

Quick Guide to  
What's Happening  
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Howick Intermediate



# Howick Intermediate Newsletter

The informed parents guide

8<sup>th</sup> September

– SEZ Table Tennis

28<sup>th</sup> September

– SEZ Boys Volleyball

28<sup>th</sup> September

– APPA Speech Competition

30<sup>th</sup> September

– Singing Bee Competition

6<sup>th</sup> October

– Skip Off

7<sup>th</sup> October

– Spelling Bee

7<sup>th</sup> October

– Last day Term 3

It has become a cliché to say that we live in a push-button, instant gratification world but this doesn't simply mean we have become more impatient than our parents. We are seeing an entirely different way of thinking.

There is a natural progression in life, which everyone knew back in the days when we were an agrarian society. You plant, then you cultivate and finally you harvest. Plant, cultivate, harvest. A slow cycle, repeated over months and years.

In today's world everyone seems to want to go directly from plant to harvest. We plant the seed by joining the gym, and then get frustrated when a few days go by and there's no fitness harvest. Like taking steroids to enhance athletic performance or robbing a bank; or playing the lottery, or waiting for fast food, or a miracle diet, or one night cramming for a test.

The step we overlook is the step of cultivating. And that, unlike planting and harvesting, takes place only through the patient dimension of time.

Partly, because we are a culture raised on television and movies, we've lost track of time. Through a great film you can experience the triumph of the human soul over adversity, the drama of the struggle between doing what's right and succumbing to the temptations of the world, the flowering of a great romance... but it all has to be finished in two hours.

Can you imagine meeting the person who will become the love of your life – the dating, courtship, romance, wedding and life thereafter – in two hours? Of course not. But in a world filled with instant coffee, instant breakfast, instant credit, instant shopping, instant news and instant information, we have come dangerously close to losing touch with reality and believing we have access to instant life.

Past generations learned about life through books. Books take time to read. A student, who generations ago might have spent a month reading Charles Dickens's novel *Great Expectations*, can now watch the film version and gobble it up in one hour and 51 minutes.

In a film, we never see the little steps, repeated hundreds of times, which create the results. There isn't time. In real life, everything important happens through time. Everything worth doing takes time. Human relationships and understandings develop over time. Skills are learned over time. Time is the key to every piece of human knowledge and development.

Life is a journey through time and we need to curb our impatience and give ourselves and our students the time needed to learn and grow. We have all of the time in the world and we need to make the most of every minute.

**John McAleese**  
Principal

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Please email the school from the address you would like it sent to:  
newsletter@howickint.school.nz

Alternatively, the newsletter is also available online on our website  
www.howickint.school.nz

### SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

## Calendars \$10.00 each

Send to family and friends around New Zealand and overseas for X-Mas.

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JANUARY



FEBRUARY



MARCH



APRIL

Five quick questions asked to students about an issue

**This week's survey is about**  
our new inquiry topic...

**Questions:**

1. Name your new inquiry topic for this term.
2. What do you hope to learn from this topic?
3. What specialist classes do you wish to go to?
4. Describe why you chose to learn about this topic.
5. Explain what you want to achieve in your social action.

Name: Dana Room: 6



1. Our new topic is animal cruelty.
2. I want to learn about how people treat animals.
3. I hope we get into hard materials.
4. I like learning about animals and how people test them.
5. I am hoping to narrow down the rate of people disrespecting animals.

Name: Jesscynta Room: 19



1. We are learning about world health.
2. Mainly about child poverty.
3. My group wants to get into drama and food tech.
4. It was a subject we were all interested in.
5. We would like to raise money to sponsor a child in poverty.

Name: Kurt Room: 7



1. Our topic is about sports marketing.
2. How sports marketing works.
3. I hope we get into hard materials.
4. It's an interesting topic with lots to learn.
5. We want to market a food product for a sports team.

Name: Raechal Room: 15



1. Our topic is habitat conservation.
2. We will learn about how to look after animals.
3. We hope to get into hard materials and art.
4. So you can learn more about animals.
5. To help the animals be safe in an environment.

Name: Tommy Room: 13



1. Our topic is crime.
2. Learning about what criminals do and what gangsters do and the consequences of this.
3. We want to get into sewing and hard materials.
4. My class chose it.
5. We are hoping to reduce tagging.

By Sabrina Ermita and Teighan Jackson, Room 6

# Howick Schools Chess Championship 2011

On the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of August we attended the Howick Schools Chess Championship tournament held at Point View School. Two teams of four, plus a reserve, had the wonderful opportunity to play against other intermediate schools such as BBI, Elim, and Somerville. There were also primary schools competing in a separate tournament.

The matches we had were challenging and difficult, but we stayed calm and managed to win some matches. We had seven rounds altogether. Each round is about one hour long; we also played with chess clocks.

Even though we were not placed in the top three, we still had a lot of fun playing. We also met a lot of friends along the way including a year two student, James Yang who beat most of our team members.

At the end of the second day, we had a formal prize giving. We were presented certificates. After the prize giving was the best part of the day. We were given free food. We ate the most food out of all the schools. This is a day we would never forget.

**Team 1** - Mark Infante, Gary Shen, Aloysius Chong, Kevin Zhang

**Team 2** - Ben Philavong, Kang Phung, Andy Ha, Suhua Chen.  
**Reserve** - Tommy Tran.



PHOTO: Chess team hard at work on their game



# UXBRIDGE EXHIBITION

By Renee Page, Tamara Potts and Shaman Theron, Rm 18

Talented and willing singers, performers, dancers and students in the Arts geared up for a spectacular opening evening on Friday, 2nd September. The event was opened by member of parliament, Mr Jamie Lee Ross. The purpose of the exhibition was to showcase what Howick Intermediate has to offer and what we, the students, do.



