



The Hay Park Spark

Tuesday 17th June 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, whānau and carers

This is our last newsletter for the term. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Together, we are creating a positive and enriching educational journey for all our tamariki.

This week we welcome Samira and her family to our Hay Park School whānau.

The Matariki public holiday is Friday this week. Mātauranga Māori (ancestral knowledge and wisdom) is at the heart of celebrations and, across the motu, it will be a time for:

- Remembrance - Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki
- Celebrating the present - Gathering together to give thanks for what we have
- Looking to the future - Looking forward to the promise of a new year

Historically, the stars of Matariki were also closely tied to planting, harvesting and hunting. If the stars appeared clear and bright, it signified an abundant season ahead. Traditionally, Matariki festivities included lighting ritual fires and various celebrations to farewell the dead, honour ancestors and celebrate life. Now people all across Aotearoa come together to remember their ancestors, share kai, sing waiata, tell stories and play music.

Matariki is about reconnecting with home and whānau. There are many ways to acknowledge the Māori New Year and observe the rising of Matariki. As part of our Matariki celebrations I am looking forward to us all coming together and sharing kai tomorrow for our Matariki shared lunch. Ngā mihi nui to all the families who are bringing food and will share our kai.

Reports will be going home this week, on Thursday 19th June. Information about the changes to the New Zealand Curriculum will be included with the reports.

Learning Conversations will be next week, on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June, which is the last week of the term. School will finish at 2pm on both those days. Supervision will be available in Room 7 until 3pm on Tuesday and Wednesday for children who need it. School will also finish at 2pm on Friday 27th June, the last day of the term.

Once again you will be able to book your Learning Conversation time directly through Skool Loop (our preferred option). If you do this you will get the time you choose from the times available. Please download the FREE app and choose a time that works best for you.

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School Calendar

June 18 Matariki Shared Lunch

June 19 Jackson Class Assembly

June 19 Reports home

June 20 Matariki - NO SCHOOL

June 24 Learning Conversations
(School finishes at 2pm)

June 25 Learning Conversation
(School finishes at 2pm)

June 26 Celebration of Learning
Assembly

June 27 Teina team SPEC

June 27 Last Day of Term
(School finishes at 2pm)

First Day of Term 3 - July 14th

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.



Information about how to book your Learning Conversations through our Skool Loop app was on the Learning Conversation letter that went home last week. Our admin staff can also help you with it. For those who haven't booked through Skool Loop and returned the form, our admin team will book a time for you. Confirmed times for those who filled in the form will be sent home with reports.

As I said in the last newsletter, every three years school board elections are held across NZ. The date for the Hay Park School Board elections is 10 September 2025. More information will be coming out over the next couple of months. We have five parent positions and after years of service some of our current board members have decided they won't be standing for the board again.

The school board meets twice a term. It sets the strategic direction of the school and monitors our progress. You don't need any special qualifications or experience, just be interested in our tamariki and our school. All you need to do is read the information for each hui, ask questions and make decisions about where we are going as a school. The school board meets twice a term, so there are only eight hui each year. The next board hui is 5pm on Thursday 26th June. If you are interested in being on our school board or have any questions about it, please let me know and please come along. You can pop in to see me at school or email me at shereec@haypark.school.nz

A final reminder that school finishes at 2pm next week on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th June. We appreciate you making arrangements to pick your children up at 2pm on these days.

In these very uncertain times, I wish everyone Happy Holidays and Mānawatia a Matariki!

Ngā mihi nui
Sheree Campbell



Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member

Visit the office or email cheriel@haypark.school.nz for a nomination form.



JACKSON CLASS

Our probability statements in Maths



It is certain that I have a green pencil.
LJ



It is possible that I will be happy.
Leqi



It is impossible for me to transform into a car.
JJ



It is impossible for me to transform into a car.
JJ

Bigfoot Adventure





BIKING WITH BINNEY CLASS!



A poster shared by Dizaiah after our bike safety days.



What to never do with bikes.

1. Never change the gears when you're not pedaling.

2. Don't overpack.
Avoid overloading your bike with excessive cargo. It makes it difficult to control.

3. Make sure you are looking up and not down at your feet or else you will crash.

4. Don't neglect routine maintenance.
Regularly check and maintain your bike's brakes, tyres and other components.



5. Follow traffic laws and signals.
Bicycles are considered vehicles and must follow the same rules as other traffic.

6. Be aware of your surroundings.
Pay attention to traffic, pedestrians and obstacles.



PATMORE CLASS

This week, our class got hands-on with nature as we explored how to set up a worm farm! As part of our science and writing learning, tamariki took part in a fun and practical procedure writing lesson. We worked step by step to build our own classroom worm farm, learning how worms help turn food scraps into rich compost. Students then wrote their own clear and detailed instructions, using bossy verbs and time words to guide others through the process. It was a great way to connect our writing skills with sustainability and kaitiakitanga (guardianship of the earth). Ka pai, everyone!

