

Rāpare tua wha o Haratua : Thursday 4 May 2017

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Anniversary Reporting

As mentioned previously, we are changing the reporting cycle for our students **in the first three years of school** to be aligned with the requirements of **NATIONAL STANDARDS**. This is happening in many schools across New Zealand (and in Horowhenua).

This is not driven primarily by government requirements. We believe that it will also be a MUCH MORE ACCURATE 'assessment' of where your child is at and it is also much more aligned to our personalised approach to learning.

In the first three years at school, we are moving to reporting on students' **time at school**, rather than **calendar years** which have traditionally been in July and December. There will be **NO** change to reporting for students in Years 4 -6.

The report format is the same, however there **will be a change to WHEN** you receive it.

What will this mean for your child?

This is quite a big shift to get heads around (for teachers and leaders too!) but...

...if your child is in their **first three years** at school they will receive an interim report (half way through THEIR school year) and an anniversary report (for THEIR full school year).



Driftwood
'planters'
Room 13
Owen and
Monty

The reports will go home with the students at the end of the TERM that coincides with **their** half year or **their** BIRTHDAY at school.

When can you expect a 'written' report for your child if they are in the first three years?

All New Entrant children have a 'first month/six weeks at school' report.

Birthday	Type of report
March or early April birthdays or start dates	Interim report and conference – End of Term 3 Anniversary (Birthday) report – End of Term 1
Late April, May, June/early July birthdays or start dates	Interim report and conference – End of Term 4 Anniversary (Birthday) report – End of Term 2
Late July, August, September birthdays or start dates	Interim report and conference – End of Term 1 Anniversary (Birthday) report – End of Term 3
October, November, December, January, February birthdays or start dates	Interim report and conference – End of Term 2 Anniversary (Birthday) report – End of Term 4

N.B. This year is our first year of reporting and because of this, this will include some 'catching up' for some children. Just as a reminder, however, nearly all children received a report at the end of 2016.

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Levin North and Levin East combine to celebrate Matariki

As I mentioned last term, we are very excited that our two Kapa Haka ropu are combining with those from Levin East to perform at Te Takere during Matariki. We are performing on Friday 23 June with both our senior and junior Kapa Haka (just started this year and VERY cute!). We also have a couple of combined waiata – I can't wait – more details to come! Thanks Mr B, Arianna and Nadene for organising this! Not sure if Te Takere is ready for us all!

A request... spare clothes needed!

Help! We need some tarau (shorts/ longs) for our medical room supplies – usually the smaller sizes are needed as mud and water are a great combination to be playing in - but anything would be great. Thanks!

TEACHER ONLY DAY: TUESDAY 6 JUNE – NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

We are having a **Teacher Only Day** on **Tuesday 6 June** which is the Tuesday after Queen's Birthday weekend. This year we are combining with Levin and Fairfield schools and are going to Kawiu Marae for the day to learn more about our local area. It will be a great opportunity for some of our teachers and support staff to practice their newly learned skills in Te Reo Maori!



Economers

Over the next few weeks the Eco-Nomers will be making lemon ice blocks to raise money for a school-wide visit from native skinks, geckos, eels and fish. If you have any lemons to spare, please could you drop them in to Mrs MacKenzie in Room 17 or Mrs Deroles in Room 7. Kia ora.

Opal's 'garden'



Scholastic Bookclub

Scholastic Bookclub orders were given to all classes on Tuesday. If you wish to place an order, please have your order forms returned to the office by Wednesday 17 May. Thank you.

Fundfinders: DISCO FEVER - Friday 19 May

This disco will be a '**Pirate**' theme. The costs will be \$2 for entry, \$1 pizza, \$1 chippies, drinks, chocolates, glow rings HOWEVER WE DESPERATELY NEED HELP for this evening to even happen! Please, we need help to sell the food (you don't need to be able to dance) as our Fundfinders crew are sadly depleted! We would LOVE to have your names left at the school office!

Fundfinders Meeting on Monday (3.15 pm) at school in Room 10 to talk about where to from here as a group. Once again we would love your ideas - coming to the meeting is NOT committing you to attending every other meeting!

Parking outside the school (again!)

If you are parking outside our school to collect or drop off your children, PLEASE PARK legally! We have some neighbours who are quite rightly getting a little upset as people are continually parking over their driveways!

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