

HURUNUI COLLEGE

ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE WHAKAURU KI TĒ AKO, WEHE ATU KIA MANAAKITIA

Principal's Comment

Tēnā koutou,

I trust that families are making the best of the current situation and learning from home is being as successful as possible. It is certainly exceptional times and I have been blown away by how our community has embraced the recent challenges and how our teachers have adapted quickly to their new normal. I know in my own context, that I have been busier than ever and the holiday break has rolled past with little mental break to the challenges being faced by all across education. Although, I must admit that I have been unable to avoid some jobs around the house that I have put off for many years.

What I have found challenging is the inundation of emails. As a school, we have concentrated on listening to the advice from the Government and have advised teachers that this is not the time to be experimenting with learning unfamiliar to what the students are already comfortable with. Certainly, the work our school has undertaken over the past couple of years with shifting our learning and school-based hardware into the cloud has paid off big time. Although challenging at the time, our transition to learning at home has been relatively fluid and the biggest change for our students has been where they are learning, not what and

how they are learning. I also understand the challenges this has present in the homes and tautoko your efforts to support our tamariki in their learning.

As we now work in Alert Level Three and the partial reopening of the our school, what I hope is that the effort put into learning at home will not be quickly undone. I think the saying goes something like, “don’t miss the opportunities presented through adversity”. What the pandemic has highlighted is that how we teach does not have to be confined by the walls of the classroom and what we are seeing is the real importance whanau plays in supporting learning. I don’t think we would have been able to react in the way we have 10 years ago and there is no doubt we will be better prepared if we are required to do it again.

As we start returning to the classroom it will be my challenge to our staff and students to not revert back into old habits, but to use the situation to improve and inform their teaching into the future. For our students, I hope they better value education and the opportunities available to them at school.

As we head into an uncertain Term 2 there will still be many challenges that we will need to navigate. I know a large number of our tamariki are experiencing disappointment through the

loss of opportunities; trips, sports, activities, holidays and adventures have cancelled and for many of us, we are struggling with how we fill these voids. I look forward to when we can reconnect as a school, reconnect with friends and come together as a wider community. There is no rush.

Keep up the exceptional work in the home and if you are in need of support, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Term 1 Activites

TABLOID SPORTS 05 FEB 2020



Another great start to the year with the first House competition getting underway. It was great to see all the students mixed up in their teams from Year 1 through to Year 13. The Red, Blue, Yellow, and Green took over the field as the teams set off to their activities. A close battle throughout with Sheppard coming through victorious followed by Sumner, Mason, and Taylor respectively. We look forward to the year ahead and hope for some warmer weather in 2021 for Tabloids.



LAST LENGTH 20 MAR 2020

It was the final day of the swimming pool for the 2019/20 season and the annual house competition was set to go ahead. Despite the wet and cold weather a few keen students headed to the pool and put on the swim suit for the final time. Numbers were looking good for Sumner with 11 swimmers, while the other 3 houses had a combined total of 6.

After all completing a length they were given 5 minutes to do as many lengths for their house as possible. It was clear from the start that the numbers Sumner had were going to play a big part in the competition. After a number of screams regarding the pool temperature 5 minutes was up and the scores were in. Sumner victorious with a huge total followed by Sheppard in 2nd, Taylor in 3rd and Mason with their 1 lonesome swimmer taking 4th place.

Well done to all the brave participants we hope to see a few more from Mason, Taylor, and Sheppard next year.



KAKARIKI WRITING

Throughout the Term 1 we have watched caterpillars eat through a forest of swan plants. We have released over 100 Monarch Butterflies into the Hawarden Community. Here is some of our writing about being either a Caterpillar or a Butterfly.



I see a caterpillar getting
knocked out with a book.
I hear him saying, "OUCH!"
I wonder if he has a car to get
help in.
I am a naughty caterpillar.
I am not scared of other
caterpillars.

Mason

I am a humongous caterpillar.
I see a big fat foot on me.
SQUISH!
I wonder if I could fly.
I feel squishy.
I am a butterfly now.

Hunter

I see my mates.
I feel the breeze outside.
I hear the children playing tee
ball.
I wonder if I'll get out of the
class.
I am flying and having fun.
I am a girl.
I am a big butterfly.
I like children.