How to set a worm farm

You will need:

- 1) Worm farm
- 2) Box of worms
- 3) Block of soil
- 4) Shovel

- 1) Step one: Put the bedding block in warm water (about 5 litres) in a bucket.
- 2) Step two: Next you put the soil in the top part of the worm farm.
- 3) Step three: Then open the bucket and put the soil in the top part of the worm farm.
- 4) Step four: Place the mat on top of the worm farm to keep it moist and to keep the fruit flies away.
- 5) Step five: Wait three days to feed them so that they can be more comfortable.

By Amali



How to set up a worm farm

You will need:

- 1) Worm farm
- 2) Box of worms
- 3) Block of soil

Step 1: Put first in a bucket of warm water (5L). Place your bedding block and wait 15 minutes for it to grow.

Next put the expanded soil in the top part of the farm and spread it out evenly 2cm thick.

Then unbox your worms and place them in the top place.

Then place the mat on top to keep the moisture in the fruit so they can eat.

Wait 3 days to feed them so they can stay healthy.

By Saron



BAILEY CLASS

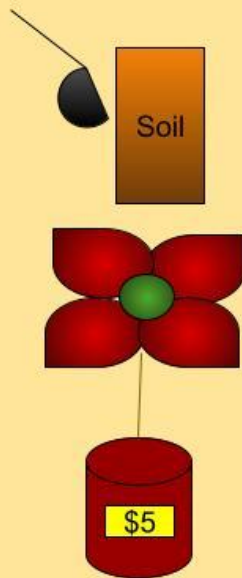
Room 9 is learning to write clear and detailed procedural texts on *How to Plant Seeds*. They are using Google Drawings to illustrate the process, combining their writing with creative visuals to help explain their instructions.

How to plant a seed

Things you need to plant a seed.

- Soil
- Potting mix
- Water
- Shovel
- Seeds

- Light
- Heat
- Stick
- Planter



Steps

1. You get the pot.
2. You get a scoop and fill the pot with the potting mix 3 quarters of the way.
3. Use a stick to make a 1cm deep hole.
4. Put your seeds with enough potting mix.
5. Water the pot.
6. Then put the pot into a shaded or covered area.

By Raed

How to grow a seed 🌱

Things needed

- Water.
- Soil.
- Pot (planter).
- Potting mix.
- seeds.
- Scoop (shovel).

Steps.

1. Get potting mix and add soil until it is enough
2. Then dig 1 inch and plant the seed.
3. Then put water in the soil until it is moist.
4. Put it under the sun and wait until it is raining then put it in the green house.



Nice 😎



Get the potting mix and add it to the pot.
Cool.
I like planting.

By Teoti

TE AHO-WHITE CLASS

Te Aho-White Class has been learning about Matariki and the different stars. Here is some student art work inspired by our class artist, Isobel Joy Te Aho-White. Artwork by Dhrubo, Finnian, Maryam, and Christian.



Flox Class

HABITATS

The rainforest is an important habitat in our world. It is important because it has lots of trees that help make clean air for us to breathe. Animals like tigers, snakes, birds and lizards live there and call it their home. They like it because there are different plants and bushes for them to live in. We need to look after it so that it stays clean and beautiful for all the animals who live there. We also need to look after it because it is a very important part of our environment and humans need it to live.

By Zhekinah





Little Scientists



Science based holiday programme

Join us these holidays for loads of science fun!

www.littlescientists.co.nz

COOKING WITH MISS P

Every second Friday this term we have made a delicious pot of warm and nutritious soup for the kids to have at lunchtime. They line up outside the cooking room to receive their cup of soup and a generously buttered piece of bread.

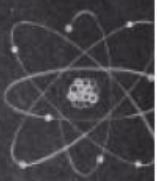
There are soup monitors who help to prepare the vegetables, butter the bread, serve the soup and clean up....they do a great job!

This term we have had vegetable soup and pumpkin and leek soup. There will be soup next during Term 3. Check out the school Facebook page for the posts, so you can see what yummy soups we have.

Maybe make a pot of soup at home during the holidays. It's a great way to use up leftover vegetables and a packet of pasta thrown in makes it go even further!!

See you all in Term 3....Arohanui Miss P





Waikōwhai Intermediate

PRESENTS



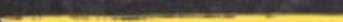
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
DEDICATED TO SHOWCASING THE
PROGRAMMES THAT SHOW OFF
OUR 'WAI'!



MONDAY 21ST JULY 6:30PM - 8PM

WAIKŌWHAI INTERMEDIATE

Parking at the Eden Roskill Cricket Club



Open
Day

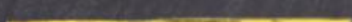


TAKE A GUIDED TOUR AROUND OUR
SCHOOL TO SEE OUR STUDENTS
AND PROGRAMMES IN ACTION!

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 9:15AM - 11:15M

WAIKŌWHAI INTERMEDIATE

Parking at the Eden Roskill Cricket Club



If you are unable to attend either events, but you're interested
in our school, please email reception@wai-int.school.nz to
book a tour.

For more information visit: www.wai-int.school.nz

