



Kia Ora Whanau,

As Term 3 draws to a close I have so many amazing memories of my first term of being Principal at Highfield. It has been wonderful to get to know students, teachers and families. I have learned so much in such a short space in time and I am excited about the school's future journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Rema Leitch. Rema has the most incredible energy, knowledge and nurturing support. Nothing phases Rema and she conducts herself with great dignity and compassion. I have been very lucky to have her guidance this term and I will miss her honesty and sense of humour. Highfield has benefitted from her guidance over the last year and she has been able to steady and secure the ship. I know she has some travel plans and I look forward to hearing her stories. I wish her all the best in her future endeavours and I know she will continue to support the students, staff and community.

On a different note I had the fortune to watch Highfield Kapahaka group at Flava Festival last Friday. All I can say is WOW!! The students were incredible. Their performance was emotional, spine tingling and extremely powerful. One parent said to me, "they were on point." Watching the children made me realise what a fantastic school Highfield is, they were proud that they were able to represent our school and this was evident in their dedication, motivation and energy. After school I returned for the prize giving and was blown away by the students patience and respect. Highfield were either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in every prize section and each time picked up their award with mahaki. Special mention must be given to Siobhan and Kerry. These two ladies worked tirelessly to prepare the students and did a great job.

Next term Mrs Kylie Haynes will be supporting the school in two different capacities. She will lead and support whole school pastoral care whilst also lead the senior syndicate. I am very excited to have her on board in helping our school develop a more consistent approach to our positive behaviour systems.

At Highfield we take great pride in our school grounds and facilities. Grant spends considerable time in making our area safe and beautiful. Therefore, we would like this to be reciprocated by all members of our school community. Please be mindful when playing in the grounds after school, during weekends and holidays. The swimming pool is out of bounds, it is unsafe, dangerous and illegal to use it without prior permission and adult supervision.

Lastly, thanks to all staff and community of Highfield. We are lucky to have staff who are forward thinking and supportive and a community that helps to drive our school. Have a wonderful and well deserved break.

World Cup Rippa games at school on Thursday.

Please wear a top in your house colour.

Year 3 / 4 Competition 9.15 – 10.15

Year 1 / 2 Skills – 10.40 – 11.00

Year 5 / 6 Competition – 11.15 – 12.15

Year 7 / 8 Competition – 1.15 – 2.15

The Kapa Haka group will be having a sausage sizzle (orders taken on Wednesday / Thursday mornings before school)

Come along, watch some games and join us for lunch.

Some of our most avid readers who won Scholastic vouchers at our book fair.



LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair – a huge thank you to the school community for their support of our book fair. Just over \$2,000 was raised, which enabled us to purchase \$600 worth of books for the school library.

School Fair Book Stall – the librarians and Mrs Wilson will be manning a bookstall at the school fair. This will consist of books that have been deleted from the library system over the past year. Also they will be looking for donations of children's and adults books to include in the stall. Please drop off any donations of books into the library.



It is getting close to our fair.....so save the date! Sunday 3rd November.

The day will be full and festive. We are planning to have a range of activities and stalls.

Between now and then, if you are having a spring clean, now is the time to get all your unwanted household items/clothing together for our white elephant. (no large electrical items thanks). There is also baking, sweets and plant stalls that need your help.

The Home and School is very focused and enthusiastic about our fair and we would love more volunteers on the day. If you can help in any way, please let us know and we can add you on the roster for the day.

On **Friday 18th October** there will be a **FOR THE FAIR Mufti day**. In preparation for the fair, instead of a monetary donation we are asking classes to bring items that will be used at the fair.

Team Kauri - Chocolates - bars, packets, boxes

Team Rimu - Mystery bottle - (fruit sauces, chutneys, jars of fun, anything imaginative! No alcohol please)

Team Rata - Wrapped lollies - fruit bursts, lolly scramble, freddo frogs, -- anything wrapped

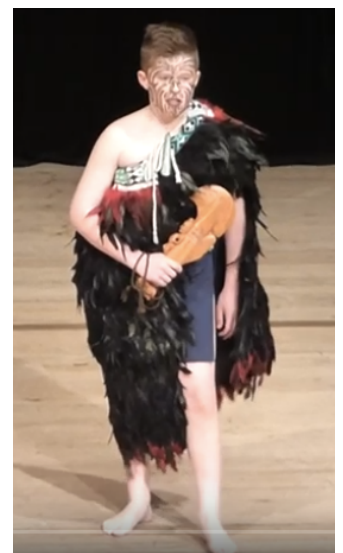
Thank you for your ongoing support, without you these fundraisers would not be successful

Flava Festival

Friday the 20th of September marked one amazing day for Te Waka Kotahi Ropu (Highfield Kapahaka). The tamariki in our Ropu did extremely well at Flava Festival 2019. They were polished, they were confident, they were proud and they had heaps of mana. I am so proud of each and every child who contributed to Flava Festival. We entered lots of visual art, we had an awesome Mau Rakau Group who was entered in the performing arts section and we had an outstanding Kapahaka Ropu. A special mention to our two Kaea. They were absolutely amazing. Emily Heke did a wonderful karanga and lead our ropu through their waiata beautifully. Ashton Hurrell had his last year being our lead male and he was outstanding. I am so honored to have been his Kapahaka Teacher for the past 4 years. Our ropu will miss him very much next year. Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year and especially to all the whanau that made it down to watch the groups on the day and to everyone who made it to the prize giving it was really special having that support while waiting on the results. Ngā mihi, Siobhan Stewart.

