

The Hay Park Spark

Tuesday 22nd July 2025



**Kia ora – Kia orana – Malo ni – Malo e lelei – Talofa lava –
Namaste – Xin chao – Fakaalofa lahi atu – Hwan young
hap ni da sindhi – Nī hǎo – Bula vinaka – Salaam – Hello**

Kia ora parents, whānau and carers

Welcome back everyone! This week I would also like to welcome Tanrake, Kenneth, Bostyn, Briana, Ahan and Aadrik and their families to our Hay Park School whānau.

A huge thanks to our talented artists and their teachers for creating the stunning artwork that was on display in the Mt Roskill Art Showcase. A special thanks to Ms Guthrie for all her mahi. We visited it as a school last Thursday. Hopefully some of you went along as a family over the weekend. Check out the photos in this newsletter.

Last week you received the letter from your child's teacher outlining the main learning topics for this term. We are continuing our construct of Connections / Hononga and the key understanding is **'learning about ourselves and others helps us understand and connect to others in the world'**. This term we also have Cook Islands Language Week (3-9 August), Tonga Language Week (17-23 August), Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (15-21 September), Chinese Language Week (31 August to 6 September) and, on the last Thursday of the term, our Celebration of Learning assembly. Remember to also check the calendar in this newsletter to see if your child's class is hosting an assembly this term.

As I said in the last newsletter, the date for the Hay Park School Board elections is 10 September 2025. An information pack with a letter, a pamphlet outlining what a school board does and a nomination form was sent home with children last week. If you didn't receive it or would like another one, please either collect one from the school office or let the office know (and one will be sent home for you). If you decide you would like to be on the board, you can nominate yourself or another member of our school community can nominate you. Nominations close at 12pm on Wednesday 6 August, so we need completed nomination forms returned to the office by then. Currently the board meets at 5pm on a Thursday, but that can change, depending on days and times board members are able to attend. So, if you want to be on the school board but Thursdays don't work for you, still complete a nomination form and send it in to the office.

The school board sets the strategic direction of the school and monitors our progress. You don't need any special qualifications or experience, just be interested in our tamariki and our school. All you need to do is read the information for each hui, ask questions (if you have any) and make decisions about where we are heading as a school. The school board meets twice a term, so there are only eight hui each year. The next board hui is 5pm on Thursday 31st July. If you are interested in being on our school board please come along, or if you have any questions, please let me know. You can pop in to see me at school or email me at shereec@haypark.school.nz

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School Calendar

July 24 Bailey Class Assembly
July 25 Tuakana Team SPEC
July 29 Volleyball Zones
July 31 HPW Assembly
August 1 Teina Team SPEC
August 4-8 Cook Island Language Week
August 6 Nominations Close at 12pm
August 7 Tibbo Class Assembly
August 8 Tuakana Team SPEC
August 12 Netball Zones
August 14 HPW Assembly
August 15 Teina Team SPEC
August 18-22 Tongan Language Week
August 21 Te Aho-White Class
August 22 Tuakana Team SPEC
September 10 School Board Elections

Report an Absence

3 ways to report an absence:

- Use Skool Loop Parent APP
- Phone: 625 9531 - Press 1
- Email office@haypark.school.nz

If your child is unwell, late or unable to attend school, please inform us by 8.30am on the morning of the absence. You can either phone or text to leave a message 24/7 with your child's name, room number, and reason for absence.



Both our Matariki shared lunch and the Celebration of Learning assembly at the end of last term were a huge success. Thank you again to our friends and families who provided the delicious kai.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Learning Conversations last term. If you weren't able to make a scheduled time, you can still arrange another time with your child's teacher. If you want to talk about your child's learning at any time with their teacher, please email, ring the school or arrange to talk when you drop off or pick up your child.

