



The Hay Park Spark

Tuesday 14th October 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 hāo – Bula vinaka – Salaam – Hello

Kia ora Parents and Carers

Welcome to term four. The term has started very well. This week we are welcoming Iyad, Amir, Grace, Andre and Kivein to our Hay Park School whānau.

A special thank you to everyone who attended and gave so generously at our school production at the end of last term. The children gave superb performances. We raised just over \$700. This money will be used for sports equipment.

Term 4 is always a very busy term. I'm looking forward to the Hay Park School film festival in the hall next Wednesday night. We also have the Y3 parent Chromebook hui, our Year 6 Graduation, end of year reports, Hay Park Way Day and Prizegiving all happening before school finishes. This is in addition to our regular learning which will continue right up until the end of the year.

ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill, is happening across the country at 9.30am on Thursday this week. Taking part is a great way for our young people to learn the right actions to take before, during and after an earthquake.

This year there is no Ako Hiko film festival, so we will be holding our own in the hall from 5.30pm next Wednesday, 22nd October. An invitation will be sent out this week to come and watch the short films created by our talented film-makers.

Please remember we have Labour Day on Monday 27 October and our Curriculum Day on Monday 3 November. School will be closed on both of these days.

The Minister of Education has announced that structured literacy has produced a huge increase in numbers of children achieving at or above expectation in reading in their first year of school. We also have great results in the number of children who can decode (say written words). However, what the results have shown is that a large number of children have passed the 'phonics check' test administered at the end of 20 and 40 weeks of learning. Reading is both decoding and comprehension (understanding what the words mean).

This week is the 50th anniversary of the Waitangi Tribunal. The Waitangi Tribunal's purpose includes inquiring into and making recommendations to the Crown regarding breaches of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi), examining and reporting on proposed legislation and making recommendations about certain Crown forest land, railways land, state-owned enterprise land and land transferred to educational institutions. Established by the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, the Tribunal investigates alleged breaches of the Treaty by the Crown's policies and actions, providing a forum for historical grievances and contributing to the reconciliation process between Māori and the Crown.

School Calendar

October 16 Flox Class Assembly
 October 17 Tuakana Team SPEC
 October 20-24 Niue Language Week
 October 20 DIWALI Day
 October 21 Have A Go Day
 October 22 HPS Film Festival
 October 23 HPW Assembly
 October 23 NZEI National Strike Day
 October 24 Teina Team SPEC
 October 27 Labour Day - School Closed
 October 30 Bailey Class Assembly
 October 31 Tuakana Team SPEC
 November 3 Teacher Only Day - School Closed
 November 6 HPW Assembly
 November 12 Athletics Day

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.



You may have seen in the media talk of an NZEI teacher union member strike on Thursday 23rd October. This is not yet official as the formal notice has not been presented to school boards, but an informal notice has been made. If an official strike notice is presented, the Board will decide if there are enough non-union members to remain open. If not, the Board may decide to close our school, or it may be open for supervision only for families who need it, on Thursday 23rd October. For now please keep this possibility in mind. A letter was sent home and put on Skool Loop yesterday. A huge thanks to the parents and carers who have already returned their forms saying they will be keeping their children home or have made alternative arrangements for them next Thursday. If you have not yet returned the form please send it with your child tomorrow. You can also ring or write a note if you don't have the form. Once official notification has been made, further information will follow from the Board.

Finally happy, happy Diwali!