Mollie

I wonder if I have eaten poop.
I see caterpillars.
I hear leaves shaking.
I feel big.
I am in a J shape.
I am going to spin myself into a
chrysalis.

Stanley

I see a chrysalis near me.
I feel leaves around me to eat.
I am a killer caterpillar.

King

I see green leaves all around
me.
I hear people chatting.
I feel the air around me.
I wonder if I can talk.
I am the world's largest
chrysalis.

Angus

I see caterpillars and chrysalis.
I am a wonderful butterfly.
I wonder if I am a silly butterfly.
I feel the wind.
I hear the children laughing.

Abby

I see a butterfly flying around
the classroom.
I feel happy.
I hear people talking at Maths
time.

I wonder if I am crying.
I am a butterfly.
I like to poop everywhere.

Indy

I am a chrysalis turning into a
butterfly.

I see 100 trees by me.

I am a silly butterfly.

Dakota

I see 100 butterflies around me.
I feel the wind in my wings.
I hear the crickets chatting.
I wonder if I am a fun Monarch
butterfly.
I am a lovely Monarch butterfly.
I am a girl butterfly.

Billie

I see the sky.
I feel the ground.
I hear the children scuttering
around.
I wonder if I will see a flower.
I am a white butterfly.

Caitlin.

I see leaves.
I feel a butterfly.
I hear someone talking.
I wonder if I will like flowers.
I am an orange butterfly.

Maddie

I hear children.
I feel fur.
I can see Miss JJ.
I wonder if I could fly.
I am eating leaves.
I am a teeny tiny caterpillar.

Cassie





*Some of Kakariki classes recounts of
Year 1-7 Swimming Sports*

I am swimming. I had fun. It was cold. *Maddie*

I was nervous waiting for my races. I got second for most races. I had fun. *Billie*

I won all the races. I love swimming. The water was cold. *Abby*

I had fun . Angus and I had a tie with breaststroke and freestyle. I loved it. The water was warm to get in. *Hunter T*

I went to the swimming sports. I won the race. I was nervous before my relay race. *Angus*

At Swimming Sports the pool was cold and shallow to swim in. *Caitlin*

Exploring Learning Community KOWHAI SHOW WRITING

Some of Kowhai Classes entries in the Creative Writing section of the Harwarden A&P Show

This is just to say
I have drawn
on the wall
that was in the lounge

and which
you were
probably
cross about

Forgive me
it was better
than drawing on paper
so dry
and so textured
and so fun

by Aurora Smith, 9 years old

This is just to say
I have hit
your cat
that was on the road

and which
you were
probably
waiting for it to come home

Forgive me
it wasn't my fault
it was so old
and dead already

by Nicola Upritchard, 9 years old

This is just to say
I have kissed a girl
who was at our house

and for which I got in trouble
with my dad

Forgive me please
I was trying to
get her to like me
she was so lovely
and so cute

By Rylley Dalton, 9 years old

This is just to say
I have cut a chunk
out of my brother's hair

and which he was probably
growing longer

Forgive me
the scissors were
so tempting
so sharp
and so shiny

By Lilly Searle, 9 years old

This is just to say
I have dug up
the plants
that were in the vegetable
garden

and which
you were
probably going to eat

Forgive Me
they were scruffy
so tangled
and so messy

by Hamish Thompson, 9 years old

This is just to say
I have eaten
the dog biscuits
that were in the tub

And which
you were probably
going to feed to the dogs

Forgive me
they were so salty
and so crunchy

by Darcy Ramsey, 8 years old

This is just to say
I have smashed
the window
that was in the lounge

and which
you were probably
thinking it was Riley

Forgive me
but the rugby ball
was so bouncy
and so kickable

by Jake Abbott, 8 years old

This is just to say
I have forgotten
my sneakers
that were needed today
for the huge walk

and which
you probably
wanted me to wear

Forgive me
they were
so annoying
and so glazing hot

by Eva Kelly, 8 years old

This is just to Say
I have eaten
the lollies
that were in
the cupboard

and which
you were
probably
saving
for a present

Forgive me
they were
really yummy
so juicy
and so sweet

by Harry Sidey, 9 years old

This is just to say
I have smashed
the window
that was the good window
at the front of the house

and which
you told Frank off for

Forgive me
Frank was holding the hammer
And I didn't want to get in
trouble

by Quinn Anderson, 8 years old

LEARNING IN LOCKDOWN



KARAKA SHOW WRITING

Karaka class had some very keen writers who entered their writing in the Hawarden A & P Show. The creative writing topic was My Special Place. Congratulations to the winners and placegetters:

