



The Hay Park Spark

Tuesday 3rd June 2025



**Kia ora – Kia orana – Malo ni – Malo e lelei – Talofa lava –
Namaste – Xin chao – Fakaalofa lahi atu – Hwan young
hap ni da sindhi – Nī hāo – Bula vinaka – Salaam – Hello**

Kia ora parents, whānau and carers

Welcome Awaan and Aariz to our Hay Park School whānau.

Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week is 1-7 June this year. The 2025 theme is 'Ia malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã - A well-grounded self, is a successful self'.

The Komiti o le Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week Committee explains this year's theme as:

"A well-crafted ocean sailing vessel, built with care and precision, ensures a safe and steady journey. When all its parts are thoughtfully constructed, the vessel remains balanced, strong and ready to face the open seas. There was much collaboration in the past when building ocean sailing vessels. They demanded knowledge of the environment, oceans and tides and celestial navigation to ensure watertight construction. Cultural protocols were observed prior to the start of work, engaging the wider community and to highlight the importance of such a project in the life of the community. Seeking divine blessings for such a project is part of these protocols. Priorities are placed on constructing parts of the vessel that are considered critical.

The theme strongly suggests that an individual achieving his or her potential requires a supportive environment. It strongly suggests that people achieving successes are products of collective endeavours and community support. People who prepare thoroughly and with intention become grounded and resilient and well-equipped to navigate life's challenges and succeed in their endeavours. No matter the challenges and hardships of life, a well-grounded person will not be easily shaken or defeated because they are firmly rooted and well-prepared."

We are deeply committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where every child can thrive. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is crucial for student success. We encourage you to stay connected with your child's learning through coming into school, conversations at home, class sites and blogs, children's blogs, Learning Conversations (coming up in Week 9), our newsletters, the school website and our facebook page. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you to everyone who helped on our zoo trip. It was a great experience! Every afternoon outside the hall children are still telling me about what they saw. Thank you also to Whaea Kat and Masi for taking our orienteering teams and congratulations to the team who came third. Everyone had a fun time.

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School Calendar

June 5 Binney Class Assembly

June 6 Teina team SPEC

June 12 HPW Assembly

June 13 Tuakana team SPEC

June 17 Roskill Cluster Basketball

June 19 Jackson Class Assembly

June 19 Reports home

June 20 Matariki - NO SCHOOL

June 24 Learning Conversations
(School finishes at 2pm)

June 25 Learning Conversation
(School finishes at 2pm)

June 26 Celebration of Learning
Assembly

June 27 Teina team SPEC

June 27 Last Day of Term
(School finishes at 2pm)

Report an Absence

3 ways to report an absence:

- Use Skool Loop Parent APP
- Phone: 625 9531 - Press 1
- Email office@haypark.school.nz

If your child is unwell, late or unable to attend school, please inform us by 8.30am on the morning of the absence.

You can either phone or text to leave a message 24/7 with your child's name, room number, and reason for absence.



Recently the Minister of Education announced a '[parent portal](#)' on the Ministry of Education website, where parents and carers can see videos and get information on the curriculum, what children are learning at each year level, particularly in English and maths, how they can help at home and how to prepare for reports and Learning Conversations. If you're reading this in the hard copy of the newsletter and you want to see the parent portal, do a google search for 'reporting to parents'; the first option should be the link to the Ministry of Education website.

Reports will be going home the week after next, on Thursday 19th June and Learning Conversations will be on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June (in the last week of the term). School will finish at 2pm on both those days. Once again you will be able to book your Learning Conversation time either directly through SkoolLoop (our preferred option) or by returning the form and our admin team will book a time through SkoolLoop for you.

Earlier this term teachers were discussing our mid year reports. Part of the discussion was about attendance. We know that illness affects attendance on reports, but the teacher comments will reflect this. We use the guidelines below for the report:

Attendance

Excellent 98%-100%

Satisfactory 90% - 97%

Cause for concern <89%

Punctuality

(98%-100%) = Excellent

(96% - 97%) = Satisfactory

(<95%)= Cause for concern

Every three years school board elections are held across NZ. The date for the Hay Park School Board elections is 10 September 2025. More information will be coming out over the next couple of months. We have five parent positions. You don't need any special qualifications or experience, just be interested in our school. The school board meets twice a term. It sets the strategic direction of the school and monitors our progress. The next board hui is 5pm on Thursday 26 June. If you are interested in being on our school board or have any questions about it, please let me know and please come along. You can pop in to see me at school or email me at shereec@haypark.school.nz

This year we celebrate Matariki from 7th June to 13th July. We will be having a cultural shared lunch on Wednesday 18th June, for Matariki. Every family is encouraged to bring along some food, if possible from their culture, to share and to join us for kai. If you also can help us set it up, we'd really appreciate it. The last time we had this shared lunch it was amazing! We look forward to another great opportunity to share kai together.

