

HCS Newsletter

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School uniform Link:

<http://hawerachristian.nzuniforms.com/catalog/uniforms-1104946.htm>

School Cellphone:

027 278 4457

Term Events 2024:

10/05 Band

14/05 Tech Y7 & 8

15/05 NYLD - Y7 & 8 -

Palmerston North

16/05 BOT Meeting 5:30pm

17/05 ASB Financial Literacy

Lesson

17/05 Band

20/05 Bookclub Orders Close

21/05 Tech Y7 & 8

24/05 Band

28/05 Tough Guy/Gal Challenge

Palmerston North

31/05 Teacher Only Day

03/06 Kings Birthday

04/06 Tech Y7 & 8

07/06 PCT - TSB Stadium New

Plymouth

11/06 Tech Y7 & 8

Teachers' only Day:

08/11/2024.

As part of our teacher practice we are holding Teacher Only Day on Friday 8th November. There will be no teachers available for instruction. Thank you for looking after your children on these days.

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Whanau,

NYLD - National Young Leaders Day:

All Year 7 and 8 students will attend the National Young Leaders Day which is to be held in Palmerston North on Wednesday 15th May. NYLD is an annual event that aims to develop student leadership through inspiration, connection, student empowerment, promoting positivity, motivation and education. Guest speakers share their stories of leadership or overcoming challenges in their lives to become great leaders and an inspiration to others.

A notice will go home a few days prior to the event with more details. There will be no cost to parents as this event is compulsory for year 7 and 8 students.

MOE - Daily Attendance Survey:

The Ministry of Education now requires daily attendance data. Please phone or email your child's absence by 9:30am to avoid your child being marked truant.

Lunches:

You will have seen media releases regarding the change to the school lunch programme.

There will be no change for the 2024 school year.

In 2025 Y7 & 8 students will receive lunches through another model.

We do not have details of this system yet.

At Hawera Christian School we have been happy with our current suppliers and have had very little waste. Any family who requires extra help with food or groceries is welcome to contact us for assistance.

We can make up an emergency food parcel if required.

Hungry children are not learners.

Reading Recovery:

The Reading Recovery programme currently in place at Hawera Christian School will continue until December 2024.

The programme funding will cease for 2025.

God bless you all.

Clare Rowan

Principal.

principal@hawerachristian.school.nz



Our devotions' theme this term: "God is the owner of the Earth" and wants us to be humble."

Memory Verse:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

"Kia hari i nga wa katoa. Kei whakamutua te inoi. I nga mea katoa me whakawhetai atu; ko ta te Atua hoki tenei i pai ai i roto i a Karaiti Ihu hei mahi ma koutou."

We pray for:

Wisdom around decisions made for children of Aotearoa.

School bank account #:

TSB bank Hawera 15-3950-0427140-00

PTA bank account #:

TSB bank Hawera 15-3950-0368646-00

NZCPT bank account #:

ASB Orewa 12-3107-0061704-09

Homework:

Spelling in Room 2 goes home on a Friday, with a test on the following Friday.

Homework goes home on a Monday and is due the following Monday.

Basketball: We had our first game yesterday at The Hub. Thank you to our supportive parents and to Margie the coach.



Tech:

Tech term 2 is Art! Week 2 - Polynesian tapa cloth.



PTA Meeting:
Next PTA Meeting Thursday 9th May at 3:30pm.
Come along and support your school.

Duffy theatre:

Yesterday we travelled by bus to Hawera Primary School to see the Duffy Theatre "Calling Detective Duffy Stat"



Some *handy* parenting tips:

Some for big kids and some for small!

LYSE CARLSON



HANDY TIP 1:

Switch off and get your brain ready for school

No technology in the morning (TV/devices). Teach independent organisational skills by putting a checklist on the fridge to see if everything is done and ready!

HANDY TIP 2:

Books at bedtime

Read with your child every day. Talk about the story. Ask questions. When they're older, read one page aloud (modelling) and listen to one page being read by them.

HANDY TIP 3:

Dinner time chats

Turn the TV off, ask open-ended questions (not yes or no answers) to promote conversation.

HANDY TIP 4:

In the car

Ban the devices until everything else has been played! Games: I spy, car cricket, I went to the shop & bought an egg ... , point out significant landmarks. Talk about historical areas. Teach the names of towns. Children get a great geographical perspective and learn when they're near their destination.