1st = Grace McKnight: THE JUMPING PADDOCK

The tractor's engine echoes in the distance as we fly around the corner facing the big round bailege. "Whoa boy" I call as we sail over the crossbar. I taste the dust as a GVT truck clamours over the dusty gravel road. I see a hawk circling over its prey in a nearby paddock.

The jumping paddock is my favourite place because I am always happy there with my best friend. We love to canter in between the rows of baleage and look up to the hills above us. We love to play in the nearby creek and jump over the logs. When I sit on the big round bales I can see the little elderberry tree in the corner and I can look ahead of me to see lots of jump stands and poles on the hard dusty ground. Sometimes I close my eyes.....

I urge you on to the final, and the biggest jump. I can hear your hooves thundering along the hard dusty ground and my nerves churn in my tummy. Taking a deep breath, I lean forward and kick on. We take a leap of faith and soar through the air. There is a soft thud and I can taste my pride running through my veins as you triumphantly canter our own victory lap. I slow you down and give you a big hug and a pat heading for the gate. "You were the best today boy, you did amazing," I whisper.

1st = Sophie Thompson - ACHMELVICH

The moist sand sinks into my feet as I walk along Achmelvich beach. The waves crash upon the rocks, covering them like a giant's hand. The seas are swarming with jellyfish. I taste the salt water splashing into my mouth. In the distance I hear the Highland Cows moo into the unforgiving wind.

The gulls are soaring through the sky and children are playing. Yells and laughs travel along the vast stretch of sand. My ears are filled with different noises, different sounds and yet my tongue is still tingling from the briny salt water. The distinctive smell of the burnt wood floats to people's noses.

I look over to the glens, flushed green with patched heather. The mountains are covered with nature and the sky is baby blue. The sight of the mountains soothes me and makes me feel relaxed.

To me Achmelvich is the place to be!



2nd: Matthew Paton - FARMYARDS

I hear the sound of grinding gear boxes, and the smell of burning diesel always reminds me of my favourite place.

On a hot day, the acrid smell of burning rubber and the heat of the tractor engine feels fierce. I hear the loud sound of the grinder sparks starting fires on the dead barren grass in the dry yards. The screech of the old rusty gate hinges leading to the covered yards will send shivers down your spine.

As a little boy I remember seeing the dusty John Deere 6520 sitting all alone in the shed with the sprayer both collecting a dust coat and spider webs.

All the things that I smell, hear and see always remind me of my favourite place, the yards.

3rd: Pieta Sidey - THE YARDS

I am walking up the long white limestone driveway, with trees rustling in the gentle breeze on each side.

The friendly, inquisitive corriedales walk the fence line with me. I see the ewes and lambs being brought into the yards, with the sun glistening down on them.

I hear the lambs' slight distress as they are drafted away from their mothers. The mothers are calling out to their lambs and some jump and try to make a break for freedom. The older, wiser sheep know the routine and walk calmly through.

I smell the lanolin scent from the ewes wool rising up in the heat. My hands are resting on the old mossy wooden yards and I feel the lambs pushing up against my legs. The smell of milk from them drifts up to me.

This is my favourite place full of hustle and bustle, busyness and the people I love.



Judging of the Baking Section entries

4th: Hannah Sutherland - THE RIVER

When I am at the river I feel so calm and relaxed.

I walk through the water and I feel the slimy rocks and silty sand oozing through my toes.

Dappled light sprinkles leaf patterns on the ground.

As I sit on the tree swing, I hear the creak of the rope above me. In the distance I can hear horses trotting in the water. The sound of their hooves clattering over the rocks comes closer.

Dragonflies hover like tiny helicopters around me. I look down and see a twig floating in the water.

I wonder if the twig will follow the river safely as it snakes all the way to the sea.



