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The Hay Park School way is being a respectful, safe and a positive learner

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Dear parents

This year the Board of Trustees is reviewing our school Charter and thinking about what we want for Hay Park School in the next three to five years. Over the last four years we have made great gains in all areas of the school but especially in our continually rising achievement levels in reading, writing and maths.

- For the first time this year we have 13 students who are achieving at level 7 or above of the numeracy framework! (Congratulations Mrs Rai and Ms Kerrigan);
- A big new junior and senior playground has been built for our students;
- We have a new administration block and staffroom;
- We have purchased a lot of new computer equipment and new learning technology.
- We have put in place a strong behaviour plan built around the values of being respectful, safe and a positive learner and have reduced the number of behaviour incidences throughout the school. Our students have been congratulated on their behaviour every time they have been out on trips and worked with visiting experts.

Now it's time to look ahead and plan where we want to be in 3-5 years time. Last week we sent home a community survey for you to complete and we were pleased to have 58 families return it to school by last Friday. The questions asked you to rate how we are doing and asked you for your views on a range of school issues. Your responses were extremely helpful and positive and it has been exciting to see the real support we have from our families. We know that everything isn't perfect all of the time and that is why we want to remind you that you are welcome to talk with staff members if you are concerned about any aspect of your child's learning. Thank you for your feedback, now it's time to be proud of our achievements and celebrate the great things that we are doing.

The three winners of the supermarket vouchers are: The Noavea family, the Vaivai family and the Moli family.

Reports will be coming home next week

Your child will bring home a school report on Thursday this week. Please read the report with your child and encourage them with their learning. Please

Vandalism

Sadly we have to tell you that a group of local young men are vandalising our school at night time. They jump the fence and run over the roofs and damage them, smash artwork and wreck gardens, graffiti, shout and swear, and disturb the neighbours. Sometimes the Police or security guard move them on, however they return. Please help us by contacting the school if you think you know who the vandals are and by phoning the Police if you see them in the school grounds when school is closed. We want to keep our school a safe and inviting place for our students.

Costs for next year

Stationery packs will be sold through the school office. The costs will be between \$25 - \$35.

Family Donations are gratefully accepted and wisely used. We recommend the following donations: one child, \$60, two or more children, \$100.

More information will come home during the first week of school 2012.

Farewell to Mrs Vavia

Mrs Vavia is leaving Hay Park School at the end of this year. Mrs Vavia has worked at our school for 15 years and is well loved in our school and community. We want to thank her for all of her work in the school including sports coaching and leadership, art and cultural groups. . We cannot forget the wonderful cultural groups and beautiful performances at our cultural festivals. On Tuesday 13 December at 2.15pm we will farewell Mrs Vavia in our school hall. Please come along and join us. If you would like to speak please contact Mrs Curtis.

Last school day for 2012

The last school day this year is Wednesday 14 December. School finishes at 12.30pm. Please make sure that you can collect and supervise your child from 12.30pm.

Donate your unwanted school uniform

Families who are not returning to Hay Park School next year are encouraged to donate school uniform items to the office on the last day of school. Your child can come to school in mufti on the last day if they are donating their uniform. Donations are greatly appreciated by the school and the families who we help.

Zone athletics

Congratulations to the 18 children who represented Hay Park School at the Mt Roskill Zone Athletics Day last week. Altogether the children received 24- 1st place, 13- 2nd place and 2 -3rd place certificates in the heats. Senior boys relay were amazing with the fastest qualifying time for the finals. This team had perfect baton changes and were recognised by the organisers for the skill and speed in between baton changes. In the end the senior boys, James, Aven, Gary, David, Tyrique and Lazarus came 2nd in the final relay – with the team coming in a fraction of a second behind the Halsey Drive team. Tyrique won softball throw and both Aven and David did exceptional in high jump. It was an outstanding effort by all our athletes with most being placed in final races.

Thank you to our parents who supported the children and to Ms. Igasan for all her work training our team. I believe our students were congratulated on their stunning baton changes in the relay event!

Board of Trustees

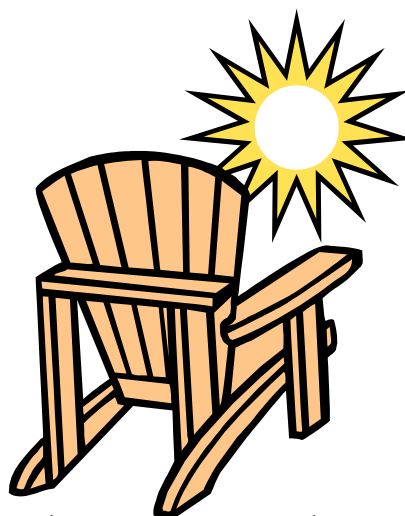
The next meeting is **Thursday 08 December** in the principal's office at 4.00pm. All welcome.

Mufti Day

Thanks to all our students who dressed up for mufti day last week. It was a very successful day and we raised \$300 to help pay for the Year 6 graduation dinner. Thank you to Room 10 for organising the day.

2012 Term and holiday dates

- **First day back** - Thursday 2 February
- **Waitangi Day** - Monday 6 February
- **Last day Term 1** - Thursday 5 April
- **Good Friday** - Friday 6 April
- **First day Term 2** - Monday 23 April
- **ANZAC Day** - Wednesday 25 April
- **Queen's Birthday** - Monday 4 June
- **Last day Term 2** - Friday 29 June
- **First day Term 3** - Monday 16 July
- **Last day Term 3** - Thursday 27 September
- **First day Term 4** - Monday 15 October
- **Labour Day** - Monday 22 October
- **Last day Term 4** - Friday 14 December



The end of the year is almost here. It is heads down and tails up here as we manage the many jobs that must be done before the final bell rings on **Wednesday 14 December at 12.30pm**. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope you all manage to have some relaxing family time together.

Best wishes,
Margaret Aikman