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Whakatauki:

**Kaua e rangiruatia te hāpai o te hoe; e kore tō tātou waka e ū ki uta.**

Don't paddle out of unison; our canoe will never reach the shore.

## NEWSLINK 5 February 2012

Tena koutou

Welcome back everyone to Hampton Hill School Newslink 2012. This is the best way we have to keep you up to date with all the happenings in the school, so make sure you keep an eye out for it every Thursday. We are keen to email it out as this saves the school paper and you also get it in colour!! So if you haven't signed up for it by email – give Sara a call 232 6509 and she will organise it for you. If you have opted in and received this by hard copy, I do apologise as not all student records have been updated yet.

I hope you all had a lovely holiday and, even though the weather wasn't always the best, that you made the most of the break. The staff and I have had a great holiday with some of us travelling overseas to see new sights. We have also had four teacher only days focusing on the curriculum and leadership and assessment. We also had a day's training on our new student management system so we are up and ready to go with that (we hope!). We are excited to be back and it is such a pleasure to see the children arrive back smiling and excited to start the year with all it holds for them.

The Newslink this week contains information about the Incredible Years Programme and tells you how you can access it if you are interested. We have had several families take the course and they have all talked about how worthwhile it was for them.

My door is always open if you want to come and see me.

Nga mihi nui Lou Bray-Burns *Principal*



Dear Parents



The Ministry of Education – Special Education, and several NGOs are working together to provide the Incredible Years Parenting Programme throughout this district in 2012.

Incredible Years is a programme that helps with the day to day difficulties in parenting children (aged 3 – 8 years old) with challenging behaviour. It is run as a group. Incredible Years builds on the strengths that you and others in the group already have. Because each child is an individual and no two families are the same, Incredible Years will help you to parent your unique child. Building a positive relationship with your child is the basis from which changes can be made and parenting can become easier. This programme has been run worldwide for 25 years and has helped many parents and their families.

### **What can I expect if I attend Incredible Years?**

- To become part of a fun, interactive and supportive group
- Attend weekly 2½ hour sessions for a period of 14-16 weeks
- Join a group of 12-18 parents who are also experiencing challenges in parenting
- Have opportunities to share my experience and ideas and build my confidence as a parent

### **What is special about Incredible Years?**

- It is a programme that has been proven to be effective for families experiencing challenges with their children
- It is a programme run by facilitators with knowledge in specialist areas
- The first half of the programme builds on your child's social abilities and co-operative behaviours.
- The second half of the programme focuses on how to reduce the inappropriate behaviours
- Incredible Years puts the fun back into parenting

If this sounds like you, GSE have referral forms. If you would like to know more please call the Ministry of Education – Special Education, Dawn NIPPERT on 04 439-4671 or 0800 737275; or fill in the form below and return to us at the address listed.

# Referral to Incredible Years Programme



**Details of Child**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Dob: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ Iwi: \_\_\_\_\_ Hapu: \_\_\_\_\_

School/ECE: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis/Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of Referrer to Incredible Years (if applicable)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Information**

I agree to this referral being made and information being shared between Ministry of Education - Special Education and other providers (Incredible Families Charitable Trust & Ministry of Health).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent's Signature)

Choice of course - day and time : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Choice of venue : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Will you bring a support person? Yes / No Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other children in the family (and dates of birth):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ dob: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ dob: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ dob: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ dob: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any barriers to you attending the course that we might be able to help with?

Are there other agencies / professionals involved with your family? Yes / No

If Yes please name them:

**Specific behavioural or emotional needs of the child:**

**Parent's Comments:**

**Please return this completed form to:**  
Incredible Years - Dawn NIPPERT  
Ministry of Education - Special Education  
P O Box 30-177  
LOWER HUTT 5040

*Office Use Only*

Date referral received: \_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledgement letter sent: \_\_\_\_\_

Prioritisation date: \_\_\_\_\_ Outcome: \_\_\_\_\_

Outcome letter sent: \_\_\_\_\_

JBR job opened: \_\_\_\_\_

Other:

# School News and Information



## STAFF CHANGES

During the holidays Dom Barnao had a change of circumstances that caused him to resign his position of job sharing with Joanne Speight. Dom is still working with us in the school but doing fewer hours. We feel really lucky to have been able to keep him on board and sharing his expertise with us.

