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Tena koutou katoa
Dear parents /caregivers

We welcome everyone to the 2012 school year and extend an extra warm welcome to all of our new students and their families. We look forward to working with you this year so that our children can make great steps forward in their learning. Our goal is to see each child achieve their very best.

Teachers have been busy preparing for this year over the last two weeks. Our staff spent last Thursday and Friday at an ICT education conference in Hamilton learning more about future teaching and how we can use computers and technology to prepare our students for the future. We heard some inspirational speakers and all left the conference motivated to try out new ideas in our classrooms. Over the last two days the teachers have updated their computer assessment skills and learnt more about teaching reading, writing and numeracy.

Our key learning concept for 2012 is whanaungatanga (kinship, belonging and connections). In term one our teaching focus is on belonging to a learning community followed by a science study on our environment.

STAFF 2012

Principal	Mrs Margaret Aikman
Deputy Principal	Mrs Maxine Curtis
Room 1	Mrs Anne Falconer
Room 2	Ms Kerry Dourish
Room 3	Mrs Amanda Galloway
Room 4	Miss Christina Fortes
Room 6	Ms Kama Kerrigan
Room 9	Ms Connie Igasan
Room 10	Mrs Sandy Rai
Classroom Release Teacher	Mrs Colleen Langdon (Junior school)
	Mrs Verushka Kalenjuk (Senior school)
	Mrs Nadia Nawaaz
Office and school library	Mrs Joanne Barnes
Finance and office	Mrs Marilyn Loader
Property	Mr Simon Aisher

ASSEMBLIES

The school assembly time has changed for 2012. Our assemblies will be held on Friday morning 9am -9.20am. We invite you to come along and celebrate what your children are doing at school.

SUNHATS

Hay Park School has a Sunsafe Policy that requires all students to have a hat to wear at school whenever they are outdoors in terms 1 and 4. We are encouraging all students to wear a hat outdoors this week and next week we will request that they sit in a shaded area during break times if they do not have a hat. Please ensure your child has a named hat that provides good shade to the face, back of the neck and ears when outdoors.

STATIONERY

Our classroom programmes have started today:

- **All the children need to have their school books and pens** to work with in class from Tuesday 9 February.
- Mrs Barnes and Mrs Loader in the school office sell the stationery that your child will need. It is good quality and cheaper than you can buy it elsewhere. Buying your child's stationery at school means that your child will have the correct books to work in and that your child will have what the teacher is using with the class.
- Please come and talk to us if there are any problems with providing books for your child this week.

Thank you to the parents who have paid for their child's stationery at the office.

SCHOOL DONATION

The school donation is: Per Child: \$60.00 / Per Family: \$100.00

Your donation is used to provide extra learning and teaching resources such as computers, new reading books, mathematics resources and digital cameras that your children need to be effective learners. You are supporting your child's learning by paying this donation to the school. If you are unable to pay the full amount please consider making a payment each term of \$15 per child. All donations to the school are receipted and are tax deductible.

SCHOOL HOURS

8.20-8.30	Students arrive at school
8.50	School starts. Children need to be at school by 8.30am at the latest as they need time to get organised for a good start to the day.
10.10-10.30	Five minutes supervised eating followed by 15 minutes of play time
11.50-12.30	Ten minutes supervised eating followed by 30 minutes of play time
1.30-1.50	Twenty minutes of play time
3.00pm	School finishes

Please note that we need all students to be at school **by 8.30am**. Teachers enter attendance on an electronic attendance roll. If children are not in class when the roll is called they are marked absent and parents are contacted.

All children who arrive at school **after 8.50am** must go the school office for a late pass to take to their teacher. Mrs Barnes and Mrs Loader record the names, times and reason children give for being late. We regard persistent lateness as a serious issue as it disrupts your child's learning. Please help your child to get up in time to eat breakfast and get organised for school.

ROAD SAFETY

Please help us to ensure all children are safe as they come to and from school by:

- Reminding your child to use the pedestrian crossing on Richardson Rd
- Ensuring that your child has someone to walk to and from school with
- Not driving into the school carpark- this is a staff only area as children use this area to enter and leave the school
- Dropping off and picking up your child at the Noton Rd entrance – not on Richardson Rd.

There are road patrols on the pedestrian crossing on Richardson Rd before school between 8.15-8.40 and after school from 3.00 until 3.15. We urge all children to use the pedestrian crossing as young children are not able to make safe decisions about crossing a busy road such as Richardson Rd. Help us to have an accident – free 2012.

MEET THE TEACHER

Come along to school to meet the teachers on **Wednesday February 15 at 6pm**. We will have a sausage sizzle (halal and vegetarian options) from 6pm-6.20 and then meet in the hall for a talk with the staff. We will then move into classrooms to hear teachers talk about their programme this year. We plan to finish by 7.15 pm.

2012 TERM DATES

Term 1: Thursday 2 February – Thursday 5 April	Term 2: Monday 23 April –Friday 29 June
Term 3: Monday 16 July –Friday 28 September	Term 4: Monday 15 October – Friday 15 December

Best wishes,
Margaret Aikman