

NGĀ PĀNUI | THE NEWS

HRC Te Otu Mātua Newsletter Tahī 2023



Our 2023 College Value Focus

WHANAUNGATANGA BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Creating a sense of **belonging**
and **togetherness** by
treating others with
kindness, **respect**
and **empathy**.



Kupu from our Tumuaki

Janine Harrington

As I look out the window now, the trees are well on their way to dropping their autumnal leaves; a job that keeps our caretakers very, very busy. The grounds of HRC Te Otu Mātua are idyllic, and visitors often comment on the peaceful wairua that complements our beautiful landscape. We have a number of protected trees that were planted as long ago as 1888. They are the ones that stand the tallest and drop the most leaves. I wonder who planted them 135 years ago.

Since that time numerous children have walked over this land. In the 11 years I've been the principal, by far the majority have loved their time here and consequently we are fortunate enough to get lots of visits and comments from graduates, keen to keep in touch.

We had two lovely messages in Term 1 from graduates. One mentioned how much he misses the place in a recent phone call. He said he would come back if he could. Another wrote that the memories of this 'awesome place' are still with him today.

Several graduates have also been in the media recently for all the right reasons. Two students are youth members of parliament. One has been nominated for a national award and four are attending the Special Olympics World Games in Berlin in June.

We are so very proud of all of our graduates who have taken the skills they learnt here and put them into positive action in their lives, whether it is a newsworthy event or just helping to make

themselves, their whānau, and the world a bit better through their deeds and actions.

It is a privilege to witness growth in another. We look forward to appreciating more success stories in the future.

Te Whare a Owaka

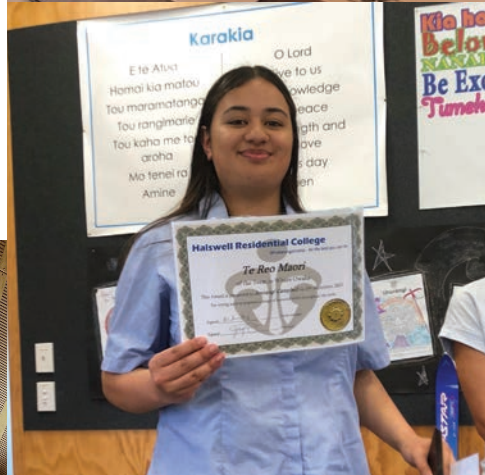
We would like to welcome Priscilla and Frankie to our whare. They have been an amazing addition to our whānau.

Frankie bakes the most delicious brownies that have ever been made, and Priscilla is working well on her goals so she can get her wristbands.

Owaka have been learning te reo Māori with our kaiako, Makayla alongside other ākonga and kaiako from HRC.

On the weekend Matua Te Mairiki has been coming in to do some mahi toi (art) with us. These are some of our beautiful stone paintings below.

Nau mai, haere mai, Priscilla and Frankie.



Finally, we would like to farewell Arorangi. It has been amazing to see you grow from a shy, unsure seedling into a more confident, willing-to-give-more-things-a-go woman. We will miss you and wish you well in whatever your journey looks like.

Te whānau ō Owaka.





Te Whare a Makonui

It has been a bright and busy start to the year in Makonui.

There have been plenty of hot summer days meaning trips to the swimming pool, both onsite and around the town. We began the term with Leighton, Shaydin, Jake, and RJ who all returned after the brilliant summer break. Soon after we were joined by Michael, Nicholas (who moved over from Huritini), and Alex. With the house getting near full capacity it has been a very busy time sharing the space together, but also really positive to see these young men getting to know each other and build their friendships.

Besides the regular swims with pool-based games like Marco Polo, tag, and trips to Christchurch public pools with their fantastic hydrosrides, the boys have also been enjoying

renewed interest in our drift trikes, as well as the electric trikes at Velocity Karts in Bexley Reserve. The good old Springfree trampoline onsite has been a centre-piece for robust play, friendly jostling, and sometimes just hanging out watching the clouds.

As it became more cold and wet, the boys have been champing at the bit to snap up new Lego models to construct. This has meant knuckling down to complete paid chores to build up funds for spending, so it is great to see the work happening! Now that the end of the term is drawing near the boys are all looking forward to a break and some time back home.

