The Hay Park Spark

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Kia ora – Kia orana – Malo ni – Malo e lelei – Talofa lava – Namaste – Fakaalofa lahi atu – Xin chao – Tālofa – Ayubowan – Hwan young hap ni da – Assalamu alaikum – Nī hăo – Namaskar – Bula vinaka – Vanakkam – Salaam – Hello

Kia ora parents, whānau and carers

HAPPY DIWALI

By the end of next week, we will be halfway through the term! In this newsletter we are welcoming Seeran and his family to our Hay Park School whānau.

We have some outstanding prizes for our school raffle. Grab a ticket - or a book of tickets to sell to relatives, church or work - from the office. It closes on Friday 13 November. See what the prizes are in this newsletter.

Some of our Year 3-6 students had lots of fun at the Mt Roskill Have A Go Day. The children had fun trying out new and different sports and were great ambassadors for Hay Park School. Thanks to Whāea Kat, Mr Jackson, Mr Davidson and our great whānau supporters. Check out the photos in this newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who supported and attended our Hay Park School Dress Up Disco last week. It was great to see children and staff getting into the spirit and turning up in their fabulous costumes. Next up, I'm very much looking forward to our Hay Park School Film Festival this Thursday. Doors open at 4.30pm and the films start at 5pm. Juicies, chips and drinks will be on sale for $2 each.

A couple of quick reminders - **school is closed next Monday, 9 November** for our Teacher Only Curriculum Day and for those parents of Year 3 children and Y4&5 children new to our school who didn't attend the hui last term, the Chromebook hui is on next Thursday, 12 November.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Labour Day long weekend last week. Why do we have Labour Day? On 28 October 1890 (136 years ago), thousands of New Zealanders took to the streets of Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin for the country's first Labour Day celebrations. The focus was for an eight-hour working day, safer working conditions and fairer pay. What has this got to do with children? Traditionally in many cultures, children worked to help their families. Industrialisation in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries meant that employers increasingly used children for long hours and little wages. The movement for better working conditions grew alongside a wider change in how children were seen and what opportunities they should have. From 1877 compulsory schooling for pākehā children aged seven to 13 was introduced. It was extended to Māori children in 1894. In 1989, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognised every child's right to education. Article 29 says 'education should help children develop their personalities, talents and mental and physical abilities as fully as possible, while respecting their cultural identity, language and values'. The idea that children should have time to learn, that family income should not shut them out of education and that society has a role in protecting those opportunities is now deeply embedded.

School Calendar

November 5 Dagmar Class Assembly
November 5 Swimming
November 5 3.15pm Year 5&6 Camp Hui
November 5 HPS Film Festival
November 7 Elections (Voting at school)
November 7 Bunning Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
November 9 TOD - School Closed
November 10 Swimming
November 11 BoT Hui
November 11 School Athletics
November 12 HPW Assembly
November 12 Swimming
November Y3 Chromebook Hui
November 13 Raffle Tickets Draw
November 18 - 20 Y5&6 Camp
November 19 Parent & whānau survey closes
November 19 Pule Class Assembly
November 24 Zone Athletics

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.

