



NEWSLETTER



Our Vision: To grow young people who love God and impact others through service and leadership.

Our Mission: To provide a quality education in a Christian environment where children can develop their God-given abilities.



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Whanau – Through unity is strength
"How good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

1 March 2018

Principal's Ponderings

Kia ora Parents.

Approximately 2 weeks ago I read in the national news that a North Island Intermediate School had written to its parents requesting that they refrain from allowing their pre-teenage child access to a social media platform while they attend the school for Year 7/8. While they acknowledged that the school was unable to enforce this request they were pleading with parents to support this initiative.

The article reports that "*the initiative was in response to an increasing number of social media "incidents" which affected student relationships and wellbeing last year. These incidents have occurred outside of school hours on private social media accounts that we have no rights or responsibility for,*" the newsletter said. "*When things do go wrong we often find that parents contact the school with the expectation that we can and will sort the problem out.*"

The school included a number of good reasons why they decided to pursue this action including:

- Reducing the number of hours or days of staff time which pull teaching staff away from their core job – teaching
- It will promote a safe school environment where pupils can be themselves without having to worry about their interactions being discussed online
- The pressure on students to be active on social media and the pressure on their parents to allow their children on their sites [sometimes earlier than what is legal] will be reduced
- It will reduce the risk that some students will make serious lapses in judgement that may have a severe impact on them for years to come.

I would urge parents to have wisdom and courage when deciding on the right time to give access to technology to their child/ren.

While there are many benefits in having access to technology, there also exists a minefield of disasters. If not wisely navigated, these can result/have resulted in pupils seriously damaging others and themselves. I would urge parents to have wisdom and courage when deciding on the right time to give access to technology to their child/ren. Perhaps more importantly, we need to be confident of the reason why access is being given in the first place.

The article finished by stating: "*adolescence is a challenging time, let us give our children the opportunity to navigate it without the added pressure of social media.*" These are wise words to follow.

Ngā mihi nui

Steve Frost

[Tumuaki]

Prayer Requests

Give thanks for:

- God's blessing on the school
- God-given gifts and talents
- The many opportunities for pupils to develop in character and in talent
- God's love expressed in different ways

Please pray for:

- Our new parents transitioning into our community

PRAYER

Parents who pray make all the difference! Please join us on Wednesdays at 2.40pm in Room 14 to pray for our school community. Everyone welcome!

Verses to Learn Term 1

Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another. ¹¹ Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a heart full of devotion. ¹² Let your

hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles, and pray at all times. ¹³ Share your belongings with your needy fellow Christians, and open your homes to strangers.

¹⁴ Ask God to bless those who persecute you— yes, ask him to bless, not to curse. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. ¹⁷ Do not think of yourselves as wise.

¹⁷ If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good. ¹⁸ Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.

Romans 12:9-18

Tips for Learning



Reading With Y3-6 Children

(by Andy Vosslander, Head of Professional Development)

After the alphabetic principle has been grasped and children are becoming fluent in their reading, the next steps in helping them to read involve encouraging good comprehension as well as accurate decoding. Here are some suggestions as to what you could do:

- Encourage the reading of non-fiction that includes reading the captions that go with diagrams and photos. Talk about the content of non-fiction books and link that content to other non-fiction books or life experiences that your child has had. Build the idea that information can be gained from the reading of non-fiction and that this information can help with general understanding of the world around us.

Pupil Achievements

Well done to all the children who participated in last week's Junior Triathlon. Full results are on the sports blog.

<https://hillviewsport.wordpress.com/2018/02/23/y1-4-triathlon-and-y0-duathlon-results>



Assemblies Next Week

Year 0-2 Assembly: Tuesday 6 March 2.30pm in the Junior Campus staffroom.

Year 7-10 Assembly: Wednesday 7 March 1:30pm in the gymnasium.

Year 3-6 Assembly Wednesday 7 March 2.15pm in the gymnasium

[This week's flag is Russia. Next week's flag will be Spain]

Upcoming Events

- **Monday 12 March** – Teacher Only day.
- **Tuesday 13 March** – Y9-10 Secondary Schools Athletic Prelims Rawhiti Domain.
- **Tuesday 13 March** – Y5-8 South Zone Swimming Sports at Jellie Park
- **Wednesday 14 March** – Y5 Water Pumping Station trip
- **Thursday 15 March** – Y6 Water Pumping Station trip.
- **Tuesday 20 March** – Orientation afternoon for children commencing school in Term 2.
- **Friday 23 March**- Year 4 Sleepover
- **Monday 26 March** – Y5-8 Primary Schools Duathlon at Rawhitit
- **Friday 30 March** – Good Friday

Around Our School

SPORTS NOTICES

Hillview Netball Club

If your child/ren is in Year 3 - 10 and would like to join a team please txt us on 0211607345 or email us at hillviewnetball@gmail.com with your child's name, age at 1 Jan 18, school class level, contact number and email address. Please also let us know if they have played before and if so their preferred position, alternatively, return the form your child brought home earlier this week to the office. Final teams are dependent on numbers. Preseason training will commence tomorrow from 3.30 to 5pm for Y7-10 in the school gym and will run next Friday 9 March as well. Hope you can all make it.

