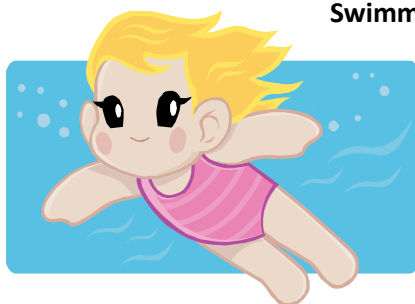


Camp Review For many years Hampton Hill has run very successful camps for the year 6 students. The BOT want us to review this. One of the thoughts was that, whilst the camp is great for the year 6 students, by taking them at the end of the year, the school misses out on the amazing personal development that happens to the children as a result of the experience because they leave us as soon as they return. The staff met on Monday and also reviewed and shared ideas. The next thing we want to do is to gather ideas from the community. If you have any thoughts or feelings on this topic, please either come in and see me, email me lou.brayburns@hamptonhill.school.nz, write me a note or fill in the online form – see the Forms page of our website for the link or click here



<https://docs.google.com/a/hamptonhill.school.nz/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEZhX3JRaHdKdHhZMHdKTIRDREd6cWc6MQ#gid=0>.



Swimming Another topic that came up was the number of drownings we have had in NZ this year and the number that have been children. The BOT want to remind families that whilst we provide swimming lessons for children through school, this should be considered minimal. Families should seek further swimming instruction for their children and provide numerous opportunities to spend time around and in water with children, talking to them about safe behaviour. Many drowning's can be prevented and as responsible citizens we must educate our children about water safety.

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LEARNING CONFERENCES TERM 1 Please remember to book in for a learning conference for your child on either Wednesday 22 or Thursday 23 February. To book a time, simply ring Sara on 2326509 and she will make a 15 minute slot for you to spend time with your child's teacher. These conferences are very important and our goal is to see every family in the school. Please make this a priority for your child. REMINDER THAT SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.30PM ON BOTH WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.



LIBRARY PARENT HELPERS This year we want to open the library at lunchtimes again for the children and need parents to help us do this. If you could give us one lunchtime a week to come in and help, we would really appreciate it. We have a very keen group of student librarians who have been trained to issue and shelve books but need some parents who could also be there to supervise. If you can assist please call Sara on 2326509.

DO YOU ENJOY READING WITH CHILDREN? BOOK CLUB 2012 We are still looking for volunteers from our parent group, and from the community, to come to school and spend time reading to and hearing children read. If you are willing to help, we will pair you up with the same student(s) each week to give them the opportunity of some regular one on one reading practice. It would involve half an hour per student once a week and will take place in the school library. Guidelines and techniques for the sessions will be provided.



If you are interested in joining our group of volunteers, know of a community group that we could approach, or just want to know more, please call Sara on 232 6509, email her sara.mclay@hamptonhill.school.nz or come along to the morning tea on Friday 17 February at 10 am in the staffroom to find out more.



READING LOGS 2012 The staff had several discussions toward the end of 2011 on the benefits of using reading logs. They had noticed that many of the children in the senior area of the school were not using them but they were being well used in the junior school. We made the decision to trial the use of an online version of the log in 2012 for year 3 to 6 to ignite the children's interest in reading more. To date we have been working on putting this system in place. Scott will communicate further with you about how this will run and what your involvement will be. We are very keen to promote reading at home with all children and see this as a positive move forward for the school. The juniors will continue to use the reading log this year.



LUNCH ON LINE We are pleased to advise you that the LunchOnline service will be available for all families from Monday 20 February. Sara is sending home a separate notice with the menu and user instructions. I have just signed up and it was really easy! Great menu as well!

Week	Date	Assembly date	Assembly hosts
3.	13-17 Feb	17 Feb	Room 7
4.	20-24 Feb	24 Feb	Room 8
5.	27 Feb-2 Mar	2 March	Room 9
6.	5-9 March	9 March	Room 4
7.	12-16 March	16 March	Room 3
8.	19-23 March	23 March	Room 1
9.	26-30 March	30 March	Room 6

ASSEMBLY ROSTER TERM 1 – Here is the roster for term 1. All parents are welcome to attend our assemblies and there are seats provided at the back for you to sit on. Please remember this roster is subject to change so ring Sara 232 6509 to check beforehand.



NEW TO SCHOOL Leonard Santos & MJ des Tombe in Room 1. We all wish you and your families a big Hampton Hill welcome.

WEEKLY AWARDS

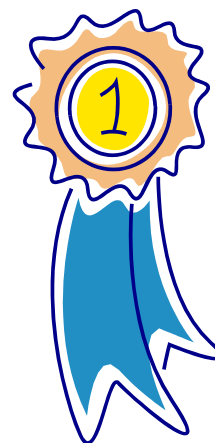
Room 1: Ashley for being a wonderful help at tidy up time; **Tytus** for great tennis skills.

