The Hay Park Spark

Tuesday 17th 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 hǎo – Namaskar – Bula vinaka – Vanakkam – Salaam – Hello

Kia ora parents, whānau and carers

We have five weeks left of the school year. We are only halfway through November and already the malls are all decked out for Christmas, with tinsel, trees and Christmas tunes!

Our Y5&6 students are very excited to be going on camp tomorrow. I'm sure they'll have an excellent time and return home with some great memories. Thanks to everyone who supported our raffle and auction and congratulations to the winners. With all the months of fundraising we have managed to reach our target of fundraising $20,000. Thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to the fundraising throughout the year (including the sausage sizzles) and a huge thank you to Ms MacKenzie, who made it her mission this year to reach our target.

It is the time of the year when we review what we wanted to do, what we actually did and plan for the following year. We have sent out a Parent and Whānau Survey asking you for your ideas about our strategic direction. For those of you who were at our consultation hui at the beginning of the year, you will remember the slides about the strategic goals, our achievement targets, changes to the New Zealand Curriculum and how we report to parents. Our strategic goals are broad, so may not need to change much:

- ★ Our children thrive as active learners who reach their full potential
- ★ Our children thrive through strong partnerships
- ★ Our children thrive through their strong sense of belonging and identity

Teachers are currently finishing assessments, then we will be looking at the data to see if we have reached our achievement targets for this year. One change to strategic planning from next year is that schools must have an achievement goal. Our end of year results will be the basis for that goal. Our reports have changed slightly this year and will change again next year, due to the new requirements. With the changes to the New Zealand Curriculum, we will be changing our class structures next year and we are deciding on the best way we can do this to continue to help set our students up for success. We sent the Parent and Whānau Survey link out through email and SkoolLoop to all families. It is an opportunity to have your say in our strategic direction, so please take a few minutes to fill it in. You could also win a $30 Woolworths voucher if you include your contact details. The survey closes on Thursday. If you haven't received the link to the survey, please let us know.

There has been much in the media about the digital exam site that crashed while students were trying to sit the exam. There has also been an article through Radio New Zealand on the 'digital divide' and how digital exams create more inequity for students in low socioeconomic areas. NZQA argues that 'digital assessment can help make assessment more accessible and equitable for students'. However, high school teachers from across the country have said that online exams are 'especially unfair for students from poor backgrounds who lack the digital fluency to do well in online assessments'. This is why we do what we do. This is why we introduce digital citizenship right from Year 1 and digital fluency with Chromebooks from Year 4.

School Calendar

November 18 - 20 Y5&6 Camp
November 19 Parent & whānau survey closes
November 19 Pule Class Assembly
November 24 Zone Athletics
November 26 HPW Assembly
November 26 Maths Challenge
December 1 School Fun Sports Day
December 11 Year 6 Graduation
December 16 Prizegiving
December 17 Hay Park Way Day Swimarama
December 18 Last Day of Term

Last Day of Term 4
Friday 18th December
School finishes at 12.30pm

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.



To the parents of our Year 3 tamariki - thank you to everyone who has paid the $50 deposit for their child's Chromebook for next year. This means that your child will get their Chromebook at the beginning of the year. If you haven't paid yet, you can find out more information and pay at the school office. We would appreciate payment by Thursday 3rd December. For parents of our current Y4-6 students, if your child wants to take their Chromebook home for the holidays, please make sure Chromebook payments are up to date.

November is NZ Water Safety month. This is a great opportunity to prepare for summer and learn how to keep you and your family safe at the beach or pool. That is why we have our Water Skills for Life programme at the end of the year, ready for summer. Thank you to all the whānau who came and supported us at Cameron Pools.

We weren't able to have our school athletics because of the heavy rain before last Wednesday, but we will be having a school fun sports day on Tuesday 1 December. Children will be able to wear their team colours on that day and once again, families are invited to join us. More information will be coming out shortly.

