



The Hay Park Spark

Tuesday 20th October 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 - Nĩ hǎo - Namaskar -
Bula vinaka - Vanakkam - Salaam - Hello

Fakaalofa atu ki a mutolu oti

Greetings everyone and welcome to term four. In this newsletter we are welcoming Sivi and Pearl to our Hay Park School whānau.

Monuina e Faahi Tapu ma e Vagahau Niue - Happy Niue Language Week. It is 18-24 October. The 2026 theme is 'Gahua aulao ke fakaako fakamalolō e Vagahau Niue - Working together to diligently teach and strengthen Vagahau Niue. The official languages of Niue are vagahau Niue and English. Vagahau Niue (the Niue language) is closely related to Tongan. There are two regional varieties of vagahau Niue, with minor differences in vocabulary and pronunciation. The Motu variety (motu means 'people of the island') is spoken in the northern villages. The Tafiti variety (tafiti means 'strangers' or 'people from a distance') is spoken in the southern villages and has stronger influences from the Tongan language.

Term 4 is always a very busy term. Water safety lessons started today. Our tamariki learn some important water safety skills in these sessions. We do these lessons at this time of year as it is heading into the swimming season over the summer holidays. I'm looking forward to seeing our tamariki in their awesome costumes for our Hay Park School Dress Up Disco on Friday 30 October and the great films our tuakana tamariki have made at our Film Festival night after a Y5&6 camp hui on Thursday 5 November. We also have the second Y3 parent Chromebook hui on Thursday 12 November, our Year 6 Graduation on Friday 11 December, end of year reports and Prizegiving on Wednesday 16 December and Hay Park Way Day on Thursday 17 December, all happening before school finishes on Friday 18 December. This is in addition to our regular learning which will continue right up until the end of the year.

Please remember we have Labour Day on Monday 26 October (next Monday) and our Curriculum Day on Monday 9 November. School will be closed on both those days.

We have our Year 5&6 camp coming up soon, from Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th November. It is part of the New Zealand Curriculum (just like English and maths), but also offers children so many opportunities to challenge themselves and see what they are really capable of. I'm looking forward to seeing all of our Y5&6 children at camp. If there's anything you're not sure about or you have any questions please talk to your child's teacher; or you can chat to me. I've been on lots of school camps!

Please remember every child must wear a hat outside at morning tea and lunch time in terms one and four. Any children without hats will be sitting in a shaded area, instead of playing. Children can wear any hat or cap they own that shades the face and school navy bucket hats are \$15 and can be purchased from www.myschooluniform.nz.

School Calendar

October 21 NZ Shake Out
October 22 Bishop Class Assembly
October 22 Swimming
October 26-30 Tokelau Language Week
October 26 Labour Day - School Closed
October 27 Swimming
October 29 HPW Assembly
October 29 Swimming
October 30 4.30pm Dress Up Disco
November 3 Swimming
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
November 9 TOD - School Closed

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.



All schools must have a strategic plan and annual plan. Each year the school board reviews the strategic plan for the following year. At the start of the year we usually have our consultation hui so parents and whānau - particularly parents new to our school - can have input before the strategic plan is finalised and adopted by the school Board at the end of February. The government has changed when school strategic plans must be finalised. For next year they must be done by 1 January 2027. This means that we will be consulting with our community this year and the focus for our consultation hui will be different at the start of next year. This part of the year is very busy for everyone, so we will survey people, so everyone can contribute. If you've changed your email address, please let us know so you can get the survey.

If you need to speak to a GP and can't get in with your usual doctor, Online GP Care provides online consultations with registered healthcare professionals 24/7 through video or phone call. Depending on your situation, they may be able to prescribe medications, send prescriptions to your nearest pharmacy and provide a medical certificate. This service is now free for all under-14s. For rangatahi aged 14-17, fees are up to \$13.50 for whānau with a Community Services Card or up to \$45.00 without a Community Services card.

With the change of season, we're starting to get all the yummy summer fruit and veg. In NZ only 5.8% of children are eating the recommended amount of vegetables each day - about five servings, depending on age. One serving is half a cup of cooked vegetables or a cup of salad. An easy way to increase a serving of vegetables is to add another serving with meals. Frozen vegetables can be a quick and easy way to do this.

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.

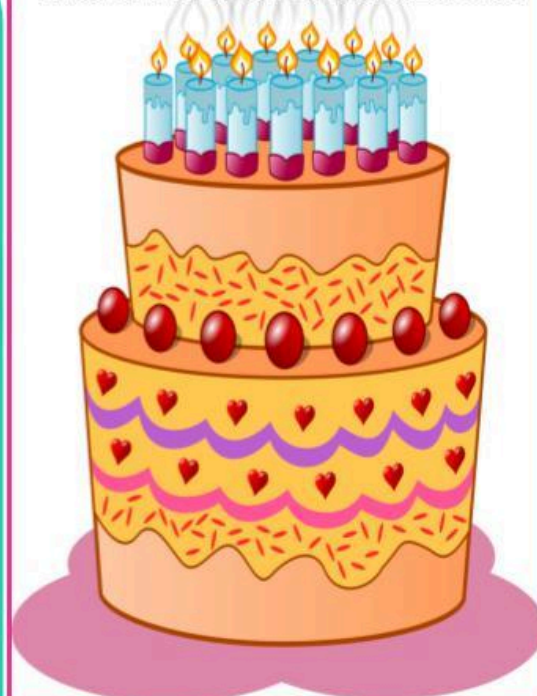
Finally, if you're not yet enrolled to vote, you only have until midnight on the 25th of October (Sunday of this week). Please enrol to vote, so you can have your say on election day.