To cover the job position we have been able to employ Ruthanne Kennedy. Ruthanne joined us last year taking over responsibility for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and relieving when staff were absent. She is a fully trained teacher and has many years' experience which she will be able to bring to the children of Rooms 3 and 4 - where she will cover Christy's release in term 1.

## BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

As many of you will know we run an after school care programme for children enrolled at Hampton Hill School. Maria O'Carroll, who is in charge of the programme, is happy to offer before school care for children whose parents have a need to have their children looked after at the start of the day. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please call Sara in our school office and leave your name and contact details and she will get Maria to contact you. Alternatively you can call Maria on 0274 823 138.



## BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE - BYOD

At the end of last year I sent a letter home to all families advising them of classes and costs for 2012. I also wrote a letter asking for an indication of interest for children to bring their own devices. I have been watching the news this week and seen that the BYOD discussion has become very topical. This newsletter includes a brochure which one of our students made, last year, quite independently of my letter and today I thought I would send it home for you to look at. If you are interested in your child being part of this initiative please fill in the slip below and return it to Sara in the office ASAP. Below is a copy of the letter I sent home at the end of last year

*Dear parents*

*I am writing to seek an expression of interest from you for children from years 3 to 6 to bring their own device (BYOD) to school next year (2012). This would involve children purchasing their own netbook and having it set up to work in the school environment. As many of you know, Tawa Intermediate has already moved to this point and we are now at the stage to move there too. As a school we have children with their own email accounts and next year we are wanting to move to children having their own ePortfolio. In order for children to be able to access these web based applications we need to have more devices for them to use. As a school we are faced with the decision of spending the money on the devices or allowing children to bring a device of their own that they can use as and when they need it – in much the same way as we would have used a pencil and paper when we were at school.*

*We want the children to purchase one common device from our tech company Norrcom. The reason for this is that it is cheaper for them to create one image for all the computers and we know that the device will work on our network. We are currently in the process of working with Norrcom to sort out procedures and school protocols, which I will communicate to you as we move forward. If you have any questions please email me and I will answer them myself or forward them to Paul Norris from Norrcom to get the answers for you. If you are interested in your child being part of this initiative, please fill in the form below and return it to school at the start of the term. I will then send you more information as it comes available.*

*I am really looking forward to the school moving to this new phase in our ICT development and the opportunities that it will make available for the children.*

*Kind regards*

*Lou Bray-Burns*

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### BYOD EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I am interested in purchasing a device for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to use at school and home. Parent name \_\_\_\_\_



## COMMUNITY HUI 7 MARCH 2012

This week we had the first meeting to plan our next Hui. The purpose of the Hui is to allow everyone to engage and have a voice in the running and outcomes of the school. From this year we plan to do it both through small informal meetings and sharing and engaging with our whole community.

The Hui is for **all** members of the school community – that is parents, children and wider family. The MOE charge us with the duty to engage with our Maori and Pasifika families and we believe as a school that the best way to do this is to hold whole school community hui's during the year. Hampton Hill has a family atmosphere and our Hui's are one way we bring our families together to meet, talk and eat as one.

Our next Hui is 7 March from 5.30 – 8.30pm. It will be run along similar lines as the first one we had last year – so put this date in your diary and come along. More information will come out soon for this.

### XMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

While it seems a long time ago, I am keen to share with you the results of the Christmas Raffle which we drew at the end of last term.. The winners were: 1 Prize – Louise Will; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Eileen Vowles; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Jakob Dennis; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize - Barbara Stuart; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Graham Matthews

### NEW TO SCHOOL

Nikora Goldsmith, Ella Simpson, Ashley Williams, Rebecca Tisch, Tytus Cleland, Zion Haywood-Frost and Brendan Hanlon – all in Room 1; and Codie Williams in Room 9. We all wish you and your families a big Hampton Hill welcome.

