



The Hay Park Spark

Tuesday 16th September 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 and Carers

This is our last week of the term! We end this term welcoming Tusitala to our Hay Park School whānau.

I would like to thank and congratulate our fabulous tamariki and awesome staff and volunteers for a great production. It is a huge undertaking, particularly involving all students; what a great success!

We are now three quarters of our way through this year. The sun has passed the equinox so our days are now longer than our nights and daylight saving starts Sunday 28 September - remember to put your clocks forward one hour. Enjoy taking advantage of those extra daylight hours.

What's the big focus for term four? The context for the Teina (junior) classes is Wai/Water and in the Tuakana (senior) classes it is Wellbeing and Kitchen Chemistry. Classes will have a lot of fun exploring connections in these contexts.

There are a few language weeks coming up next term, starting with Te 'Gana Tuvalu, Tuvalu Language Week from 28 September-4 October and Vosa VakaViti, Fijian Language Week from 5-11 October.

This week Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori is celebrating its 50th year. It was initially a Māori Language Day that began on 14 September 1972 with a petition of more than 30,000 signatures presented to Parliament. The Māori language petition is held in the National Library of New Zealand. It called for the teaching of te reo Māori and Māoritanga (Māori culture) in schools. At that presentation in 1972, Rawiri Paratene said, "the most important thing we are trying to do is to make the public aware that the Māori language is not dead. The Māori language is a very real and living thing. It's a language that's really a part of everyone's everyday life. We can go around spouting how multicultural our country is, but if we neglect the language all this talk is really, really nothing."

Generations to come have benefitted from that moment in history. Scotty Morrison said recently, "that movement stopped the decline of the Māori language...research done at the time found that te reo was going to become an extinct language in the future. The genesis of the petition was started by urban Māori, who were not speakers of te reo, but they wanted to have the gift of the language for their children. They knew what they wanted for the future because they knew what it was like not to have it."

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School Calendar

September 18 - Last Day of Term
September 19 Staff only day - School Closed

October 6 Start Of Term 4
October 9 HPW Assembly
October 10 Teina Team SPEC
October 13 Niuean Language Week
October 16 Te Aho-White Class Assembly
October 17 Tuakana Team SPEC
October 20 Diwali
October 21 Have A Go Day

School finishes at 3pm Thursday 18th September

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.



It takes three generations to restore a language and in the last five decades the Māori language has come a long way. Today, over 70% of NZers are really supportive of te reo Māori and over 200,000 people can converse in te reo. They see it as part of our identity. Kōhanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa immersion schools, Whakaata Māori (Māori Television), the Māori radio network and the Māori Language Commission all came about as a result of that petition. We now have Māori language versions of films such as The Lion King, Moana and Frozen, Shakespeare has been performed in te reo, the number of Māori language songs for a contemporary audience has grown significantly and there is bilingual signage everywhere and can be heard on public transport. According to statistics, 50 years later te reo Māori is in a pretty healthy state - there are waiting lists for Kōhanga and Kura and Māori language classes are very popular - but there is still a lot to do. The Māori language has enjoyed momentum over the last few years. Unfortunately this government seems to not recognise how 'normalised' te reo is in society today.

Te reo Māori is a symbol of culture and identity. It is the first language of this country. It is the language of Aotearoa. The language will change, develop and grow as all languages do over time. For example, 'ka kite' is 'see you' which is an English expression. Māori Language Week offers everyone in our country opportunities to connect. This is the week for us to connect with the indigenous language of our country and to create more cohesion amongst us as people living in Aotearoa. So, give it a go. Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - ake ake ake - a forever language!

Bird of the year voting is open until 5pm on Sunday 28 September. Each person can choose up to five birds to vote for. Why not take some time as a family over the holidays to make your choices and vote?

Voting is also open for the local government elections. Please remember to vote.

Please remember you are most welcome to come to our Thursday afternoon assemblies - even if they have started by the time you get here. We have a Celebration of Learning assembly on Thursday 18th, our last school day of the term. Please come and help us celebrate the great learning classes have done this term.