Fakaau lahi mahaki
Sheree Campbell

HPW TOP SCORERS



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Amanda, Mohamad,
Crystal, Junior, Fatima,
Lucas, Dream, Seth

DRESS-UP DISCO

Friday 30 October

4:30–6:00 pm

School hall

\$2 a ticket

Tickets are on sale now from the office

Food, drinks and glow accessories
available for sale



Fundraising for Year 5–6 camp

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Empathy

Empathy means to connect with another person's thoughts, emotions and their experience.

for example, Someone is Scared to do something new.

When Someone feels Sad when something broke, I can show empathy by asking a parent for help, or repair it.

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This term, we are learning about physical, mental and emotional safety. We began by exploring empathy: listening and trying to understand how someone else feels, even when we feel differently. Our class brainstormed feeling words and used sticky notes to share how someone might feel in a range of situations. This helped us discover that the same experience can bring different feelings for different people. We explored ways to support others, including listening, asking questions and showing kindness. Through this learning, we are building our understanding of what helps everyone feel safe, valued and supported.

EMPATHY



Meaning: The ability to understand share, and connect with person's thoughts, and emotions.

Example: I am so sorry you lost your job, that's terrible.

Sentence: Paul showed a lot of empathy for his students, really understanding their motivations and fears.

A CLASS

Tjapaltjarri Class

Kia ora koutou!

Last term we had a visit from the Junky Monkeys team. Junky Monkeys specialise in supplying loose parts to schools for children to play with. Anisha and Iopu wrote these recounts to tell you all about their day.

Junky Monkeys

Yesterday we got a special visit from Junky Monkeys. They gave us some junk to make toys and play with. First we ate our breakfast in the hall and then the seniors had maths and the juniors got to play with the things Junky Monkeys gave them. After the juniors played it was morning tea. After eating the seniors got to play with the things that Junky Monkeys brought. They brought many things which included recycling bin, pipes, tubes, chairs, balls, ropes, clothes, seats, crutches, wheels, paddles, telephones and many more things. Some people made swings, some made carts, some acted like old men or women with crutches. It was fun all day. At the end they blew the whistle and we needed to pack up everything we played with. It was so much fun!

By Anisha



Junky Monkeys

Yesterday the seniors had Junky Monkeys and it was so fun. There was so much junk and it was fun to play with. I had so much fun with the junk. There were pipes to connect so we could put golf balls inside and they would roll and hit the ground like a marble run. There were trash bins that you could ride in. You could attach stuff to the big trash bin and you could go inside the trash bin like David, Deante, Judah, my sister Nina and I did. By the way, there are rules. The first rule was if you have a golf ball make sure you don't hit classmates on the head because it will hurt their head a lot. We had the best day ever!

By Iopu



JUNKY Monkey







Paterson Class

Room 9 is counting down the days to camp! We are busy completing activities to make sure we are fully prepared and organised. Camp is less than a month away. We head off on November 18th. Have you got your gear list ready?

My Camp Predictions

What do I know about the camp?

I know that the camp will be really fun and everything will be organised.

How do I feel about camp before I go? Why?

I'm nervous because I've never been there before.

What do I think will be the most challenging part of camp?

The activities because cause they might be hard.

What do I think will be the most enjoyable part of camp?

Maybe our free time!

What I'm going to do to make camp as awesome as possible is...

I am going to listen to the instructors.

Why I think going on school camps is important...

So we can get away from devices and learn outdoor skills.

My Camp Predictions

What do I know about the camp?

I know that we are going on the 18 of November to camp for 3 days and 2 night.

How do I feel about camp before I go? Why?

I feel happy because I can learn things I never done before and hang with friends.

What do I think will be the most challenging part of camp?

I think it will be doing stuff that I'm not really good at.

What do I think will be the most enjoyable part of camp?

I think it will be doing team work games with friends.

What I'm going to do to make camp as awesome as possible is...

will listen and do what I am told.

Why I think going on school camps is important...

to make more friends and stay away from TV, iPad's and phones.

We are going out 18 November to 20 November. How it looks.

Scored because some of the games are challenge in a team because it going to be fun.

What do I think will be the most challenging part of camp?

The games of camp. Getting stuff packed.

What do I think will be the most enjoyable part of camp?

Games its fun company it keeps you not sad or bored.

What I'm going to do to make camp as awesome as possible is...

Food & go food because it yummy and friends because there a company.

Why I think going on school camps is important...

It teaches you skills of stuff if your lost in a forest.

What do I know about the camp?

Summary
We are going to camp on November 18th November 20th And we will get there at 10:30 AM.

How do I feel about camp before I go? Why?

I feel very nervous to go because I will see new people.

What do I think will be the most challenging part of camp?

All of the parkour and everything else.

What do I think will be the most enjoyable part of camp?

I think everything there to be honest.

What I'm going to do to make camp as awesome as possible is...

do everything there and be energized.

Why I think going on school camps is important...

you learn new things that you didn't know about. And new skills.

What do I think will be the most challenging part of camp?

staying away from devices because im glued to my phone.

What do I think will be the most enjoyable part of camp?

sleeping with friends and maybe pillow fights.

What I'm going to do to make camp as awesome as possible is...

to be good at all activities

Why I think going on school camps is important...

to stay away from devices and learn important skills

HAY PARK SCHOOL RAFFLE

Amazing prizes to be won!

TICKETS
\$5
EACH

★ 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