All around the gallery H.I.S artwork and achievements were dotted everywhere—just waiting for the parents to gaze at them in awe.

With lights dancing in their eyes, the choir waited for Mrs Chang to conduct them into song. They were eagerly followed by the energetic band.



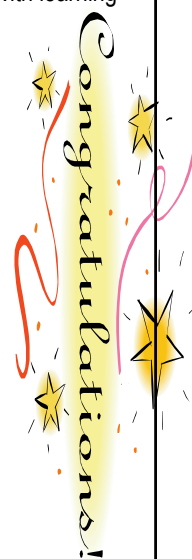
Then the audience were mesmerised with the well-choreographed, spunky dance group.

The parents, caregivers and guests were very impressed with our school and we received many great comments that made us glad to be a part of Howick Intermediate School.



# Assembly Awards

Room 5	Week 3 Week 4	Andre Monga Paige Lagahetau
Room 6	Week 3 Week 4	Jeremy Masagney Taylor Allen
Room 9	Week 4	Nicole Gan, Charlotte Goldstraw
Room 12	Week 4	Pauline Yang
Room 13	Week 3 Week 4	Paawan, Bhavik, Edward, Hae in, St John and Jeffery "fun with learning group"
Room 14	Week 3 Week 4	Caitlin Barrett Dormani Nam
Room 15	Week 3 Week 4	Gang, Cheol Carlo Rava
Room 16	Week 4	Sandra Schuler
Room 18	Week 3 Week 4	Henry Choi Taylor Beale
Room 19	Week 3 Week 4	Taine Wearing Constantina Seumanu
Room 20	Week 3 Week 4	Rachel Ku Reece van der Haar
Room 21	Week 3 Week 4	Justyce Fonoti Luke Magele



**Farmers presents...**

## what a woman WANTS

Learn what to wear & how to wear it!

**WHERE**  
Howick-Pakuranga Netball Centre,  
Lloyd Elmore Park, 451 Pakuranga Rd

**WHEN**  
Wednesday 21st September  
Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm.

**TICKETS \$25**  
Includes complimentary beverages on arrival and light supper.  
Cash bar available.

**BUY TICKETS FROM**  
Your local Plunket Car Seat depot.  
Email: WAWW2011@gmail.com  
facebook.com/conditionmannakaplunket  
For further information or group bookings call Clare 021 933 300

Raffles & Spot Prizes available

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# From Nurse Liz

Nurse Liz will be away from the school from Thursday, September 1 until the start of Term 4.

The office staff will be responsible for any sick or injured students in her absence. They all have current first aid certificates.

If there are any specific medical concerns, please discuss them with your child's classroom teacher.

# RED CARD AWARDS

Red Cards are issued to students who are 'caught' doing something good. The class with the most red cards wins the Red Card Award for the week. Students who win a red card automatically go into the draw to win a giant cookie.

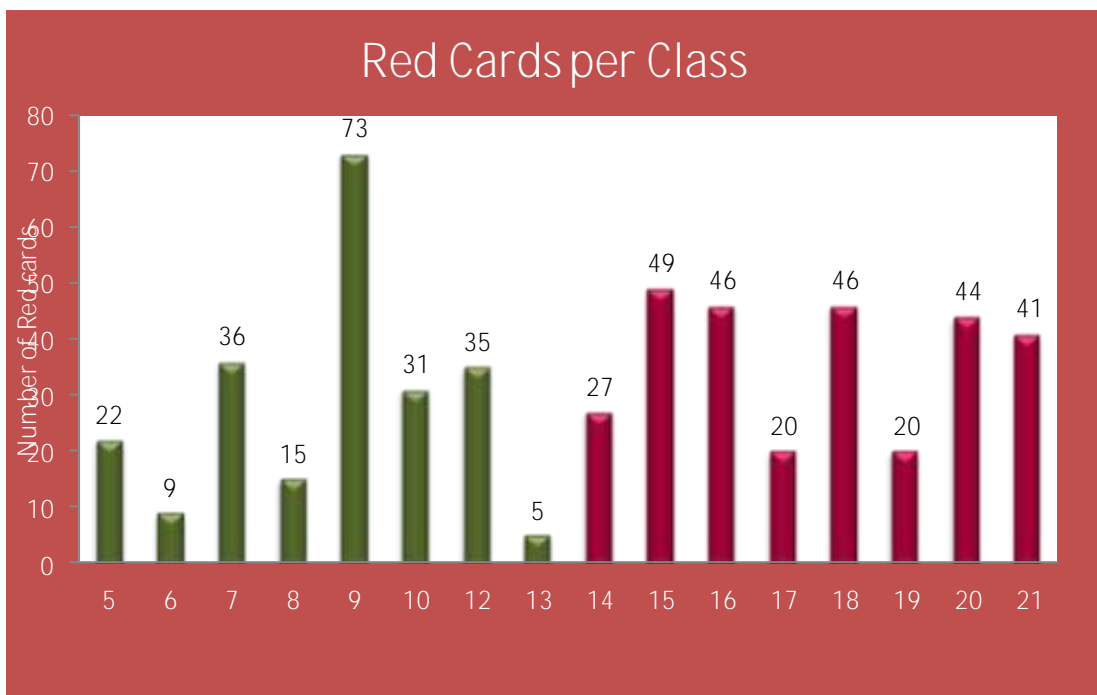


Week 3: Room 18



Week 4: Room 9

Congratulations to Room 18 in Week 3 and Room 9 in Week 4 for receiving the Red Card Shield.  
*Keep up the effort of being caught being good!*



Red Card Awards per Class