Below are a couple more key areas of focus that are shaping New Zealand's approach to teaching and learning. The government has announced changes to assessment and the introduction of financial literacy. The integration of digital technologies also continues to be a key focus. We recognise the importance of equipping our tamariki with the skills and knowledge to navigate the digital world safely and effectively. Our teachers are continually exploring innovative ways to use technology to enhance learning, foster creativity and develop digital literacy. This includes not just using devices, but also understanding concepts like digital citizenship and online safety, part of our Cybersmart curriculum.

There is also a continued emphasis on wellbeing in education across the country. We understand that a child's emotional, social and physical wellbeing is fundamental to their learning and overall development. We continue to prioritise initiatives, especially the Mitey approach, that promote positive mental health, resilience and respectful relationships within our school community. This includes our dedicated pastoral care Hay Park Way team.

A couple of key changes in education from the budget are an increase in funding for learning support and disestablishing Kāhui Ako. We look forward to seeing how the increase in funding for learning support will assist our tamariki. For the last eight years we've been very lucky to be part of the Lynfield Kāhui Ako, which has been successful. Unfortunately not all Kāhui Ako around the country have worked as well as ours.

Finally, have we got your latest address and contact details? We especially need up to date phone numbers in case we need to contact you if there is an emergency. Please let the office know if your address or contact details have changed.

Ngā mihi nui
Sheree Campbell



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

Visit the office or email cheriel@haypark.school.nz for a nomination form.





JULY BIRTHDAYS



MILA, SARA, DHRUBO, AARIZ, ADAM, AWAAN, ESSA,
GRACE, SHANAIYA, ZHEKINAH, AMIRA, LALA



MT ROSKILL STUDENT ART

We were excited to be a part of the second annual Mount Roskill Student Art Showcase — a vibrant celebration of creativity, imagination and local talent!

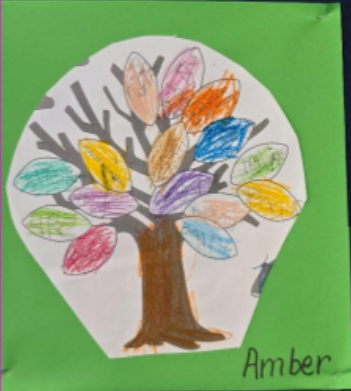
All of the classes submitted artwork this year and the work looked amazing. We went as a school to experience what it was all about! This was an amazing learning opportunity for all our students and I think our teachers got some great inspiration for our upcoming art programmes.







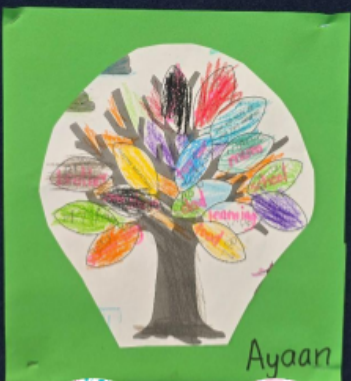
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Today I am grateful
for



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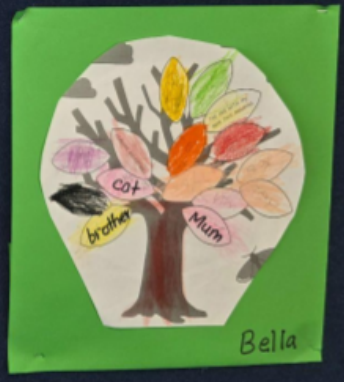
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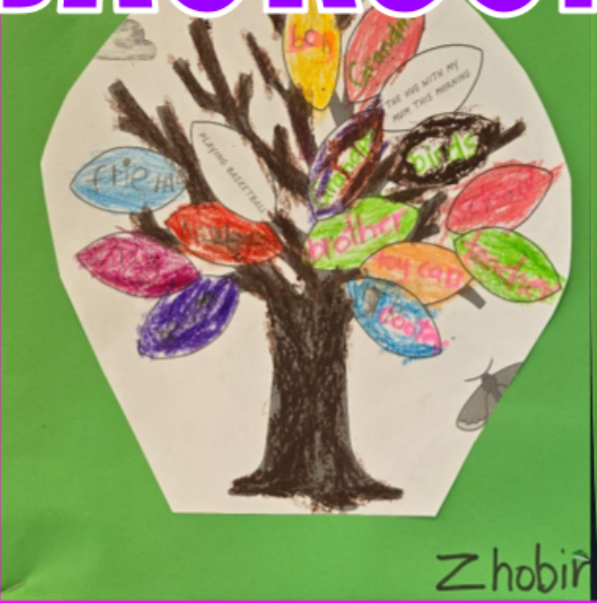