Sports Blog

Information regarding sport at Hillview can be found on the sports blog at www.hillviewsport.wordpress.com



PERMISSION GRANTED

Unless the appropriate teacher is informed, teachers will assume that ALL pupils have been given permission to attend school field trips, camps, and any other school activity/event which is part of their education programme. School events have been loaded on the school calendar (on website) so that parents are aware of what is ahead. This also includes the Year 5s being taught on how to cross Wilsons Road in pairs. If you have any questions around this, please contact your classroom teacher.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property bins will be culled several times per term or when bins are full.

Unnamed uniform or uniform named with pupils no longer at Hillview, or senior pupil names on junior items, or names that cannot be read will go to the uniform shop for resale or redistribution.

1. Named items will be left in bin or returned to owner.
2. Unnamed miscellaneous items such as lunch boxes, drink bottles, non-uniform clothing, etc. will be disposed of in charity bins or dumped at the end of each term or when they have been in the bin for several weeks.
3. Expensive items such as spectacles, phones, jewellery, and cash, are kept at the office.

Orientation For New Entrants

Tuesday 20 March, 1.30pm in the Junior Campus staffroom. Orientation will be held for the following pupils who commence Hillview in Term 2: *Nathaniel Andrews, Kevin Binu, George Dowall, Eli Dudley, Kiani Kakoi, Maddy Molioo, Willah Shaw, Lauren Westbrook, Kaito Worsp* An email with further details will be sent. If you don't receive it, please contact Kerry on k.harris@hillview.school.nz

Year 9 and 10 Parents

On Friday 13th April "Real Talk" will be coming to Hillview to make a presentation to our Year 9 and 10 pupils. Real Talk are an Australian-based Christian organisation who speak to pupils about a range of relevant topics. They have been invited to come to New Zealand by Middleton Grange to speak to Christian schools. This will also include a Parent night at Middleton Grange on Wednesday 11th April. They will make a presentation to all Year 9 and 10 pupils on the topic of "Getting Real in the Digital World". The girls (Brave and Beautiful) and boys (Stronger) will then separate for the second presentation. The cost per pupil is \$12 and this will be added to your school account. If you would like any further information please contact Mr Dean Stanton (d.stanton@hillview.school.nz) or check out the Real Talk website www.realtalkaustralia.com



Year 7-10 Film Festival 2018



This year we would like to produce a film festival at Hillview. This is planned for term 2, but the ground work has already started. We have a fabulous list of students who are keen to be involved. Key dates for you to note:

Acting Auditions:

Thursday 8 March 3:30-6:00pm Bowling Club Hall

Dance Auditions:

Thursday 8 and Friday 9 March 12:30-1:25pm Bowling Club Hall

Singing Auditions:

Thursday 15 March 12:30-1:25pm Bowling Club Hall

Actors, scripts are available from Miss Eves and Mrs Becker. Dancers, please prepare a 40-60 second sequence. Send your music link to Mrs Becker before Tuesday 6 March or bring a device to plug into the speakers. Singers, we will provide more information about your audition soon.

Parents, we would love your help. Please see Miss Eves or Mrs Becker if you have experience and expertise in film or could provide parental supervision and transport for film crews. p.becker@hillview.school.nz; x.eves@hillview.school.nz

Around Our Community

Free to a good home! Netherland Dwarf grey female rabbit - Flash is a very friendly, mature but healthy well loved bunny. A very well built two-level hutch included which can house three rabbits in separate quarters. Pick up in Halswell area. Please call Naomi on 021 953 519

House Cleaner Wanted. Carolyn Childs, ex-Hillview parent, is looking for someone to house clean for 2 hours per week, preferably on Wednesdays, near PMH. Ph 021 1709811.

Hillview Uniform Shop

The shop is open Mondays 2.30-3.30pm or by appointment which can be made at uniform@hillview.school.nz Alternatively, orders can be placed online at http://www.hillview.school.nz/?page_id=855214 and collected from the office.

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