I would like to end this term by thanking everyone who has supported us - whānau, Board and the wider community. Thank you to all the parents and whānau who have helped on our trips, sports days and for the Production. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers - you give so freely of yourselves and your time. Thank you to all the community organisations who support our school community - a special thanks to Three Kings Countdown, KidsCan, Milk in Schools, SkoolLoop, Kick Start Breakfast, Fruit in Schools, Abe's Bagels and Variety Club. Thank you to our tamariki - you are fabulous! A big thanks to all the staff - you do a great job, you work very hard for our students and it is much appreciated!

Finally, a reminder that we have a Staff Only Day on Friday 19 September. There will be no school for the children that day. All staff will be doing first aid training. School will finish at normal time, 3pm on Thursday 18 September. Term 4 starts on Monday 6 October.

Have a happy and safe holiday everyone.

Ngā mihi nui
Sheree Campbell

Notices

**Last Day of Term this Thursday
(18th September) School finishes at
3pm!**

**Monday 3rd
November - Teacher
Only Day**

**Sun hats are
compulsory in
Term 4**



CLASS AWARDS

Jackson Class: Samira

You are a wonderful and hardworking learner who quietly perseveres with every task in Jackson Class. You listen carefully, show great enthusiasm for learning and are an excellent role model of respect and responsibility. Tino pai!



Tibbo Class: Henry

You have settled in very well into Tibbo Class and into Hay Park School. You have adapted to the Hay Park Way with ease. You consistently demonstrate being respectful, responsible and resilient both in class and outside among your peers. You put great effort into your work during class time. Keep up the great work! Ka pai!



Flox Class: Zahra W

For always trying your very best during literacy time! You have come such a long way with your learning. Your positive attitude and willingness to give everything a go is paying off. Your reading is amazing and you have moved up so many levels!! Keep up the good work. Tino pai!



Te Aho-White Class: Finnian

For being a confident speaker and learning to take risks. Finnian, I am so proud of the way you give new learning a try even if you're a little nervous. You are very brave!



Binney Class: William

For having a very good attitude and making great progress. It is great to see you improve, especially in Maths. Keep trying and keep showing resilience. Tino pai!



Patmore Class: Hamsa

For consistently showing our school values every day. She makes responsible choices, treats others with respect, and shows resilience when faced with challenges. Her positive attitude and kind actions make her a fantastic role model for others. Ka pai!



Bailey Class: Jiajun

For being a fantastic role model who always does the right thing, even when no one is watching. She shows our school values every day through her respectful attitude, responsible choices and caring actions. Ka pai Jiajun!

I was in the Middle Eastern Group. When we first started to practice I didn't like it until we actually started to understand the dance. It was so fun and exciting. It was a fun experience, but crazy at the same time. Miss P helped us out so that we knew how to get on stage even if I was really scared to. I was also the speaker, but the day I performed I let it out and was not scared anymore.

By Afia





Being in the cast was one of the best opportunities I have accepted! Last week on Thursday, we had a night show called the Hidden Sky. I gave it my all and talked with expression. Ms P and Mr Albert rehearsed with us helping me and my friends be expressive with our voices and it was VERY fun to experience being on stage and feeling like a star.

By Adam

The Cast Crew



COOK ISLAND GROUP



NIUEAN GROUP

BINNEY CLASS

Malo e lelei!

After our amazing cultural show the students wrote about their performances. Here's a story from Sione about his experience with the Tongan group.

Mr Albert.

Tongan Group

I liked the work of the Tongan group. Miss Moala taught the faiva that we were performing for the show. My mum and dad helped to dress me up in my Tongan costume. We were told that we were preparing for the faiva and we walked to the faiva hall. We finished our faiva and I was very happy. Miss Moala told us she liked our work. Miss Moala taught us the song. The song was over and we went back to Tongan group. My father went to ask Miss Moala if there was anything else to do. Then we went home. I was so happy with our Tongan group performance.

By Sione





TONGAN GROUP





SAMOAN GROUP











KAPA HAKA