Potato and Tomato Section Winners

KARAKA SHOW WRITING CONT...

1st: Libby Ginders - JODIE

Slobbery kisses on my face
Rough, tickly, tongue
I smell dog biscuits on your stinky breath
You may be old but you're still full of fun

3rd: Danielle Petrie - DAISY

Fuzzy, yellow center
Silky white petals.
All of a sudden a smell calms you down.
Bees buzz around surrounding the nectar.
The colours yellow and white,
Insects bring the world to life.

2nd : Samuel Dobbs - THUNDERSTORM

Thunder rumbles like bombs exploding,
Lightning flashes faster than a cheetah.
Clouds, dark like the world is ending.
Smell electricity smoke passing by.
Lightning, bright like the sun.

4th: Ben Spencer - I AM FROM....

I am from a brick house and a soft bed
From my race track paddock and teddy named
Snoopy
I am from a sport loving family
And from "get to bed Benjamin!"
I am from Lake Taylor
Whose eels taste delicious
I am from driving motorbikes, trucks and tractors
and country music
I am from Malcolm and Kerry
And from beef, lamb, chicken and venison
I am from those moments I am on the
hill and the sun and wind is hitting me.



Investigating Learning Community

YEAR 8 SCIENCE

Over Term One, the Year 8 class have been doing a lot of great Science learning and activities.

One particular lesson that the students enjoyed, involved learning about electrical circuits. This culminated in the students making their own working torch, complete with all the necessary electrical components.

Pictured is Katie Spencer and Tom Barnes with their finished torch.

He tino pai!

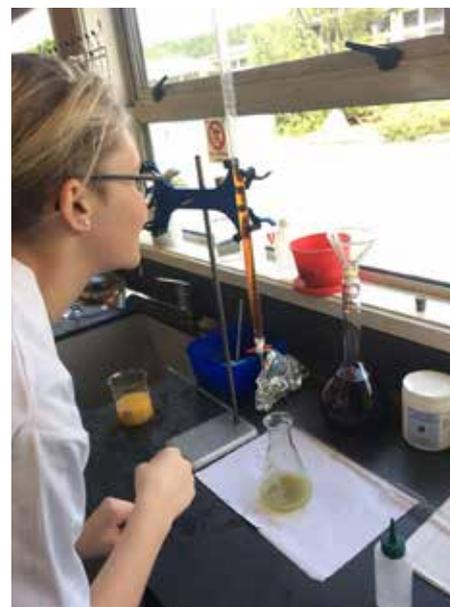


Aspiring Learning Community

YOUNG ENTERPRISE KICKSTART EVENT 27 FEB 2020



Our Hurunui College Business Studies students went to their first event hosted at ARA. The event enabled our students to develop their ideas and discuss them with business mentors.



LEVEL 3 CHEMISTRY

This term the NCEA Level 3 Chemistry class completed their Quantitative Analysis Internal. They chose to investigate the levels of Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) in commercially available fruit juices. Their findings showed the juices had higher levels of Vit C than expected. They also discovered that the Vit C levels drop very quickly once the juice has been opened (oxidation). Another significant finding showed that leaving juice out of the cold fridge meant there was a significant loss of Vit C. From this they submitted analysis and a reports based on the chemical processes involved.

Sport

YEAR 1-7 SWIMMING SPORTS 18 FEB 2020

Swimming is an obvious strength for many of our students and this was made obvious with the large number of swimming competitors we had participating in our Year 1-7 Swimming Sports this year. Everyone was keen to have a go to show off their skills, and we were amazed at the number of young children who also were able to swim not one length, but two! The event was well attended by parents and caregivers who were also able to join us for the lunch back over at school. The day finished on a high with the width and length relays, and the relay between parents, staff and students which is always one of the highlights for the day.

A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped out during the day.