Finally, in anticipation for the end of this week, Eid Mubarak to our Muslim whānau.

Ngā mihi nui

Sheree Campbell



Happy Birthday

**William, Tyson, Nishit, Oliver, Journey, Finnian,
Aiden, JJ, Zainab, Afia, Damon, Kalisi, Muhammad**

June Birthdays



Class Awards



Jackson Class:

CJAE

For taking a positive responsibility for your learning and being motivated to work hard. You have shown excitement in your work and when you have completed a task you take pride and enthusiasm in your success. Ka Pai Cjae! Keep up the great work.

Flox Class:

SAMSON

Samson you are such an amazing role model in Flox Class. You consistently follow the Hay Park Way- pushing yourself to do the best you can in every situation. I love the way you care and help your friends with their learning by taking the time to work with them. Keep being you! You really are a star! Kai Pai!

Te Aho-White Class:

CHRISTIAN

For having a term 2 attendance rate of 97%! You have shown resilience and responsibility by attending school daily. Keep up the great work! Thank you for being a part of our fantastic class.

Binney Class: Thomas

THOMAS

For having a positive attitude and being curious about plants and how they grow. For being a fantastic road patrol monitor; always prepared to help when asked. Tino Pai Thomas!

Patmore Class: Saron

SARON

This award goes to Saron. She shows our school values of respect and responsibility every day. She always puts in her best effort during maths, even when the learning gets tough, and never gives up. She is also consistently kind and helpful to others, offering support with a smile and treating everyone with care. We are so proud of the way she represents our class and our school. Ka pai!

Bailey Class: Elvina-Rose

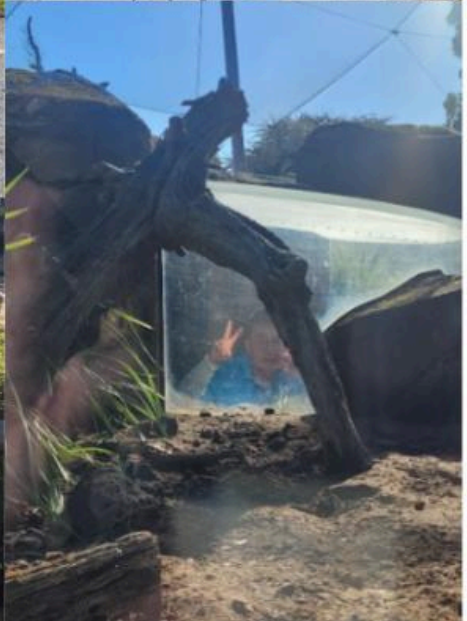
ELVINA-ROSE

For having a positive attitude and showing a willingness to support others during PE. Awesome Ramj.

ZOO Trip







Binney Class

Binney Class had a great time at the zoo. Here's a story from William about his time at the zoo.



Zoo Trip Recount

Yesterday we went to the zoo and it was fun. The whole of Hay Park School went. In my group was with Rune, Mr Albert, David and Justin. We got to see the whole zoo.

Near the African animals zone, saw giraffes, ostriches, rhinos and zebras. The giraffes had patterns on their bodies and long brown hairs on their backs. The rhinos looked like they had tough skin. They also had big horns and big feet & legs.

Next we saw the dinosaur models. One dinosaur had a sign below it that said, "Beware it spits," Justin went in front of the dinosaur and he got spat on. It was kinda funny.

After we went to the New Zealand animals zone. We saw penguins. They had black fur on their backs and white fur on their belly. They had small feet and instead of wings or hands they had small flippers.

Later we went to see the spider monkeys. Spider monkeys can swing on branches. They look small with white and black fur and light pink skin. We also looked at the spiders. They did not move. I saw the fangs though.

We also looked at the tigers and lions. One of the tigers jumped up and stared at me. I got really scared.

Overall I was happy and tired. The trip was awesome!

By William



Orienteering

Awesome effort at the Mt Roskill Orienteering cluster day last Tuesday! Our senior students showed incredible resilience and teamwork navigating the course. Congrats to Basma, Lata, and Rose for a well-deserved third place!





Te Aho-White Class

A huge thank you to everyone who made the Te-Aho White Class zoo trip so memorable! Our tamariki are buzzing with excitement, free-writing all about their favourite parts of the day. They've also become amazing researchers, choosing an animal to learn more about and writing their very own mini information reports during close reading. Here are examples of student work by Ayesha (free-write) and Maryam (information report).

Date: 28.05.25.

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that has scales.