Ngā mihi nui
Sheree Campbell

BRONZE
60
Tickets

SILVER
100
Tickets

GOLD
150
Tickets

PLATINUM
250
Tickets

HAY PARK WAY



Clark Class: James
Bishop Class: Josephine
Dagmar Class: Sara
Pule Class: Kiyara
Tjapaltjarri Class: Shanaiya
Mulipola Class: Amali
Paterson Class: Afra

TOP SCORERS

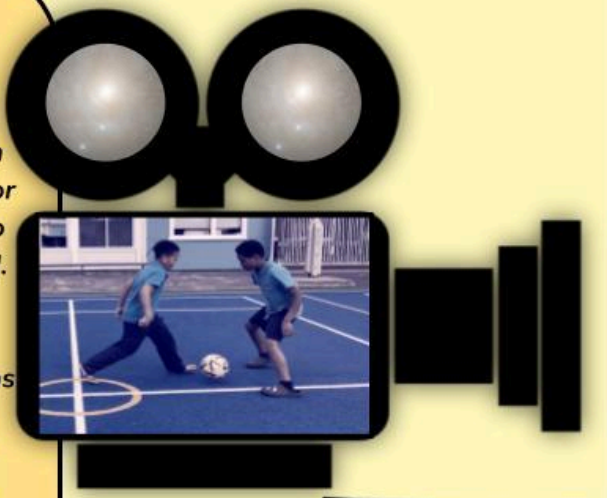
Tjapaltjarri Class

Hello Whānau!

Back in Week 4 we had the Film Festival. Students got to share their movies with all the final cuts and edits. Thank you to the people who came and thank you for supporting our Year 5&6 camp fundraising. Here's a recount about the night from Bo Bo.

Film Festival By Bo Bo

I battled my friend for a chip in the film festival. Ok, let's rewind back to after school. I was at the school and my mum came and told me that she was going for a walk. I had to look after my brother so I went to the office because I was bored. I wanted to see my camp group. Feke told me who I was with but I don't remember. They told me my brother was leaving so I ran after him and I got him. We went into the hall to play hide and seek. My mum came. We went home to get changed into other clothes. I brought a pillow and a blanket. I went back to school and a lot of people were there. I had $18 left because it cost $2 to get in. I bought some chips and drinks and chocolate. I can't remember the first movie. The second movie was Judah's Soccer Tournament and it was good. After a little bit there was a movie from 2025 and it was my movie. It was good. Most of the other movies I didn't pay attention to because I was battling my friend for a chip. My other friend threw a chip and we tried to get it. It was pretty fun. The last movie was my other friend's movie so it was good too. It had bigfoot and cars and a pretty cool ending. We packed up and I went back home. It was a pretty fun time.











Swimming photos of
Rooms 8, 2 and 10



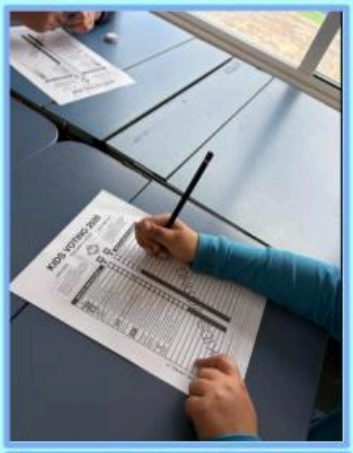






PATERSON CLASS

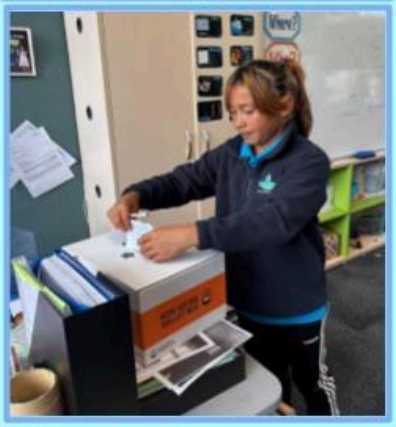
In Room 9 Paterson Class, we researched different New Zealand political parties and held a class vote. Mrs Noorzai agreed to honour the majority decision and officially cast her vote on our behalf for the winning party.