YEAR 8-10 SWIMMING SPORTS 12 FEB 2020

The sun was out and the pool was looking great as the students started to get ready and a wave of Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow started to take over. A big congratulations to all the students who competed with such a positive atmosphere around the pool. It was great to see a few supporters along the sides too. As the day went on a few extra house races were added in bringing a little bit more competition out of a few students. Again a master class in the underwater race by Josh Gunn; I wonder how many lengths he will do next year? Some great swims by a few students who seem to hail from Sumner house which was a huge factor in the final results with Sumner finishing miles ahead of the others in 1st place, Sheppard in 2nd, Taylor in 3rd, and Mason 4th. To finish the day off was another great challenge between the staffroom and the Year 13s in the final relay which also saw a parents team make a splash but the Staffroom were too good meaning the common room get to keep hold of the wooden spoon.



CCHS SWIMMING 25 FEB 2020

Following on from our school swimming sports a selected group of students from year 8-13 went on to represent the school at the CCHS Swimming event in Rangiora. We again had a high number of participants totalling 29 which was great to see. They all swam really well and had a great positive competitive attitude during the day. This included Josh Gunn beating Caleb Beck's 50m Butterfly record. Unfortunately there was another swimmer who also just got the winning touch and pushed Josh into second place but it was a great swim with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd all within 2 seconds of each other. It was great to see everyone participating and giving the school a great name both at the pool and at the food stop afterwards.

A massive thank you to the parents who came along to transport and help out at the event without you the students wouldn't get these opportunities.

HC TRIATHLON 05 MAR 2020

Our annual Hurunui College Triathlon was held on a perfect March afternoon. We had to change the course this year as there were roadworks happening on the old route. The competitors ran 2 laps of the Domain, then set off for a bike ride up Horsley Downs Road, the juniors turning around at Bentleys Road and Seniors continuing up to the Horsley Downs Church, followed then by 5 and 10 lengths respectively in the pool. We had a fantastic turnout of students competing this year, accompanied by Mr Thompson, who returned to try and hold his number one placing from the year before! The competition was just too strong, with Luke Chisnall and Ella Ferguson taking top honors for the Senior individual race, Riley Abbott and Sophie Thompson for the Junior individual race. The first Senior Team to finish was Josh Gunn and Matthew Petrie, and the first Junior Team was Rylley Dalton and Joshua Spencer. Thank you to all who participated and made it a fun afternoon and a huge thank you to all the parents who helped to get bikes to school and also came to help out where needed and supported our kids as they raced!

DUATHLON 09 MAR 2020

We sent 6 students up to Hanmer Springs for the Hurunui Zone Duathlon held on the 9th March. It was a blistering hot day up there for racing but our students did Hurunui College very proud by pushing themselves to the finish line no matter how hard the race and conditions were! Congratulations must be made to Sophie Thompson - 2nd Year 7 Girl, Riley Abbott - 3rd Year 7 Boy and Hamish Thompson - 3rd Year 5 Boy. More wonderful accolades for these students, well done! Also thank you to Tara Abbott for helping marshall on the day, often a job that goes unrecognised.

CCHS ATHLETICS 11 MAR 2020

On Wednesday 11th March our team of 37 students from Year 8 through to Year 13 headed into the Nga Puna Wai Athletics Track in Christchurch for the CCHS Athletics. Initially when we left school the weather looked ok but as we got closer the spits of rain and what looked like a cold wind got much closer. Arriving at the track everyone was wrapped up to keep warm as the conditions didn't get much better. Despite the weather there were some great results and performances by our students on the day with a handful taking out some 1st places. Following this event we had a handful of students set to attend the Canterbury Secondary Schools event however this was unfortunately called off due the COVID-19 risks. Still it was a great day and all the students did an excellent job representing our school and can be very proud of their results. A huge thank you must go to the parents who came along and helped with transport, supervision, and with timing and recording out it the cold on the finish line, we couldn't have done this without you.



HURUNUI PRIMARY SWIMMING SPORTS 28 MAR 2020

The Hurunui Primary Swimming Sports was held at the new Waiiau Swimming Pool on the 28th March. We had 39 students attend after swimming and placing 1st and 2nd in the Hurunui College Swimming Sports. Everyone who swam should be very proud of themselves, there were some really impressive races! A special mention to Riley Abbott, Sophie Thompson, Sinead Chisnall and Angus Dench who gained selection into the Canterbury Swimming Champs that unfortunately had to be cancelled because of the recent events. Thank you to all the parents who helped with travel on the day and also being up at Waiiau to support, supervise and time some races. It was a very successful day!