

Term 1, Issue 3

Kiaora koutou

I can't believe it's already March and that we have already been back at school for 5 weeks. This week it was wonderful seeing our gorgeous 5 new entrants starters joining us on Monday. They have fitted in so quickly and are already making friends across the school. We also welcomed Alexis B into Moonstone today. Be sure to say kia ora when you see them!



On Wednesday we wore black and white in support of schools in Tairāwhiti (The Hawkes Bay region). We have raised \$237.80 in support. This is a hard time for our friends and whānau across Aotearoa that have been affected by cyclone Gabrielle and our hearts go out to them all.

Our swimming sessions down at Awakairangi have been such fun and really successful. We need to give a big shout out to all the whānau that have volunteered (or in some cases been volun"told") to come down on a Wednesday afternoon to support us. Our tamariki have been showing and learning some great safety skills as well as developing their river swimming skills. It's been amazing to see the floating, sculling and water safety skills.

For 2023 and 2024 I have been elected as the Chairperson of the Upper Hutt Cluster. Our schools in Upper Hutt work closely together and the principals from across UH spent a few rainy days 2 weeks ago at Brackenridge in the Wairarapa developing our Strategic Action plan for 2023. We have some exciting plans to ensure smooth transitions across our schools right from early childhood, to primary, then intermediate and finally onto college. We want our Upper Hutt tamariki to look forward to their schooling.

Our Upper Hutt Cluster vision:

To have someone walking alongside every child/young person who passes them on as precious taonga at every step

Aroha nui koutou

Robyn

Te Awakairangi day yesterday



GEMS FOCUS FOR WEEKS 4 to 6

Make improvements to your work

Hard Work - Whakanuia te tangata ringa raupā
“Respect a person with calloused hands”

- Ask for feedback from others
- Ask yourself “Is this the very best that I can do?”
- Quality over quantity!
- Reread your work once you have finished. Ask yourself, “Does this make sense?”
- Challenge yourself to use different words in your writing

“Have a go” Netball



On Tuesday, a group of Year 3 & 4 students got the opportunity to have a go at netball. Some had played before, but the majority hadn't. A massive thank you to Rachel Fox for umpiring and sorting the teams, as well as to Mandy Abels and Rachel Summers for playing Uber!



Amazing paintwork update and a huge favour



Our amazing school kaitiaki, Amy, has been busy painting some fantastic interactive pieces on the court outside Moonstone. These will be used as part of “tinana wā tākaro” (play through movement) as well as an awesome addition to our new outdoor learning space.

We are asking, if you could, to donate some money that will go towards buying some more paint. We are all out of our paint supplies at school!



What's ahead?!

- **Sausage Sizzle Lunch Available to Order**
Tuesday 7th March
- **Swimming @ Te Awakairangi**
Wednesday 8th March
- **Sausage Sizzle Lunch Available to Order**
Tuesday 14th March
- **Swimming @ Te Awakairangi**
Wednesday 15th March
- **Poari Hui/Board Meeting**
Thursday 16th March @ 6.30pm
- **Sausage Sizzle Lunch Available to Order**
Tuesday 21st March
- **Swimming @ Te Awakairangi**
Wednesday 22nd March
- **Whānau connects**
Wednesday 22nd March & Thursday 23rd March
- **Te Ahi Ora Performances**
Tamariki Empowerment and Wellbeing Monday 27th March & Tuesday 28th March

Sausage Sizzle

Available to order each **Tuesday** through the school office.

Sushi

Available to order each **Friday** through [Lunchonline](#)

Birthdays coming up

Greenstone:

Emerald:

Moonstone: James H, Ashton & Jeff

Sapphire: James J, Amelia, Talei, Jayana & Sienna





WHEELS DAY



Sapphire DJ's



Helmets are a MUST!

ENJOY A DAY FOCUSED ON MOVEMENT

9 - 9:30... SAPPHIRE TO SET UP THE COURSE

9:30 - 10:15... GREENSTONE

10:15- 11... EMERALD

MORNING TEA

11:40 - 12:20... MOONSTONE

12:20 - 1PM... SAPPHIRE

LUNCH

1:50 TO 2:45... OPEN TO ANYONE / EVERYONE



Bike mechanics



First Aid

FRIDAY

3RD OF MARCH STARTING AT 9AM

IT WILL BE 'WHEELY' FUN!



YES, OUR FINANCIAL ADVICE IS FREE!

I can provide advice about:

- ✓ KiwiSaver
- ✓ Life, Health & Disability Insurance

Our team can also help with:

- ✓ Home loans
- ✓ Commercial lending



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Community Outdoor BIG SCREEN

Movie Matinée + Family Picnic



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SUNDAY 19 MARCH

Wet weather postponement date TBC, Term 4

Gates open at 12.00pm

Movie starts at 1.00pm

Entry by Koha

Food & Drink Stalls
available on the day
or BYO picnic

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ACTIVE RECREATION

MOVIN' MARCH

MĀEHE MANAWA ORA

WEEKLY CHALLENGES

Check out Activation's
Facebook page to enter!
facebook.com/ActivationUH

Each week there will be a different transport mode challenge! Upload a photo of you participating in that mode, and go in the draw to win a \$50 Prezzy card each week.

Any queries or questions email teresa.shailer@uhcc.govt.nz

Interested in Autism? Come to our FREE presentation



Brain, Body and Behaviour

Tuesday 7 March 2023

The Johnsonville Club
1 Norman Lane
Johnsonville, Wellington
6pm - 9pm



Presented by
Joanne Lawless

**ALTOGETHER
AUTISM**
TAKIWATANGA
0800 008 011

RSVP by Tuesday 1 March
info@altogetherautism.org.nz
Kelly Booth, 07 903 7013

Out of respect to people with sensory sensitivities, please avoid wearing perfume, deodorant and other strong smells.
We would also appreciate if you could keep your phone on silent.

Junior Fun Day

- come along
and have a go

March 8
5-6pm

Maidstone Turf
Park Street
gear available
everyone welcome
upperhuthockey@gmail.com