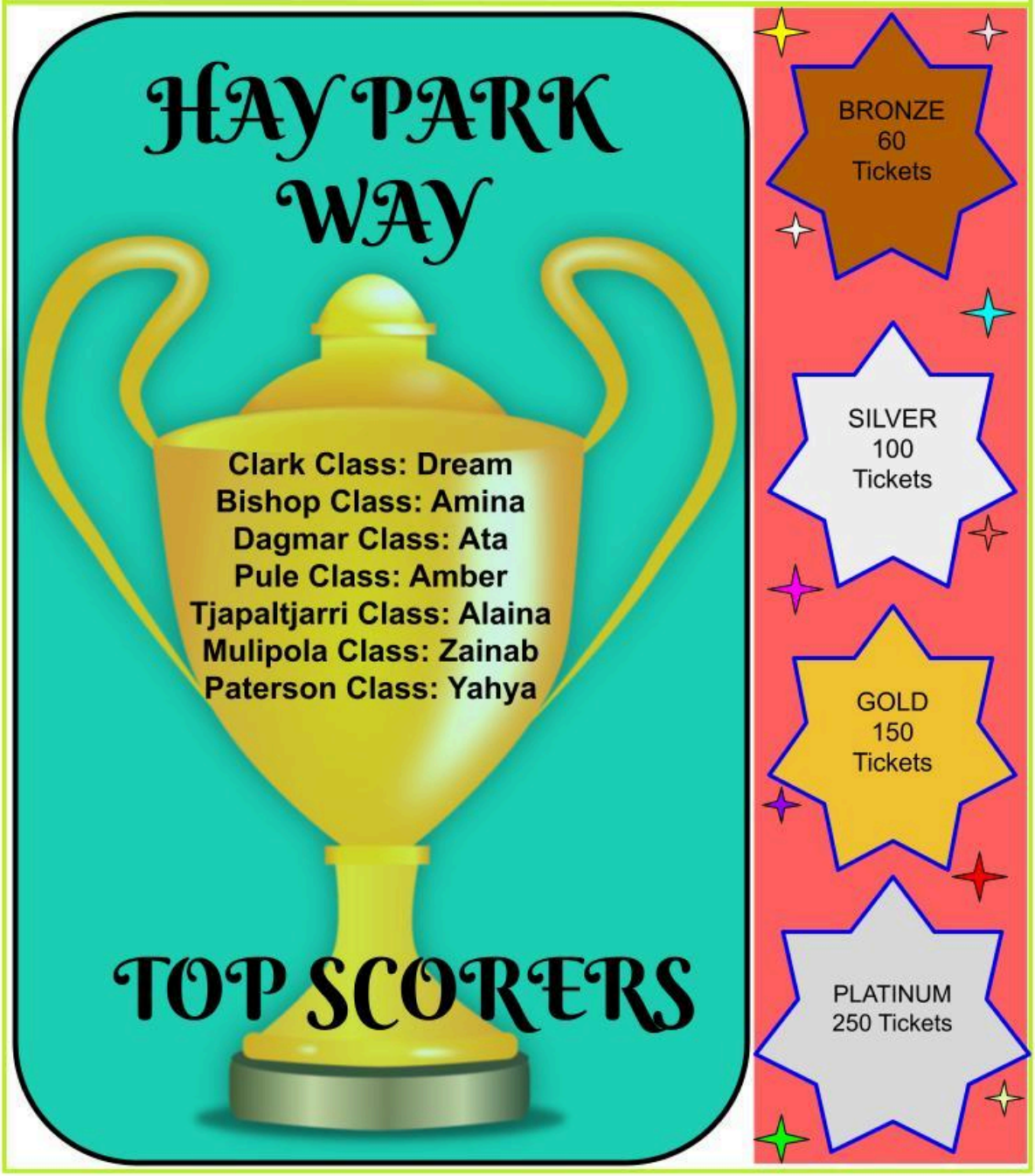


As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are reviewing the strategic plan. A survey has been sent out via email and SkoolLoop. We'd love to have your input into our strategic direction for the next two years, so please fill out the survey. It closes on Thursday 19 November and you could be in to win one of two $30 supermarket vouchers. If you haven't received a link to the survey, please let us know.

Just a reminder that we have passionfruit plants for sale for $5 and $2 - a bargain. Passionfruit just need a wall or trellis to grow up, sun and water. All proceeds go towards camp.

Finally, if you have enrolled to vote, you can have your say on Saturday, election day, here at school. Then pop down to Bunnings to get a sausage for our camp fundraiser sausage sizzle.

Ngā mihi nui
Sheree Campbell



CLASS AWARDS



Clark Class: ***Max***

For showing a positive attitude and enthusiasm towards his work. You are more confident with giving things a go. It's awesome to see you asking questions and showing resilience. Keep up the amazing work you are doing. An awesome role model for Clark Class!

Bishop Class: ***Amina***

For growing into a brave, confident learner! You have worked so hard on your writing and have become such a wonderful contributor to our class discussions. Keep believing in yourself!

Dagmar Class: ***Ata***

For consistently taking responsibility for her learning while demonstrating respect toward her teachers and classmates. Thank you, Ata, for your resilience and excellent attitude! Ka pai!

Dagmar Class: ***Precious***

For demonstrating remarkable resilience over the past term, both in her learning and in settling into a new school environment. Thank you for always working diligently! Ka pai!

Pule Class: ***Yakin***

For working hard to show respect to others and being responsible in the classroom. Well done for sitting nicely on the mat and following class expectations. Tino pai!

Tjapaltjarri Class: ***Maryam***

For having a great attitude and for completing all tasks to a high standard. You consistently show pride in your work and maintain a positive attitude. Tino pai!

