

Insoll Avenue School Hamilton



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers – Kia Ora Koutou

Board of Trustees Next Election 2019

Anyone that is interested in becoming a board member may like to attend a governance training session – Kōrari. This is for the community to learn about what it's like to be a trustee. It is being held at the Ventura Inn, Hamilton on Wednesday 8th May at 5.30pm.

Cyber Safety

We have had an alert about inappropriate material called momo. Parents/caregivers, take a look and be aware of what your kids are doing on their devices. Check the 'R' rating on the games they are playing, eg Fortnite. You might be surprised to find your young children are playing games that are designed for adults.

Our Netsafe provider suggests the following:

- Have a conversation with your child about what to do when they come across upsetting content.
- Let your child know they can tell school or parents about inappropriate content and that they won't get into trouble for reporting it.
- Parents can use parental controls to block keywords, eg momo.

There is a helpline at Netsafe – call tollfree 0508NETSAFE (0508 638 723).

Time to Update - Parent/Caregiver Contact Details

We are having trouble getting hold of a number of parents/caregivers as the contact numbers we currently have on file are out of date. It is important for us to have the correct details. Please let the office know if you have a different phone number.

Back Gate

Note, for security reasons the back gate that goes out to Swart Lane, Halberg Crescent /Snell Drive, will be closed at 9.00am. It has a latch at the top which will need to be opened by a tall person. If your child is late and cannot reach the latch, please teach them to come to school via Tramway Road and through Reception.

Coming Events

12 Mar	Whānau hui - Keeping Ourselves Safe (2pm in the Staff Room)
13 Mar	Middle School Swimming Sports
14 Mar	Māhuri (Yrs 5/6) Swimming Sports at 11am
12 Apr	End of Term 1

Awards

Individual Weekly 100% Attendance
Te Atawhai R9, Tyla R6, Andre R13

Classroom Attendance

1st Room 16 – 86%
2nd Rooms 6 & 7 – 85%
3rd Room 4, – 84%



Bell Times

8.45am	Start of school
10.45-11.00am	Interval
12.30-1.15pm	Lunch
2.30pm	Finish

School Banking

First Credit Union provides a school banking service to all pupils at school. Getting started is easy - just pick up an application pack from the school office, fill in the application form and return it to the school office. If your children are already doing school banking, please note that the school banking is now collected on **Thursday** each week

Advance Notice – Teachers at Union Meeting

Please note that on the afternoon of Wednesday 20 March, all teachers are attending a union meeting. As there will not be enough staff to provide supervision, we are asking if parents could pick up/allow children to walk home early on that day at 12.30pm. There will be reminders closer to the date. For our families that are enrolled at our After School Care Programme, this service will still be available for you if you haven't been able to arrange an alternative arrangement and will start from the end of lunch break, ie 1.15pm.

Swimming Sports

Te Whānau Kaho (Years 3-4) – Wednesday 13 March at 11.00am.

Te Whānau Māhuri (Years 5-6) – Thursday 14 March at 11.00am

Parents and whānau are very welcome to come down and support our tamariki.

Attendance

Everyone is aware that attending school regularly is:

- Essential to learning and developing good friendships.
- Builds good work ethic habits for the future

It is therefore disappointing that our schoolwide attendance is not good. Last week we had some classes as low as 47% and the average for the school was only 74%. The Ministry expectation is 94%.

Insoll Heroes – Week 5, Term 1

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at this week's school assembly for completing their O Hero Chart.

Room 1 – Sake, Jax, Leo, Ryderlae, & James

Room 2 - Kylee

Room 11 – Kataraina-Rose, Lakaisha, Danyel, Indi, Te Wharangi, Maraea, & Connie

Room 12 - Ocean

Room 13 – Collin, Uru, Manuel, & Jone

Room 15 – Lucy, Bonnington, Tristan, Rydell, & Isaac



We Need Your Help to Improve Behaviour

Parents and caregivers please support us by talking with children about what is **not** acceptable behaviour.

We are having **real** difficulty with behaviour from **a lot** of children at the moment.

Can you help us with these messages:

- **Speak kindly to others** – no name calling and teasing (it causes fights).
- **Use words** – don't retaliate by hitting. Tell the teacher.
- **Stay in the classroom in learning time** – it's not okay to go off and play or hide in learning time. This is a serious safety issue.

Teacher Aide Position

We have a vacancy for a teacher aid as the school has received a small number of Ministry extra teacher aid hours to support a young girl at school everyday. This is a part time position and a clear Police Vet is required. If you are interested, please put your details including strengths/suitability in writing and leave it at the school office.

Keeping Ourselves Safe Hui

All students will be studying this topic in term 2. This hui aims to share with parents the contents of the teaching programme. The Education Officer from the Police will also be attending as he is supporting staff in some of the teaching programme.

If you'd like to attend this hui, join us in the staffroom for a cuppa and chat, 2.00pm, Tuesday 12 March 2019.