



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parents,

As you are all aware the first term is now well under way, with many special events already being planned for.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS will be held at the Municipal Pool on February 24th and THE ATHLETIC SPORTS at Porritt Stadium on 2nd March.

Parents are cordially invited to attend both functions. Several of our athletes performed particularly well in the N.Z. Secondary Schools Championships held at the very end of 1980 in Hastings and we expect a high standard in many events in the school sports.

STAFFING: School staffing may increase slightly when an exact tally can be made of all our pupils (not as simple a task as one would think!)

New teachers this year are:-

Mr V. Ala'-Ilima-Eteuati	-	History and Social Studies
Mr P. Blackman	-	Second Guidance Counsellor
Miss P. David	-	Physical Education
Mrs G. Denny	-	Science
Ms J. Illingsworth	-	Reading (terms 1 + 2)
Miss A. Herbert	-	Clothing
Mrs K. McHaffie	-	Typing and Economic Studies
Mrs G. Lane	-	German
Mr C. Nugent	-	Mathematics
Ms M. Van Leuven	-	Music and English
Mrs R. Wikaira	-	English
Miss A. Yates	-	Maori and German
Mr A. Whiting	-	Geography & Social Studies

We also update the list of Senior Administrative Staff for your interest and convenience.

Principal	-	Mr J. Leitch
Deputy Principal	-	Mr B.J. Bean
Senior Mistress	-	Miss J.M. Tucker
Guidance Counsellors	-	Mrs B.N. Grey, Mr P. Blackman.

Deans

Form 3	-	Mr D. Harries
Form 4	-	Mrs J. Kane
Form 5	-	Mr E. Palmer (Terms I & II)
Form 6	-	Mr B. Batten
Form 7	-	Mrs S. Smith

Heads of Department

Art	-	Mr B. Batten
Commerce	-	Mrs R. Tylden
Economics	-	Mr P. Rorholt
English	-	Mr M.J. Chester, Mrs S. Smith
Social Studies	-	Mr P. Thomas
Home Economics	-	Miss J. Riddell
Languages	-	Mrs M. Hemi
Mathematics	-	Mr B. Love
Music	-	Mrs S. Horsley
Night School Supervisor	-	Mr H. Halpin
Outdoor Education	-	Mr T. McNamara
Physical Education	-	Mr A. Wilkinson
Science	-	Mr S. Polglase
Technical	-	Mr T. Ladd

Staff Change:

Mr P. Moon is leaving us after 6 years to become HOD English at Morrinsville College.

FORM 7 PROGRAMME for this year, as well as giving the widest possible choice of subjects, also aims at using the skills and interests of these young adults to help others in the school. Some 7th Formers are helping Mr Abbott to organise the Athletic Sports, some will be assisting in the Reading Programme and giving extra help to our new Vietnamese pupils and some will be learning counselling skills so that they can help Mr Blackman, our second guidance counsellor in programmes with all third formers.

All 7th formers will be going on camp out at "The Narrows" for 23rd, 24th and 25th February, where they will learn more about Human Relationships, Tertiary Education, Politics and Race Relations. Michael Minogue, M.P., Mr Stafford Smith - Waikato University Liaison Officer, Mr Les Macaskill from the Post Primary Inspectorate and Mr Hiwi Tauroa, Race Relations Conciliator will all be contributing to the programme.

THE HELP WE NEED FROM PARENTS

There are many general ways in which we ask your support as parents:

School Uniform is to be strictly enforced for Forms 3 and 4 and 1st year 5th Formers and you will help us by seeing that correct uniform is provided.

Miss Tucker suggests that if you intend knitting a school jersey you get your wool promptly. The colour "Suede" has now been discontinued but there are 30 packets only of it remaining at "Knitting Wools and Patterns" in Victoria Street. So far we have seen no colour like it on the charts of any company. "Suede" is an Aotea wool.

Pupils in their 4th year or above at school are not restricted as to colour and style of clothing but again we ask that it be practical, neat and tidy.

Jeans, Jandals and beach-wear are not acceptable.