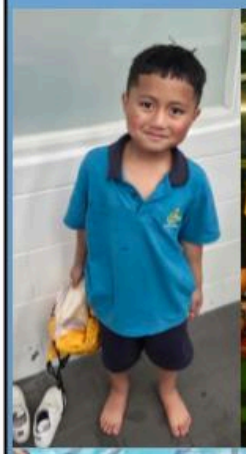
Mulipola Class: ***Finnian***

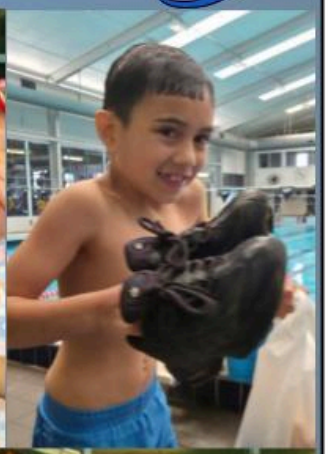
For showing continued enthusiasm for learning and approaching each new challenge with a positive attitude.

Paterson Class: ***Jahra***

Has shown dedication to his reading this term, demonstrating good resilience by reading consistently every single day. Keep up the excellent effort!

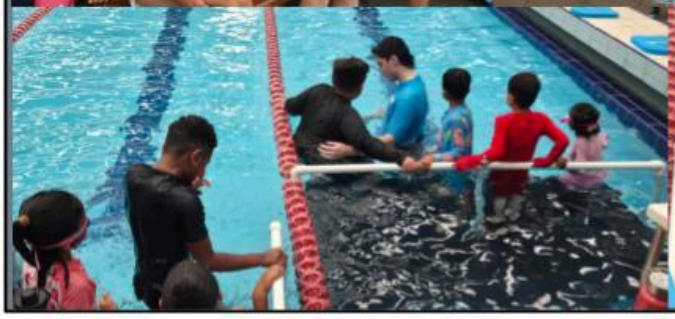
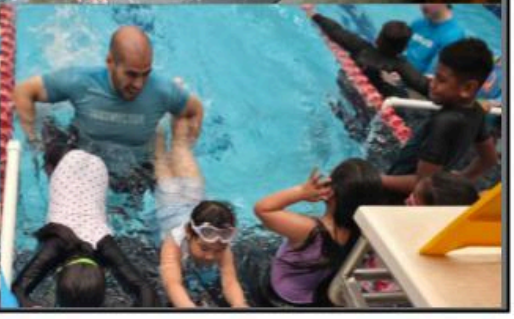
Swimming









DAGMAR CLASS

Room 10 had a fantastic time at the Ocean Explorer presentation last Wednesday! The students loved diving into amazing sea animal facts and getting hands-on with fun scientific experiments exploring force.

Everyone has also been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons, building confidence for the beach this summer and loving every moment in the pool!







Have A Go Day

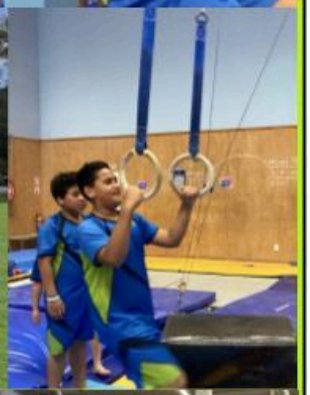

















PARK SCHOOL

Tjapaltjarri Class

Kia ora koutou!
We have been learning to write explanations. We have thought carefully about how to explain our ideas clearly. Here are two examples of our explanation writing.

A good student

A student is a person who is learning. They could be learning many things which may include history, science, English, writing and maths. A good student would have respectful behaviour. They would listen carefully, pay attention when the teacher is talking, show kindness to others and follow instructions respectfully. A good student would have good learning habits. They would try new things, do their best, solve problems and help others to learn new things. Lastly, a good student would be reflective. They would identify what they are good at and improve what they are bad at. Every good student would try their best.