Conrad



Bella

JACKSON CLASS



Zhobir



David

TE AHO-WHITE CLASS

Te Aho-White Class has had a great start to the term. We have been exploring health and why it is important to exercise. We came up with a class list of things we like to do to keep fit and healthy. Here is what Junior and Maryam enjoy doing to keep healthy!

We also had the chance to celebrate our art at the Art Showcase last Thursday. We loved seeing our school share their creations and got inspired by others as well.

I help my body move and be healthy by monkey bars. It helps me stretch my arms. I also like running it helps me get stronger. Lastly I like volleyball I like it because it's fun.



I help my body move and be healthy by Running.



Patmore Class

Room 8 has been exploring how writers use alliteration to make their work more fun and engaging. Tamariki learned how repeating the same sound at the start of words can help create rhythm and describe people, places or events in playful ways.

To put this into practice, they created their own tongue twister poems. Each one had at least three lines that started with the same sound and described something fun or imaginative. It was a great way to build creativity and confidence in writing!

Pinky pink played playfully with her puzzle of a peach pie with her pink paws, but
Pinky's poofy poodle friend provoked her. But instead, the poofy poodle paid pink
to play Pictionary with their pink paws

By Angel, Effat, Samantha, Lala



On a sleepy Sunday we struck a score. Scott scored on a singing striking shot. Seth
sadly missed it. Slop silly Seth.

By Scott, Hassan, Ayaan and Hamid



I had a wild, wet weekend when we went to the warm water park and we had so
much fun.

Maddox Phoenix, Kade, Hamsa, Henry-Grey



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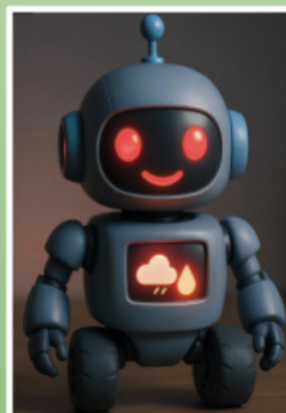
Talofa!

In Binney Class we are learning how to write narratives. Narratives are stories that are written to entertain the reader. This week we used a writing prompt about a boy who discovers his grandfather's blueprints for a weather control robot. This is Alaina's story.

Jackson's Robot

One day Jackson was working in his shed. He found old blueprints of a robot from his grandfather. Jackson asked his friend Michael to help him build the robot. Michael said yes. Then Jackson and Michael went to Jackson's house. Jackson told Michael what to do. He told him that they were going to build a robot that controls the weather. When Michael started to build the robot Jackson went to sleep. When Jackson woke up, Michael had already finished building the robot. Michael had put glowing red lights and weather controlling lights on the robot. Jackson said, "You did a good job." But when he turned it on the robot blew up and the robot was gone. Jackson was sad.

By Alaina



This image was AI generated using Alaina's Robot story.



Friday 24th and Saturday 25th October 2025

REGISTRATION: Deadline: 29th August 2025

Please only use one, either online or printed form per person.

[May Road School 100th Online registration](#)

[May Road School 100th registration printable](#)

You can register now and pay later so we have an idea of numbers.

If you are interested in being involved with the organisation,
the next committee meeting will be held at the school on

Monday 21 July 2025 at 5:00pm

Email: admin@mayroad.school.nz Ph: 09 626 8021 Mobile: 021 244 8021.