Mā te wā, HRC!





Te Whare a Huritini

What a busy term it has been for our ākonga in Huritini. We farewelled Thomas as he moved onto the next step of his education journey. Thomas will be missed by ākonga and kaiako. Thomas, we wish you all the best. We also said goodbye to Nicholas who moved next door to Makonui.

We welcomed two new additions to our house, Coco and Michael. Both settled in well and quickly established connections with others in the house.

The warm Christchurch weather has provided great

opportunities for our ākonga to be out walking through Hagley Park, riding scooters and bikes. Coco and Michael have enjoyed opportunities to explore HRC with imaginary play. The school swimming pool has been a regular feature this term and provided a great way to escape the hot days.

Our ākonga have been fortunate to be visited by Elmo the lizard, a blue tongue skink. Elmo has become a fan favourite and his visits are highly anticipated. Thank you, Lee, for organising Elmo's visits.

Have a great break, and we look forward to seeing what Term 2 brings our way.





Te Whare a Tauawa

E te whānau

Tena koutou katoa

Tuku atu nei ngā mihi aroha kia ratau kua raruhia e te Marangai.

Firstly, our aroha to whānau affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Our tamariki easily settled back into the whare kaupapa in Tauawa. This term we have been privileged to have Te Mairiki Williams run kapa haka at kura on Thursday mornings and mahi toi on Saturday. Our tama were very pleased to show off their mahi kohatu-peita. Tino atahua a koutou mahi peita.

We are also very fortunate to have Makayla come and teach te reo Māori to our kaiako, who then in turn teach our tamariki. It is already very noticeable the Reo that is being passed through to our tamariki. Our tama have started learning the taiaha and the tikanga around this, starting with the ahae moves first.

Our tama also enjoy the activities that we normally provide e.g., movies, outings, and swimming. This term, as a new activity, we have taken our tama eeling at night. Ariki, who hasn't been before, was excited to catch a big tuna and have his photo taken. Chase also very pleased with the tuna he caught. We were able to smoke them and eat them.



Education Outside the Classroom



Raumata

Teacher: Nicole Todd

Teacher Assistant: Lee Tacon

Our favourite thing this term has been cooking, both at technology and here at kura. At kura, Lee and RJ made the best birthday cake ever! It was a chocolate cake that will forever more be called the **best chocolate cake ever**. Our ākonga were also quite often 'cooks of the week' at technology at Hillmorton High School.

We went on lots of outings; Willowbank was amazing, and we also went biking. We got new ika (fish) which have been named Chicken and Nugget. We all take turns to feed them.

This term, we worked on being kind in class and got into a good habit of saying nice, positive things to people.

BEST CHOCOLATE CAKE EVER!





What a first term we have had. Our class is new to HRC with three new ākonga and a new kaiako. We have had a lot of fun getting to know each other and share experiences together.

We've had a big focus on getting our routines down and managing how we work and feel within a new environment. This adjustment has been managed very well by our ākonga and I am proud of how they have adapted.

Our morning focus has been problem solving and looking at the multiple ways and angles that a problem or challenge can be faced. The ākonga showed a lot of enthusiasm and engagement in these tasks and enjoyed putting their skills to the test.

Te Puna Wai

Teacher: Adam Gardiner

Teacher Assistant: Cassidy Robb

Throughout the term we had regular community outings, wellbeing walks, and socialisation sessions. We studied art mediums, with a focus on street art. At the end of the term we went to the Christchurch Museum for the SHIFT exhibition. We were blown away by the large volume of commissioned street art within the CBD.

Kaharoa

Teacher: Andy Dickison

Teacher Assistant: Ruth Baker

Kaharoa started the 2023 year with Shaydin, Michael and Coco. Considering the inquisitive nature of our learners, we decided that we would have an added focus in Kaharoa on science and discovery. As a result, we completed studies on cicadas, crabs, worms and beetles. We collected hundreds of cicada skins from Hagley Park and set up a sculptural cicada display in our classroom. Fun fact: at the start of the cicada life cycle, they spend up to five years underground close to trees. We have visited Governors Bay to collect baby crabs and learn about their natural habitat. A worm farm was set up outside our classroom and we have purchased 200 grams of tiger worms. This species of worm is ideal for composting farms.