By Anisha





A Good Big Sister

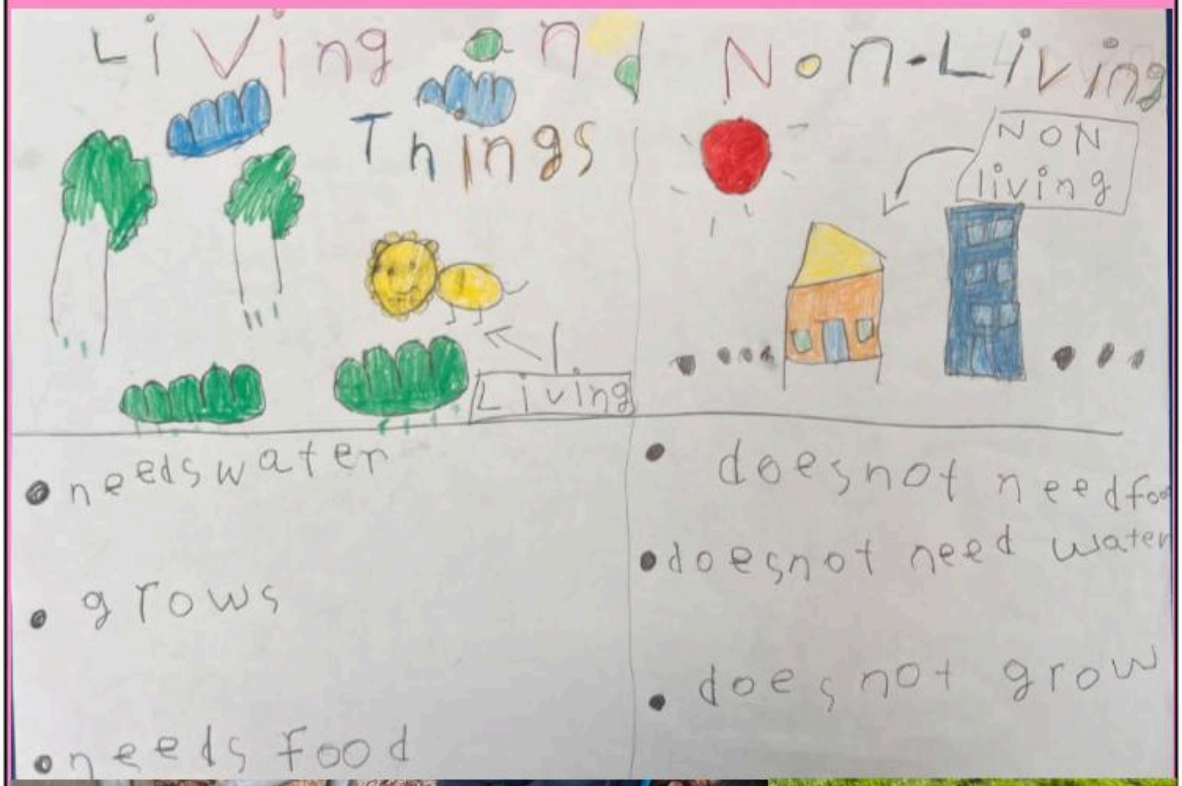
A good big sister is someone who looks after you and knows your fears even if you don't. When you aren't feeling safe she will always be there for you. A good big sister doesn't want to lose you. She will give you gifts and will always be there for your ups and downs. She's the loyal one in your life and you can rely on her and get help from her. If you are feeling down she will agree to do something fun with you and chat with you. Your big sister loves you so accept her love all day, every day. Love your big sister.