Homework: You should expect that pupils will have homework regularly in several subjects per night - work which is necessary for successful completion of the syllabus. Sometimes, of course, the work may not be written, reading can be work too. If your son or daughter never appears to have anything to do, or on the other hand appears to be struggling with impossible demands, form teachers would be glad to hear from you.

School Fees: You will know from your children that school fees are now due. We quote from the Prospectus

"The annual school fee provides for educational, cultural, sporting and social activities (including capital expenditure), prizes, break-up functions and other sundry expenses as may be determined by the Board for the benefit of pupils.

The Board has ruled that fees for 1981 are:

\$18 for one student from a family

\$33 for 2 students from a family

\$45 for 3 or more students from a family

The School cannot function without this money and we would ask that wherever possible it be paid NOW.

Special Helpers

In addition to the responsibilities placed on you all, the school would be very glad to have help from parents of either sex who are able to give a little time. Should there be older, unemployed young adults in your household they could also be of great help to us in one of two areas.

(a) The Canteen: Mrs Taylor needs more helpers. She says:

"I need some more helpers for the canteen. You would be required from approximately 10.45am to 1pm to help prepare and serve morning tea and lunch.

You may like to help on a regular monthly basis or just occasionally. If you would like to come with a friend, please indicate on the form at the end of this letter.

I would appreciate it if you could return the slip to the canteen as soon as possible or, if you prefer, ring me at 66 858 after 2pm"

(b) The Reading Programme. Many of you will have heard of the Reading Mums and Dads. Essentially, these are people who are willing to commit themselves to one hour regularly per week to help a pupil who has reading difficulties. People who have done it, have found it really rewarding. Again, there is a tear-off slip to fill in if you are interested - or you could indicate that you would like Ms Illingsworth or Mrs Edwards to ring you and talk the matter over.

(b) cont'd.

Mrs Edwards will be in the school this year but for two terms she will be working on a special research programme for the Department of Education and Ms Illingsworth, who was with us part of last year, will be dealing with the Reading Programme.

FROM THE P.T.A. - to you all!

Hillcrest High School P.T.A. are holding a Fund Raising Las Vegas Evening on March 21st at 8pm. The proceeds of this evening should provide the final money needed to build the Fives Courts.

The programme for the evening will be

8pm Social time. Free wine, beer and fruit drinks.

8.30 Gambling Tables open. Your Ticket will entitle you to \$50,000 of "Funny Money". Extra Funny Money can also be purchased.

Towards the end of the evening the tables will be closed and your "Funny Money" profits can be used to bid for prizes which will be auctioned off.

A light supper will be served.

Cost for a great night's fun will be \$10 per person.

Tickets will be available at school on 9th March.

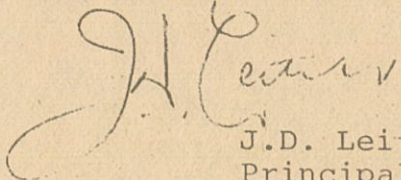
H-E-L-P! To make our Las Vegas night a big success we would appreciate donations from parents towards the prizes. Farming parents might have meat, potatoes etc. City business parents may have some surplus items. Some prizes will be purchased by the P.T.A. but the less we buy the greater the profit to the school.

If you can help, please contact the organiser:

Larry Ingle (Phone 63 378) after 5pm.

Coming Up later is the great pantodrame (for want of a better word) produced by the English Department. Can Wayne from Ruakura and the local All Snax foil the machinations of the Wizard of Aus? Will true love triumph in the end? You will find out in April.

STOP PRESS!! Mrs Ainsley-Clarke (Phone 69162) will be making new winter uniforms for those wanting them as D.I.C. will only have a few in stock again this winter.


J.D. Leitch,
Principal.

Please Tear off these slips and return, if interested.

CANTEEN HELPERS

Name: Phone No:

Day preferred:

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READING ASSISTANCE

I would like Ms Illingsworth to contact me to explain more about the Reading Mums scheme.

Name: Phone No: