highlight on our cultural and social calendar. The beauty of these visits is that they strengthen the relationships within our school as big kids head away with little kids in whānau groupings and we get to see ex pupils taking on leadership roles. Take a look at these photos - they say it all.

As we are heading into the end of the third term we are beginning to prepare for next year. If you have a child that is not returning next year (excluding Year 6's) then we would like to know that - please see later in the newsletter for more information.

We have started our communication with Year 4 parents regarding the continuation of Chromebooks in Year 5 and 6 next year. The Year 4's are currently spending an introductory session in the Legends classrooms learning the basics of Chromebook use. We thought this would be a good taster session for them. The level of engagement, excitement and focus was superb. We have an open morning planned on the 14th September where we invite all Year 4's parents into the Legends team so you can see the learning that is happening and get your head around how this will look for your child next year. This will be followed by a parent education session on how to share the thinking and also to explain how you can purchase or lease to own a chromebook should you choose to. Please remember it is not a school expectation that you provide a chromebook for you child.

This year we have about 70% of children who own or lease to own their own chromebook. The school owns enough so that we were able to provide all children with a chromebook. The difference is that school owned chromebooks stay at school where as if you own the chromebook you can take it home. To have a chromebook in front of each child was the best situation to be in as all children had the same device, and it meant easy implementation for teachers. In 2016 ideally we would like the same situation to continue, however it does depend on the uptake of parents purchasing or leasing to own. Later in the year we will survey parents to get an idea of what the situation will be for 2016.

Have a fabulous weekend

Lee

## New Children

A HUGE Hoon Hay  
welcome to:

Emily H, Kiya C-C,  
Kean S & Harry O'D.



## Principal's Awards

Well done to the following for receiving a Principal's Award recently:

Abbey S, Henry F, Ava S, Emily R, Brierley C,  
Simon J, Cael dB, Lui M, Stephanie L, James R,  
Chloe P, Jax A, Harley G, Gabby H & James F.





# Birthdays!

Mason Y, Charlotte J, Jaden H, Arran D, Imogen L, Jackson G, James R, Thomas K, Vianne B, Hayley M, Kaitlyn G, Seth S, Alyssa G, Jess F, Milla H & Sophie P.



## 2016 Class Placements

We are beginning to plan for 2016. Hoon Hay is a large school and we have many options for placement. We like to think that we are preparing our children for the future by ensuring that they experience change in a supportive and caring environment. We want to make the best decisions that we can so that your child has a successful learning year. Your child will be surveyed to find out who their friends are and we endeavor to put children in classrooms where we know they have at least "one" good friend, however we also know that friendship groups can change. Teachers spend a large amount of time working on class placements. We consider the academic, social and emotional needs of your child. Any special requirements or needs that you would like us to consider, or be aware of, so we can best place your child, please email the information to Wendy Dent, Di Stayt or Emma Worsfold. Please don't think of this as an opportunity to request a particular teacher, rather it is a chance for you to let us know things we need to consider so that your child can have an outstanding 2016. Please also let us know if your child will not be returning to Hoon Hay School in 2016.

## Photo of the week

Thank you OLA Year 7 & 8 students for being very kind and cleaning ALL our staff cars yesterday! Your work was very much appreciated! As we all know – happiness is a clean car.



## Cure Kids - Red Nose Day

Thank you everyone for contributing and purchasing a Red Nose. Hoon Hay School were able to donate \$1,000 to Cure Kids! If you would like to donate, you can text NOSE to 933 to donate \$3 to Cure Kids.

## Hoon Hay Heroes

**Congratulations** to Tom S & Jess B for being selected to represent Canterbury in a Under 11 Boys Football team. The boys will travel to Nelson to compete in the Jack McKnight Bowerwater Football Tournament during the school holidays. We wish your teams the very best and look forward to hearing how you go.



Great work to Austin M - who was selected for a Canterbury Rugby League team.

Well done to Hannah M, who was awarded Distinction in her Jazz Exam for the Junior Grades with the Southern Ballet.



Charlotte N received some great results in her Jazz Competition.

Kaya W and Rueben B have both been selected for the Rugby League under 10 yr team!



Well done everyone!



## BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Hoon Hay teams who played in the finals on Wednesday evening at Pioneer Stadium. These teams did Hoon Hay proud and it was great to see a large crowd of supporters on the sidelines including lots of our wonderful teachers cheering our teams on. In B grade Hoon Hay Hotshots finished in 5th place with Hoon Hay

Falcons right behind them in 6th place. These teams have had a fantastic season and have made their mark in B grade, which contained 16 teams.

In A grade Hoon Hay Globetrotters were the victors, finishing in 1st place. This team has not lost a game all season and then had a blinding final to beat our neighbour school OLA 31-8. Way to go HOON HAY.



## HAGLEY WINTER SPORT

Our Hagley winter sport has now come to the end of the season. Our eight Hoon Hay teams have been very competitive down at Hagley on Fridays afternoons. The children and coaches have looked forward to Friday sport and teams have obtained some great results during the season. The children have competed in Hockey, Netball, Football and Rugby - well done to all our teams - you have done Hoon Hay proud! Now is the time for sports uniforms to be returned clean to Mrs Meaclem - please see legends notices on school website for return times and days.

Sports prize giving will be held in the hall on Friday 11th September 11.30-12.30pm for all our winter teams including basketball. Parents are invited to attend.

## LOST & Found - can you help?

Two scooters have been lost from our Scooter lock-up – maybe your child has taken one home by accident? The owners would greatly appreciate you checking your garage and returning if you find them. One is red and black, and the other is a white MGP with red handle grips and sticks with a devil picture on the footboard. Please contact the office if you know where they are. Both are named



**FOUND** – We have two jackets (left) in the office and we're hoping to find their owners. If unclaimed by the end of August, we will donate to a charity.

**Lost & Found**

## Calendar Dates



### AUGUST

- 24 TK Choir – Kids for Kids at Wigram – 7.30 pm
- 27 Canterbury School Winter Tournament (pp 1 and 3 September)  
Parent Education Evening – Cyber Smart Environment (OLA School Hall) – 7pm
- 28 Full School Assembly – 9.00 am
- 31 Cultural Festival – Rehearsal 8am  
Cultural Festival Performance – 6.45 pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Kids in Town – Legends Choir and selected group – 11.30 am – 1.30 pm
- 4 New and Prospective Parents Meeting – 9.30 am  
Second Hand Uniform Sale – 2.30 pm
- 8 Art Attack Grandparent Morning 10.00 am – 11.00 am  
Art Attack – Exhibition open 11.30 am – 7.00 pm  
Legends Open Day  
Y6 To Christchurch South – 1.00 pm
- 9 Art Attack – Exhibition open 8.00 am – 1.00 pm  
Legends Choir – rehearsal 9.00 am  
Legends Open Day
- 11 Full School Assembly – 9.00 am  
Legends Sports Assembly – 11.30a m – 12.30 pm
- 14 Y4 parents 1:1 Device Open Day – Room 13  
Mighty Minnows Student Led Conferences
- 15 The Nest Student Led Conferences
- 16 Team Koru – Student Led Conferences
- 17 Parent Education – Cyber Smart Environment at Home Hall  
Board of Trustees Meeting
- 18-25 Year 6 Cycle Safe
- 21 Parent Education Digital Learning Spaces (Google sites) – 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm
- 24 Yr 5 Golf
- 25 Full School Assembly – 9.00 am  
Term 3 Ends



### 2015 Public Holidays

**Monday 26 October** Labour Day  
**Friday 13 November** Show Day

### 2015 School Terms

#### Term 3

Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September

#### Term 4

Monday 12 October – 12 noon Wednesday 16 December



**Wednesday 14th October - 1.30 pm**  
Parent session Managing anxiety in children.  
This is a repeat of the popular session held last year by Justine Aldous.

## Community News

**Spreydon Tennis Club** - Free introductory Hot Shots coaching sessions – Friday 4th and 11th of September, 3.30-4.30pm. Come and check out the club's great facilities at 71 Domain Terrace. There's something for everyone with coaching, social and competitive membership options. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME. Find out more at [www.spreydontennis.org](http://www.spreydontennis.org) or call Jenny (Junior Administrator) on 960 9340 (evenings).

**Halswell Junior Cricket Club** welcomes new and returning players to its 2015/16 registration days on:  
Wednesday 9th September, 7pm-8pm; Oaklands School Hall Foyer  
Sunday 13th September, 10am-11am; Halswell Domain  
Teams available for boys and girls up to Year 8 on Saturdays. Superstar Academy for beginners, aged 4-6, on Wednesdays 4pm-5:30pm. Season starts on Saturday 17th October. More details available at [www.halswellcricket.co.nz](http://www.halswellcricket.co.nz) or email [juniors@halswellcricket.co.nz](mailto:juniors@halswellcricket.co.nz) for more information.

**Parenting Week is nearly here** – 24th – 29th August! If you haven't already booked your tickets, please do it NOW as some seminars have only a few places left. Don't miss out on Nathan Wallis, Diane Levy, John Cowan (The Parenting Place), Richard Black (Strength to Strength) among many others. See the full programme at [www.nht.org.nz](http://www.nht.org.nz) and go to [www.dashtickets.org.nz](http://www.dashtickets.org.nz) to book. Most \$5 or less. Email [ginny@nht.org.nz](mailto:ginny@nht.org.nz) if you have any problems booking.

**Christchurch South Uniform for sale:** Boys Polo Shirt and V Neck Jersey for sale. \$50 for both. Please phone Fran on 338 1697.

**AIR FORCE MUSEUM, September/October Holiday Programme** - Book in now for the Air Force Museum's September holiday programme, 'Battle for Wigram', starting 28th September and running until 9th October 2015. Our OSCAR endorsed holiday programme is all about 're-capturing' the Wigram base through a series of unique daily challenges and missions. We also have plenty of games, craft and unique activities on offer for a fun-filled holiday break. **Cost:** Half day: \$25, Full day: \$35, Full week: \$170. **To book in:** contact our public programmes team on 03 343 9504 or email [programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz](mailto:programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz)

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# CASPA

## After School & Holiday Programme

CASPA is now open for Sept/Oct Holiday Programme enrolments.  
Get in quick to secure places at our Prebbleton and Hoon Hay venues.

We provide a safe, creative environment for 5-13 year olds  
Our leaders are trained

A range of fun and exciting activities on and off site

8am-6pm Holidays  
Kids just LOVE it!



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