Kā Toi Māori o Aoraki Cultural Festival Results 2019:

- Kapahaka Award Junior Section 2nd Te Waka Kotahi
- Kaea Teina Award Female Lead- Junior 2nd Emily Heke
- Aggregate Overall Awards (Highest combined score from all sections) 3rd Te Waka Kotahi
- Te Reo Rangatira Award (Language and pronunciation) 3rd= Te Waka Kotahi
- Performing Arts Award Junior 3rd Highfield Primary School
- Te Rito Visual Arts Award Primary School Section (Healthy Relationships Promoting a Healthy Environment) 1st Highfield Primary School
- Visual Arts Award Junior 3rd= Highfield Primary School
- Visual Arts Award Best individual work- Junior 2nd Penelope Hutt



10 great reasons to walk to school with your children!

Walking to school is an excellent way to include daily physical activity into your child's life. And if you walk with them, it's an excellent way to get some physical activity for yourself too.

Here are 10 great reasons to walk to school together:

- I. It's fun
- II. It's healthy
- III. It's non-polluting
- IV. It's friendly
- V. It reduces stress
- VI. It's a chance to teach and learn road safety skills
- VII. It's considerate
- VIII. It's educational
- IX. It's free – no petrol money
- X. It makes the street outside the school safer

Kapa Haka Sausage Sizzle
Thursday 26th of
September. Orders will be
taken outside the Office on
Wednesday & Thursday
morning.
They are \$2 each.

HOMEWORK TASK

Team Rimu's homework task involved a technology challenge of building at bridge. Here is Jack from the Weka's Room 5 effort. We think it is very awesome. Well done Jack!

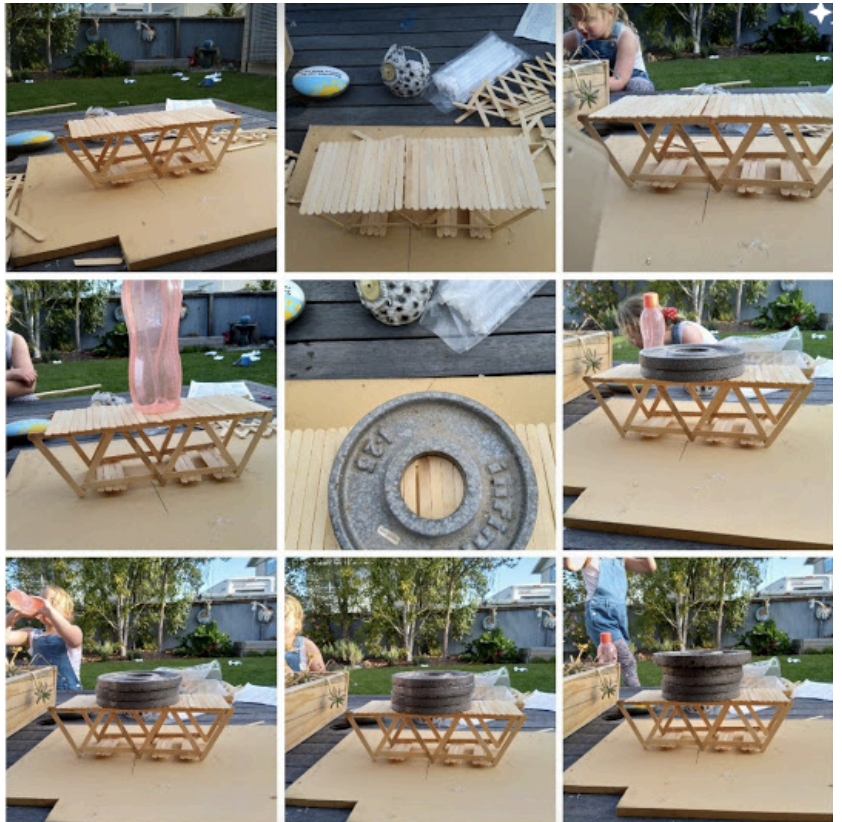
ROOM 12

Toroa (Room 12) have been writing Acrostic Poems about the Rugby World Cup.

Rugby is a great sport
Uniting with other players they have versed
Getting to play against other players
Because they would like to win for the world cup
You want to play a great game

When you are winning you are amazed
Over the score
Right as you kick the ball over the
Line in front of the goal post
Detecting who you want to tackle, a player to get the ball, then when you get a
Card that is yellow you are gutted
Upset and really ashamed but you never give up
People might think you have lost but you don't care who loses and wins.

Written by Jorja Jennens - Y8 Toroa (R12)



Forward pass is not what
you want, so play
strong and never give up, be an
All Black and be the best but most importantly
be Yourself!

Written by Manasa Seniloli - Y7 Toroa (R12)

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HIGHFIELD SCHOOL

Athletic Sports

25 September

Dear Parents / Caregivers

The Highfield School Athletic Sports for our Year 3 – 8 pupils will be held on
Tuesday 5 November (postponement day Thursday 7th November) at the Alpine Energy All
Weather Track at Aorangi Park.

The Year 3 – 8 will be competing in set events Baseball throw, Shot Put, Long Jump, High Jump
and Sprints. The sports will begin at 9 am and will conclude at approximately 2:30pm. All
students are asked to meet their class teachers at the stadium by 8.45am.

For this day to be successful, we require several parents to act as officials, especially in the
morning. The official's roles include tasks such as time keeping, recording and measuring, all very
straight forward I assure you.

If you are able to help with this event, please complete the form below and return to me by Friday
18th October

Many Thanks

Robyn Cooper / Hayley Clark
Co-ordinators

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Athletic Sports

I am able to act as an official at the Highfield School Athletic Sports for the following sessions:
(please tick times you are available)

Tuesday 5 November

- ☐ Morning Session
☐ Afternoon Session

Thursday 7 November

- ☐ Morning Session
☐ Afternoon Session

Parent Name _____

Childs name _____

Room _____