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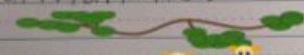
Maryam



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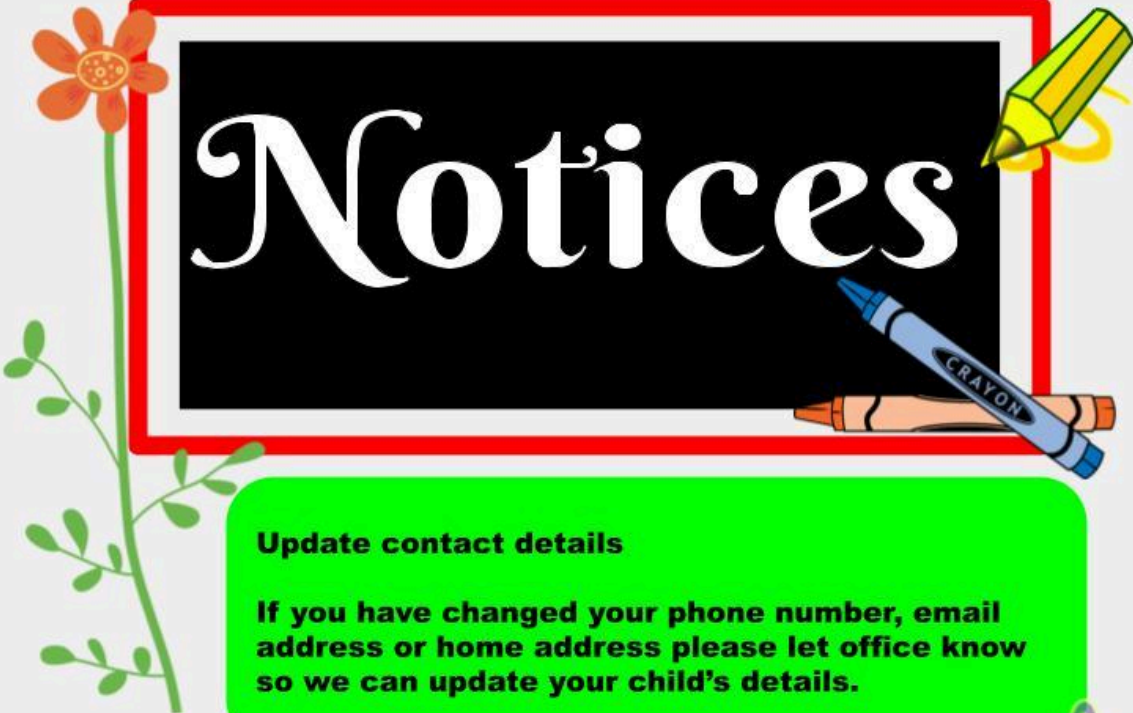
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Ayesha

How did I do?





Notices

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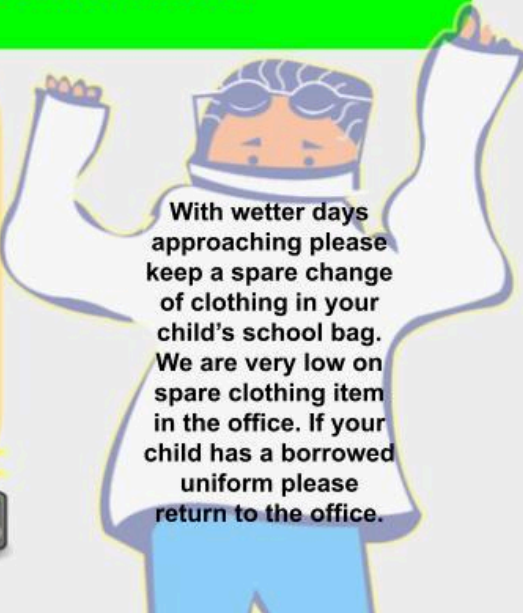
If you have changed your phone number, email address or home address please let office know so we can update your child's details.

Individual/Sibling and Class Photo orders

Access codes have been emailed out to parents and caregivers by Photolife. If you haven't received your child's access code please contact school office. You will need this access code to order your child's photos through the Photolife website.



School starts at 8.45am. Please have your child at school by 8.30 and in class ready for learning. Late comers must report to the office to sign in. Please report all absences via phone, email or Skool Loop.



With wetter days approaching please keep a spare change of clothing in your child's school bag. We are very low on spare clothing item in the office. If your child has a borrowed uniform please return to the office.

Fun Riddle



Q: What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?

Answer: A Clock



Flox Class



Flox Class has been busy learning about sustainability and habitats. We have been learning about all the different types of habitats there are and what makes them so important. Did you know a habitat is any place that a living thing lives!? It has to provide the living thing with the important things they need for survival - for example, food, shelter and the correct temperature.

We got to see some amazing habitats in real life when we went to the zoo and have been busy creating a New Zealand native forest in our class. Check out the pictures of the construction process.





1-7 June

GAGANA SAMOA

Samoa Language Week
2025 PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS

 Ministry for
Pacific Peoples

Ia malu lou sã
Folau i lagimã

A well-grounded self
is a successful self

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