Ngā mihi nui
Sheree Campbell

HPW TOP SCORERS

Jackson Class: Kiyara

Tibbo Class: Takai

Flox Class: Dani

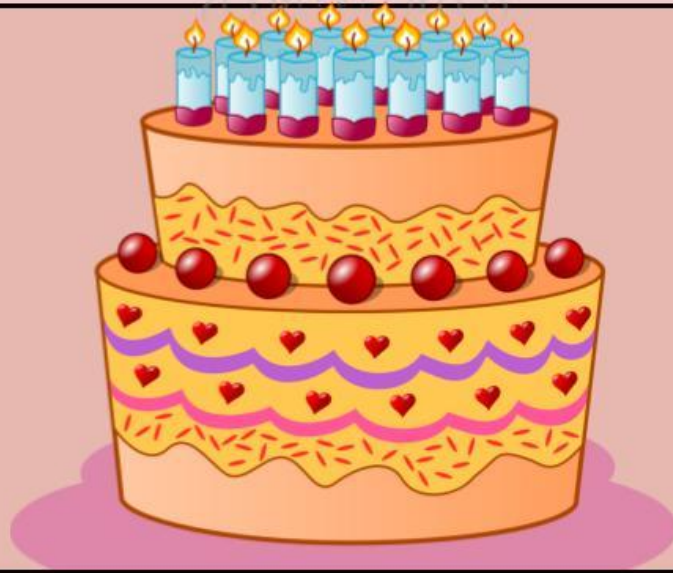
Binney Class: So'o

Patmore Class: Ariana

Bailey Class: Aiaraisa

**HPW TOP
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October Birthdays



Enrico, Ayesha, Elijah, Sumaiya, Kaðe, Asað, Ata, Nadia, Takai, Cjae, Saron, Dani, Amir, Ericca, Sui, Jannat, Tristan, Samira, Kahurangi

Stepped Attendance Response – STAR

ESF The Education Service of Falmouth

Responding to all absence

The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time



Binney Class

Bula Vinaka

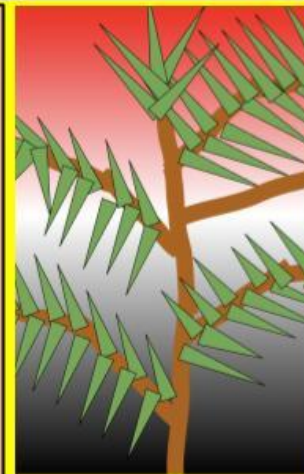
Last week we celebrated Fijian Language Week. We read a story about a group of people from a village in Fiji. The people worked together to catch fish. They wanted to sell the fish to raise money for their church. Here are some pictures and two brief plot summaries from the students.

Mr Albert.

FISH DRIVE

Fish Drive is a story where Fijian people go out and catch fish for the markets and for their families, friends and neighbours. They are also raising money for their church. They catch the fish by making a circle with nets. Then they stun the fish by crushing the roots from the Doovah tree and shaking them in the water. When they catch the fish they put the fish in containers with ice.

By Tyson



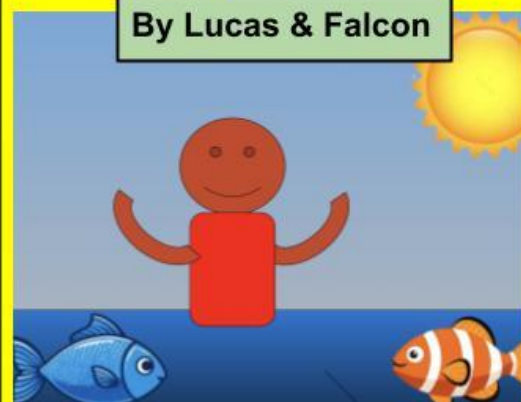
By Basma



By Dizaiah & Grace

Today we read a story about some people in Fiji. The story is called Fish Drive. It's about people from Fiji working together to catch fish. They do this by tying coconut palms to vines to make nets. Then they surround the fish. They push the fish into a small circle and catch the fish.

By Eyvana-Li



By Lucas & Falcon

Tibbo Class

Creative Construction



JACKSON CLASS



Jackson Class learning 2D shapes.



FLOX CLASS

We have been busy exploring shapes in Year 3 maths. We have been creating 2D and 3D shapes which has required lots of patience, critical thinking and resilience. Here are some pictures.





FOOD ON THE TABLE

DISCUSSING ISSUES AND ACTION ON FOOD

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER

6PM-8PM

ROSKILL SOUTH HUB - 56 GLASS ROAD

Food costs are high. Tell us how this has impacted you.
We want to hear from people who find it hard to put food on the table.

What helps, what makes it worse, and what would you want your community agencies, local board or council to do about it?

Bring your ideas and frustrations.

We want to know about people's experiences of getting food parcels, we want to know about access to community gardens, markets and the impacts of policies.

KAI RESILIENT PUKETAPAPA