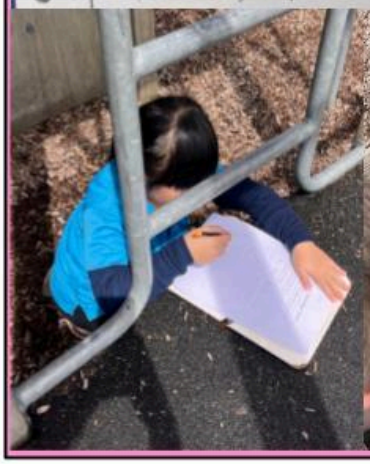
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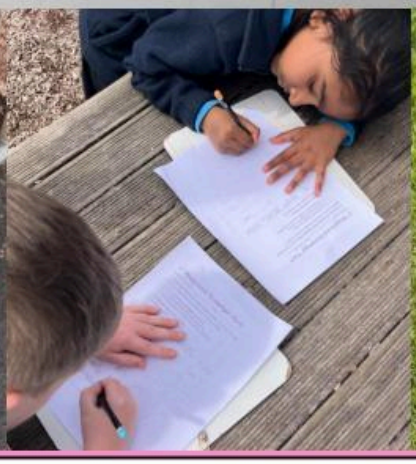
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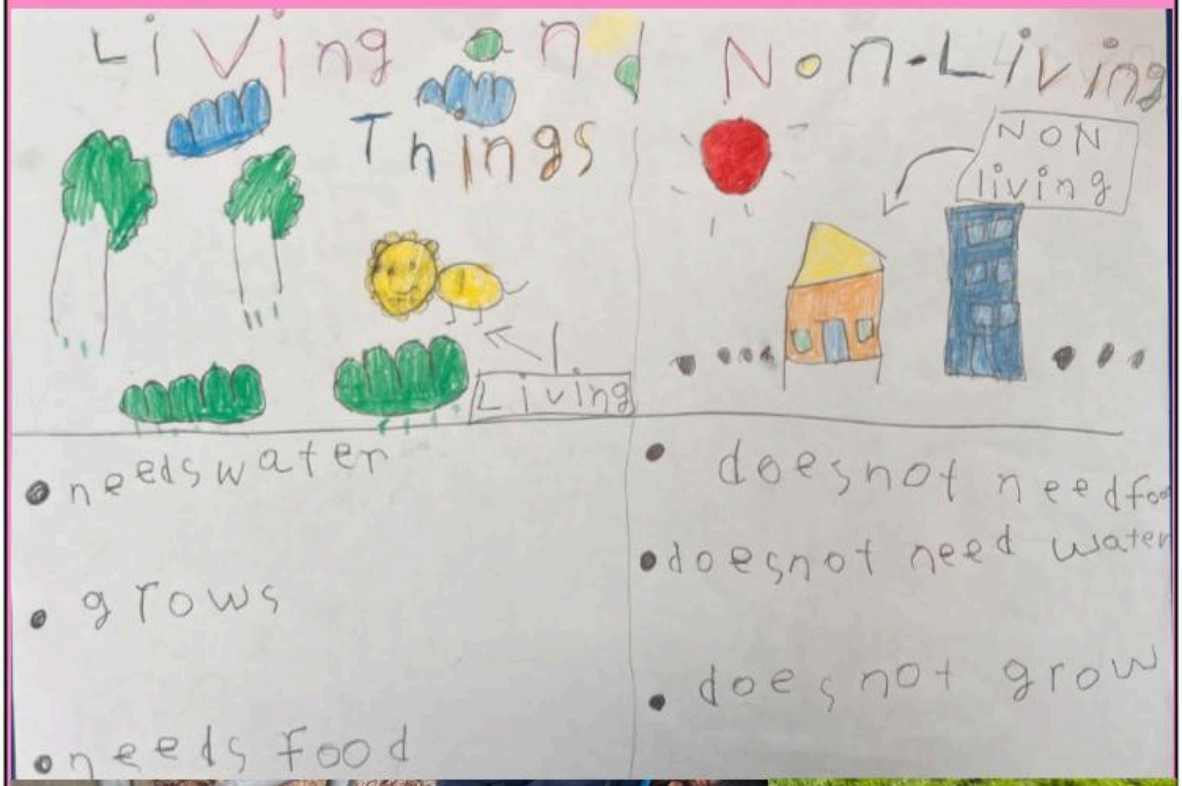
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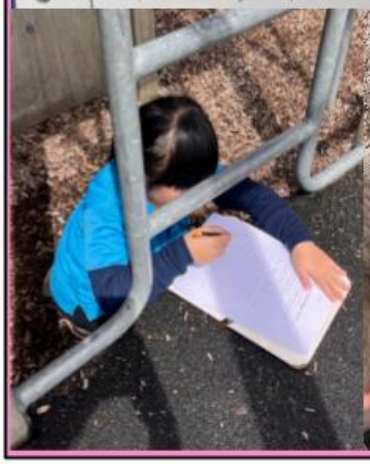


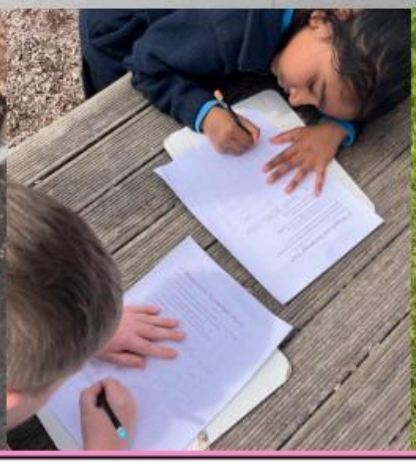
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HAY PARK SCHOOL RAFFLE

TICKETS $5 EACH

Amazing prizes to be won!

SPORTS BUNDLE

Warriors shirt + Warriors hat
Tri Star voucher for a free term



BUNNINGS BUNDLE

Garden trolley, 2 camp chairs, picnic mat and esky



VOUCHERS & FAMILY FUN

- $100 Woolworths voucher
- $50 petrol voucher
- MOTAT family pass
- $50 Cleaver & Co voucher
- $50 Bed Bath & Beyond voucher



PLUS MUCH MORE!



Closes Friday 13 November 2026

Scan the QR code for more information about the prize bundles.

Supporting our Year 5/6 school camp