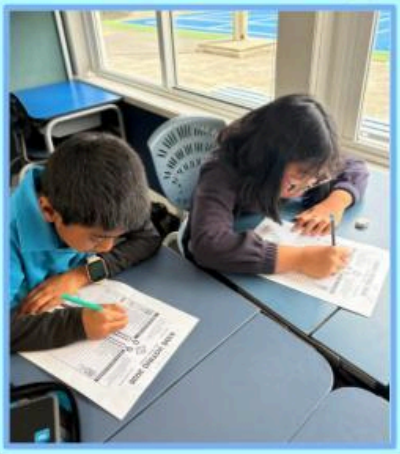


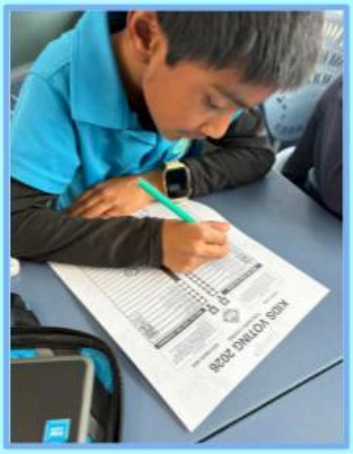






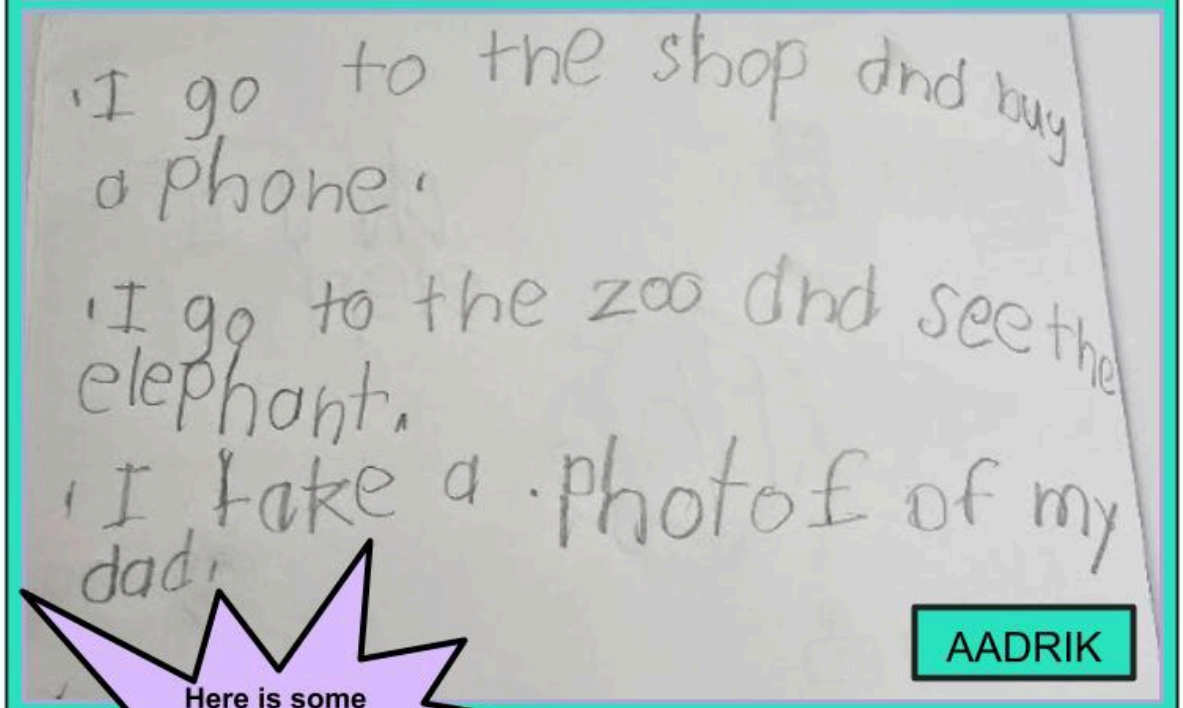






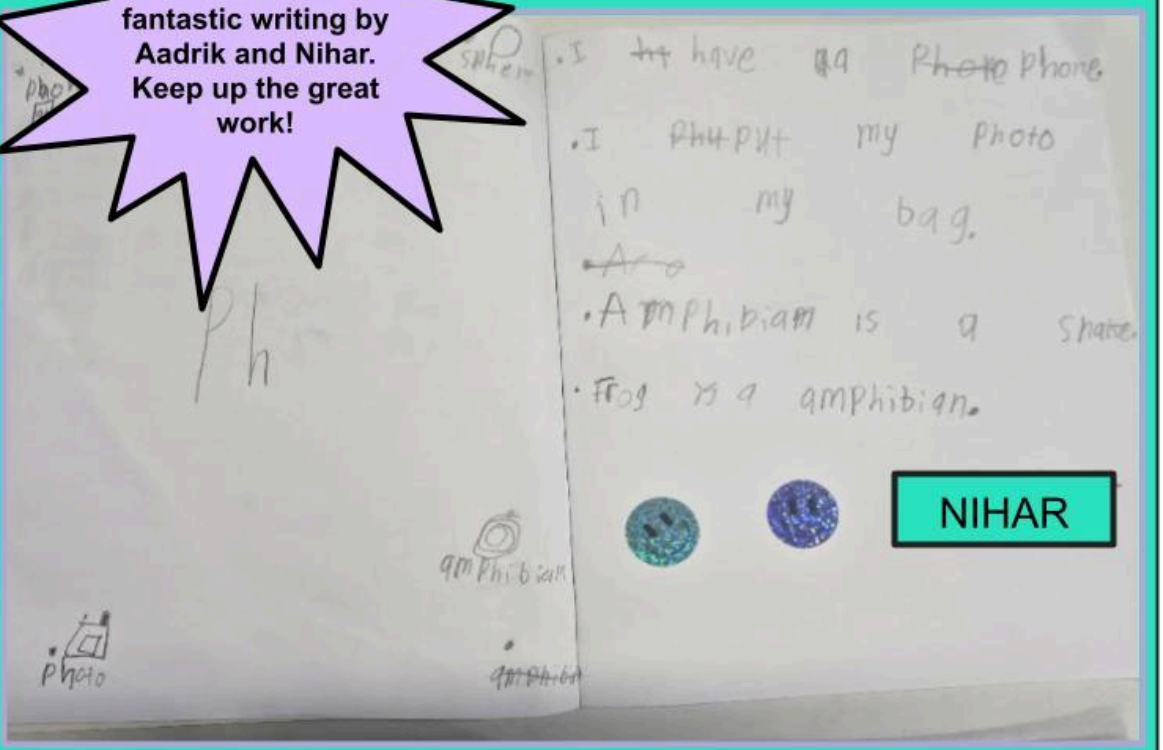


Clark Class



AADRIK

Here is some fantastic writing by Aadrik and Nihar. Keep up the great work!

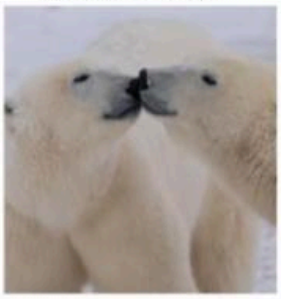


NIHAR

PULE CLASS

Pule Class has been learning about living things and their habitats. We explored how each habitat is unique and special to the living things that call it home. We made a shared poster that has four main habitats - polar, forest, desert and ocean. We looked through magazines and identified some living things that call it home. We also did some paragraph writing about our favourite habitat. Here are our habitat designs and Christian's awesome Polar habitat writing!

Polar Habitats



The polar habitat is located at Antarctica and the Arctic and no one lives there because the weather conditions are too strong for humans. Next, one of the Antarctic habitat facts is one plant on the polar surface, it's called moss and it has no roots. Other plants in Antarctica and the Arctic are pearlwort and hair grass. The Arctic also has animals like polar bears, snowy owls and the beluga bear. Penguins are in Antarctica. The polar habitat is amazing and freezing!

By Christian Ikitule









CLASS AWARDS



Clark Class: ***Monty***

Monty is receiving this award for being an absolute superstar at retelling stories with detail and enthusiasm! He is working so hard in reading and writing every single day and his dedication and growth are fantastic to see. Keep up the wonderful effort!

Bishop Class: ***Abdullah***

For showing awesome responsibility and resilience! Through your hard work and willingness to try, your writing has grown so much as you've started using subordinating conjunctions to build longer, better sentences! Ka pai, Abdullah.

Dagmar Class: ***Kiara***

For being a great friend to her classmates and treating others as she would like to be treated. She is a real asset in any class with a lovely smile and great dancing skills. Bahut Badhiya Kiara.

Pule Class: ***Damon***

For working hard to stay focused in writing and producing some amazing and creative work. Ka pai!

Tjapaltjarri Class: ***London***

For being kind and helpful. Thank you for supporting the class and teacher by helping with a range of tasks and looking after your peers. Tino pai!

Mulipola Class: ***Satvik***

For showing amazing resilience and determination during swimming.

Paterson Class: ***Fanoga***

For fantastic creativity in his poetry, writing poems that are engaging, imaginative and fun to read. You are a talented writer, Fanoga!