HANDY TIP 5:

Building writing ideas

Make up a sensational start to a story, ask your child to think of a character and a setting to suit the story. Take turns in making up the content of a story.

HANDY TIP 6:

Bored is a wonderful opportunity

Allow your child to come up with their own ideas of what to do. This stimulates creativity. Set the expectation that children shouldn't always be "entertained".

HANDY TIP 7:**Social expectations**

Take pencils and paper everywhere with you. Children can draw/write in restaurants and friends' homes.

HANDY TIP 8:**Play dates**

Invite friends over. Children who build relationships outside of school often build wider networks and confidence at school.

HANDY TIP 9:**You as a role model**

Be aware of how much time you spend on your own phone. What kind of message are you sending? Be actively participating when you're with your children. Save social media for when they're not with you.

HANDY TIP 10:**Watching movies**

Is a movie appropriate? Talk through any misconceptions. Use situations as good talking points. Think before you watch. Scary images and sounds can get stuck in children's heads.

HANDY TIP 11:**Getting ready the night before**

Have a "Ready Set Go" box/area in your child's bedroom. What needs to be prepared the night before to avoid the morning rush?

HANDY TIP 12:**Parenting ideas**

Look for seminars, guest speakers, or books to help you through the next stage of your child's development.

HANDY TIP 13:**Craft table/useful box**

Set up a small craft table at home with paper, scissors (if appropriate), pencils, glue, etc. Encourage your child to use the craft table to create! Set up a kitchen drawer or cupboard spot with a "useful box" if you don't have room for a table.

HANDY TIP 14:**Family games night**

Play board games as a family before allowing TV. Uno is terrific for maths! Scrabble (junior version) is great for literacy! Have a board game night instead of a movie night with special food.

HANDY TIP 15:**Get outside more**

Have you heard of geocaching? It's a fantastic outdoor activity where a GPS or mobile phone is used to seek and find containers called geocaches (or caches) at mystery locations. Once you've found one, you enter its location into a log book and people from all over the world can see. Google how to get into it.

Ride/walk in your local park.

HANDY TIP 16:**Roles & responsibilities**

Setting and clearing the table. Stacking and unstacking the dishwasher. Feeding the family pet—whose job is it?

Make a roster and have "reward" stickers. After a nominated number of stickers, celebrate in some way.

HANDY TIP 17:**Cooking**

Cook with your children. It's a wonderful reading and mathematics opportunity!

HANDY TIP 18:**One-to-one hot chocolate dates**

Stopping after school for a hot chocolate or ice cream, is a great way to spend some quality time with your child. It also teaches them important social skills. Grandparents can join in by taking children on special dates.

HANDY TIP 19:**Create a gallery**

Hang a piece of string across one wall of your child's bedroom or other area of the house. Peg pieces of art or writing on it. Look for where improvements have been made to celebrate learning.

HANDY TIP 20:**Learn a skill or do an activity together**

Try knitting or finger knitting. Do some woodwork and make something interesting. There is a great sense of achievement in this. Do puzzles together. Enlist those grandparents again to help out.

HANDY TIP 21:**Become a local library regular**

Local council libraries are a wonderful resource. Visit your local library regularly and help your children find a variety of fiction and non-fiction books that they will love. They also hold wonderful activity sessions!

HANDY TIP 22:**What's out the window**

Become experts at looking out the windows and noticing what you see ... the moon rising, trees moving, birds, planes flying over, the shape of clouds, people you can see. Talk about it ...

Over the last six years, Lyse has been a senior primary teacher, cluster leader, and one of the teaching and learning leaders at Mount Evelyn Christian School (MECS). She has taught at several other schools, but one of the most inspiring positions held, was teaching the literacy component for a Certificate in Education made available to adults who formerly left school at an early stage. Lyse and her husband Scott have become owner-builders and look forward to completing their home by the coast. Lyse is passionate about supporting social issues, loves spending time with her three adult children, her dog, travelling, water-sports, and photography.



HAWERA GENEALOGY GROUP'S

Pre-Winter BOOK FAIR

Hawera Genealogy Building

48 Union Street, Hawera

(between Nelson & Wellington Streets)

Saturday 18th May

Sunday 19th May

9.30am – 4.30pm

****Also open every Wednesday 1-3pm****

Books \$2, Large Print \$1, Children's 50c,

Junior & Teen fiction \$1 a bag

Specialty books at marked prices

Jigsaw Puzzles, DVDs, CDs, VCRs, Records, Magazines



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