### Calendar

6 February – Waitangi Day  
9 February – BOT meeting  
22 and 23 February – 3 Way Conferences  
7 March – Community Hui  
5 April – Last day term 1

### Term dates 2012

Term one: Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 5 April  
Term two: Monday 23 April – Friday 29 June  
Term three: Monday 16 July – Friday 28 September  
Term four: Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December



### School Hours

Our school day begins at 8.55am and finishes at 3.00pm. Morning break is from 11.00 – 11.20am and lunch from 1.00pm – 2.00pm. New Entrant children remain at school until 3.00 p.m.

Staff meetings are: Monday afternoon from 3.15 – 4.45pm for professional development; Wednesday morning from 8.00 – 8.45am; and Friday mornings from 8.00 – 8.45am.

Teams and curriculum groups meet weekly for planning on Tuesdays from 3.15 – 4.45.

## Community News and Information

### SUNDAY DIVING

Due to popular demand: Wellington High Performance Aquatics SUNDAY DIVING sessions are back in Term 1! If you've watched the divers at Kilbirnie pool and thought you'd like to give it a try....now's your chance! Dates - February: Sunday 5, Sunday 12, Sunday 26. March: Sunday 4, Sunday 11, Sunday 18. April: Sunday 1 April

Time: 2.30-3.30 p.m. Place: Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre. Cost: \$5.00 per session plus your pool entry. Meeting place: Enrol at the 5 metre end of the pool. For more information contact: Diving Director Ph: 021 443-984 [whpa@clear.net.nz](mailto:whpa@clear.net.nz) , [www.whipa.org.nz](http://www.whipa.org.nz)

**GREEN PAPER ON VULNERABLE CHILDREN**

As you may be aware the Minister for Social Development, Paula Bennett, launched a Green Paper consultation document intended to stimulate debate about vulnerable children. A full copy of the Green Paper can be found at: <http://www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz>. The Green Paper process will result in a Children's Action Plan and Children's Legislation which will put children first. Katrina Shanks, National List MP, is hosting a 'drop in' session to enable anyone interested to express their views.

**When:** Monday 13th February: 11am - 12.30pm **Where:** Office of Katrina Shanks: 2nd Floor, 23-29 Broderick Rd, Johnsonville (across the road from Toy World). For more information please email [katrinashanks.mp@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:katrinashanks.mp@parliament.govt.nz) or call 04 461 7193.

**GOOD TIME MUSIC ACADEMY**

Enrolments for music lessons in 2012 are open! We have a massive team of tutors who are all excited to help you or someone you know grow and develop your skills on your chosen instrument. We even have two locations - one in Silverstream and now one in Petone!! We have a range of lessons available for: piano or keyboard, guitar, drums, bass, guitar, trumpet, saxophone, Violin, vocals, ukelele. Check out our website for more information – <http://www.goodtimemusicacademy.co.nz> or email us at: [jonny@goodtimedrumacademy.co.nz](mailto:jonny@goodtimedrumacademy.co.nz)



**JUNIOR CIRCUS**

Classes for 5-7yrs are starting on 7 February. Class times are 3.30-4.30pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Wellington Circus Hub, 11 Hutchison Street, Newtown. Kids are welcome to do a free trial class. Wellington Circus Trust's programme includes Preschool Circus for 3 & 4yrs; Kids Circus for 8-12yrs plus many classes for teens and adults. Check out the full programme and make your bookings online at <http://www.circus.org.nz> or call Alice at the Circus Hub on 3800051 or 0210642337.

**TE REO CLASSES (Return this slip to the office by Monday 12 December 2011)**

If you would like your child to participate in Te Reo classes this year on a Monday morning with Duncan Murray please fill in and return the slip below to Sara in the office before Monday 13 February.

I am interested in my child taking Te Reo classes on a Monday morning in 2012 and understand that this means they must be at school before 9am each Monday and they must be really keen to learn the language or develop their current knowledge.

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year in 2012 4 /5 /6 (circle one)

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_