Room 4: Teora for being a very helpful member of room 4; **Jake** for being a very sensible member of room 4!

Room 6: Tyler for helping someone when hurt; **Kaia** for great leadership during reading; **Madison** for supporting her team during reading.

Room 7: Shannon, Sophie and **Joseph** for being great role models in the Room 7 community; **Conal** for having the confidence to share his ideas during class discussions.

Room 9: Codie - welcome to Hampton Hill School and Room 9; **TUA** for proofreading his work and fixing up mistakes; **Aydn** for working towards his goal in writing.



Calendar

22 and 23 February – 3 Way Conferences

7 March – Community Hui - more info coming next week

5 April – Last day term 1

Community News and Information

WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CHILDREN’S CHOIR is a choir aimed specifically at children aged between 5-12 years old. We will meet on Fridays from 3.30-4.45 at Clyde Quay School. Anyone with a passion for singing or music is welcome to come along. For more information please contact choir administrator, Emily Goldie at andy.emily@slingshot.co.nz

SPECIAL NEEDS SURFING FAMILY FUN Simon Parkin offers a ‘Surfing experience’ to autistic children and other people with special needs. He is offering ‘Give it a go’ days. – Koha/donation appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Simon on 972 7983 or 027 2402059 to register with your name and phone numbers. Proposed date is Sunday 19 February at 11.00am but is weather/surf dependent. Location: The very western end of Lyall Bay (to your right when looking out to sea). Look at Simon’s web link to see when special needs surfing is happening: <http://surfcoachingwellington.co.nz/special-needs>

TAWA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB Junior registration 5yrs – 14 yrs Boys and Girls. The club will be holding a registration day on Sunday 19 February from 1pm – 4pm and again on Tuesday 21 February from 6pm –8pm. Payment can be made by cheque, cash or eftpos on the day, and it will be held at the Redwood Park Clubrooms, Redwood Ave, Tawa. Champs Sport Central will also be on site for gear purchase. For any other details please refer to website www.tawafotball.org.nz

TOP ROCK GUITAR SCHOOL – We advertised this in last week’s newsletter and now have enrolment forms in the office for those who wish to take part.

MANA TIAKI - COMMUNITY KAPAHAKA ROOPU Greetings to our parents and whanau in Tawa and surrounding areas. Mana Tiaki is a community group based at the Tawa Community Centre. We would like to welcome families along to our community kapahaka sessions on Thursday afternoons after school. For Term 1 of this year we will be running workshops from 4.30pm - 5.30pm - all ages are welcome to attend. Please watch our website for details of these workshops - <http://www.manatiaki.maori.nz>

Kapahaka starts Thursday, February 16th at the Tawa Community Centre 3.30pm - 3.55pm :

Nga Mokopuna Mana Tiaki – a preschool group having fun with kapahaka. We welcome all our existing toddlers back and all new ones!

4.00pm - 4.30pm : Afternoon Tea - Nga Mokopuna are welcome to stay on for afternoon tea. All other tamariki wishing to join one of our four kapahaka groups can have afternoon tea with us first before we start. This Thursday we welcome all newbies and families.

4.30pm - 5.30pm: WORKSHOP 1 (in a series for Term 1) Age group - all ages. Kapahaka Ice breaker - A fun session to meet other whanau and have fun with kapahaka basics. All welcome.



Sell your home and help us..... If you sell your home with the Professionals Tawa and mention that you have a child at Hampton Hill School, they will donate \$500 to the school when it is sold.



Thanks to Fancypants Design for all their work on our website.



Mini-me's

Starting a new year is easy so we decided to share things about ourselves so we could get to know each other.

On our mini me's we used pictures that showed things about ourselves - like family, hobbies, favourite colour, sports, favourite subject.



Our mini-me's getting to know each other in Room 6.

In Room 6 we have been discussing what it means to us to be C.L.E.V.E.R.

C.L.E.V.E.R. stands for :

Caring and Confident

Life Long Learner

Energetic

Visionary

Enterprising

Respect

We discussed what this will look like in our classroom and then designed signs for each letter to remind us how we can all be CLEVER.



What makes us good readers?

Here are some of the ideas we came up with

Before reading:

- Think about what happens next
- Read the title
- Skim and scan for key words
- Visualise what is going to happen
- Make sure you understand
- Go to a quiet room

During reading:

- Visualise what is going to happen
- Skim and scan for key words
- Think about what happens next
- Make sure you understand
- Stop when punctuation comes up
- If you don't know what a word is sound it out
- Have no distractions

After reading:

- Retell the book to another person
- Visualise what is going to happen
- Put the book down if you don't like it.
- Think how that book was
- Make sure you understand
- When you are done reading think about what the book was about
- After you have done with a book ask your mum to ask you a question.