




Huiakama School

NEWSLETTER WEEK 2, TERM 1, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 3 March** - BOT meeting 7pm
- 9 March** - Taranaki Anniversary
- 10 March** - Life Ed Van (Harold)
- 13 March** - Swimming Sports
- 25 March** - Weet-bix Tryathlon
- 3 April** - Athletics
- 10 April** - Good Friday/Last day
- 25 April** - ANZAC Day
- 28 April** - First day of term 2

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE:

Happy New Year from us here at Huiakama School! We are all back into school and very excited to be back. 2020 has a great ring to it and I feel like it is going to be our best year yet!

I am pleased to present to you our Charter, Strategic and Annual Goals. We also re-share the updated values that stemmed from your input during our community consultation. We have made comparisons between the old values and how they translate into the new values as well as the New Zealand Curriculum Key Competencies. It is really exciting for me going into this year working with goals that I have had an input into for the school.

I am very excited to introduce Esther Keeling who has taken over the Principal Release position from Gwenda. She is working increased days this year and we now have the opportunity to split our seniors and juniors and give them some really specific and targeted teaching 3 mornings a week. At the moment, Esther is working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Yesterday we had a great morning down at the Huiakama Wetlands with Dr Emily Roberts from the Taranaki Regional Council. A huge thanks to Tony and Viv Meyers who are giving us access to this amazing little piece of our local community and the wealth of learning experiences it offers right on our doorstep.

Over the summer I had a birthday working bee with my family and we did some jobs around my house. The most significant job was our amazing new garden beds at school. A huge thanks to my family for their hard work, particularly my builder brother in law Mike from MG Builders who got the timber at a good price and used all his knowledge and tools to build such beauties! We now look forward to getting them filled and planted.

Nga mihi nui, *Carmen*

"From little acorns mighty oaks grow."

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS:



The children walked along the side of the wetland identifying all the different plants and sorting them into categories. We also placed some tracking tunnels around the edge to see if we can then identify some footprints later in the week.



-Esther Keeling-

Hi, I am Esther Keeling, the newcomer to the Huiakama School Community. My husband and I moved to Taranaki 2 ½ years ago to live on a dairy farm, just outside of Inglewood. Our youngest son pursued a farming career 10 years ago and looking for a challenge, we decided to join him. I now own a well worn pair of redbands, am an expert at stacking wood, can move electric fences and have even been sighted cupping cows. I love the outdoors and am an active person. I have participated in various multisport races and have explored some of the many Taranaki tramping tracks. I have just taken up the challenge of horseriding! Most of my teaching experience has been in Years 6-8. I have worked in the primary sector and also in a boys Year 7-13 secondary school. I have always considered teaching to be my passion and look forward to the year ahead, working with the students of Huiakama School.



OTHER NOTICES:

Weet-bix tryathlon:

We are doing this again this year. Please sign your kids up online. It is as easy as going to the website and signing up and remember to add your kids to the Huiakama School team.

Lucky Book Club:

The magazines are coming out. Orders can be made online. They need to be ordered by the 5th of March.

Yummy Stickers:

At the end of the year last year we sent off our yummy sticker sheets. We then got to order sports equipment to the value of \$484. This is an amazing effort and gives our sports gear a huge boost. Keep collecting the stickers and if you need sheets to stick them on, let us know!

CCTV Cameras:

Our school is monitored by CCTV cameras. This is to support security around the school and reduce unwanted behaviour.

Pool:

It has been great to see the pool getting so much use over the summer. I am sure that there are a good few warm weeks ahead of us. Please make sure the pool is used appropriately, equipment is put away and the cover is back on after swimming.

Unfortunately our pool cover has had some damage over the break and we would hate for the pool to not be available because of a few people not using it properly and spoiling it for everyone else.

Office hours for 2020:

Monday - 8.30am-3pm

Tues-Thurs - 8.30am-12pm

Friday - Closed