We finished filling most of the raised garden beds that we built with compost and pea straw and we have planted brussels sprouts, cabbages, carrots, silverbeet and chives. We have set up a hose pipe so that we can water the vegetables on a daily basis.

The highlight of the term has been the sunny outings going to the beach hunting for creepy crawlies and going to Foster Park in Rolleston.

Frankie joined Kaharoa towards the end of the term and it has been real fun having her in our class. She has brought a high level of maturity to the class and we have started reading the novel *Holes* and doing a book study.





Kawatea

Teacher: Sarah Hall

Teacher Assistant: Cindy O'Keefe

This term started with Jane (our fabulous teacher assistant), myself and four ākonga: Ariki, Tylar, Abi and Jake. Partway through the term we warmly welcomed Priscilla to Kawatea.

We had a great term knuckling down to schoolwork, playing in the kura pool while the weather was warm, and enjoying some outings around the city.

One of our trips was to explore the art around Christchurch. We visited the Canterbury Museum, which hosted a graffiti art installation. The ākonga really enjoyed exploring parts of the museum normally closed to the

public, and we enjoyed looking at the huge range of art on display. We also had a look at some yarn art hung in trees and thought we might be able to recreate it at school. Jake and Abi enjoyed making pom poms, and Jake also turned his hand to knitting.

We had a lovely day out together at the end of the term. It turned into a comedy of errors with our destinations being closed. We had intended to walk through the Fairy Forest in Darfield, but a local school was using the tracks for their cross country. Next, we were going to have ice creams at the local Darfield dairy, but the dairy

was closed. All the ākonga coped very well with the closures, and the last-minute change of plans. We ended up going to Rolleston where the ākonga played at Foster Park, and then we ate fish'n'chips at a local takeaway.

At the end of the term, we sadly farewelled Jane, who now works to support young people on a youth benefit. Jane was really sad to leave HRC, and she misses the ākonga as much as we all miss her.

We were lucky enough to not farewell any Kawatea ākonga during the term, so we will carry on as a team into Term 2.



Samoan Language Week 2023

Manuia Le Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa

Happy Samoan Language Week

The kaiako and ākonga at HRC celebrated Samoan Language Week by practising a Samoan 'word of the day'. We are blessed with many wonderful pacifica kaiako who have put posters throughout the kura to educate us on the Samoan language and culture. Many of our kaiako took the opportunity to wear their beautiful island shirts and celebrate all that is pacifica.

The five words of the week were:

Monday: Tālofa lava | Hello.

Tuesday: Fa'afetai lava | Thank you.

Wednesday: Fa'amolemole | Please.

Thursday: Manuia lou aso | Have a good day.

Friday: Tōfā soifua | Goodbye.

We also celebrated by sharing kai from a traditional Samoan umu (above ground oven). We look forward to sharing photos of our celebration with you in our next newsletter.



Road Race 2023

HRC ākonga did extremely well in their individual races as part of the Canterbury Secondary Schools' Road Race at Hagley Park.

Aside from coming first in the teams event, our ākonga ran in the Para 1km race, All the practice during fitness time at kura paid off!

Shaydin	1st - male
Abigail	1st - female
Michael H	2nd - male
Michael F-H	3rd - male
Priscilla	3rd - female
Nicholas	5th - male
Ariki	8th - male
Alex	12th - male
Rylan	13th - male
Chase	16th - male



T-Ball

During Term 1, HRC entered a team in the Wednesday interschool T-ball competition.

We played against teams from Pītau-Allenvale School, Papanui High School Kimi Ora Unit, Hillmorton High School, Ferndale Te Ahu, and Waitaha School.

HRC played extremely well and showed manawa-roa, teamwork, fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning and losing.



Dates for the diary

Term 2 Travel Out Day

Friday, 30 June 2023

Term 3 Travel In Day

Monday, 17 July 2023

Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, 23 June 2023



RSS-only Enrolments at HRC

Who makes the application?

Applications can only be made by the young person's learning support provider in their home region. This could be a Resource Teacher Learning and Behaviour (RTLB), a Ministry specialist, or a day specialist or fund-holder school.

Please contact our student coordinator if you have any questions about the enrolment process, or if you would like to arrange a time to visit.

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