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SPECIAL EDITION

## SPECIALIST CLASSES

We decided to investigate what various Inquiry Groups achieved in some of our Specialist Classes. Here are a few photos that we would like to share with you showing the innovative creations and great learning activities that have guided students in reaching their Inquiry learning goals.

### SOFT MATERIALS



This group from Rm 16 made eco friendly bags (screen printing in Art first) to raise awareness to save our whales.

### HARD MATERIALS



Hard materials gives us the opportunity to work from the design stage right through to making a finished product using hi-tech machines.

### DANCING



We get to learn new moves and to express ourselves through dancing as well as take part in competitions like J-Rock.

### FOOD TECHNOLOGY



We learn about food, hygiene in handling food and also get to cook food that increases our confidence while we learn about new dishes.



# Lights, Camera, Culture

Natalia Flexman Room 19

Earlier on in the year Howick Intermediate had a Cultural Festival.

It was a night of magic and wonder! Many cultural dances entertained parents and guests. The dances were spectacular with Scottish, Middle Eastern, South African, Samoan and many more being showcased.

There was heaps of enthusiasm and energy in the performances, this was so

contagious that the audience cheered loudly and proudly for the performers on stage.

The costumes were magnificent and the kids really strutted their style. Everyone had a great time!

The audience got a taste of other cultures festive side and the sort of dancing that they do.

Teachers were proud, as the students showed off their energetic cultural dance moves that they learned.

In the end the night was amazing and anyone who didn't go missed out on a whole lot of fun with the show finishing off with a vibrant and exciting Samoan Hakka performed by the passionate and enthusiastic Samoan group.

Family and friends left the hall that night with a smile on their face. The students surely did make us proud!



# Science Fair

Over the course of Term 2, students have been working very hard on their Science Fair Investigations.

Howick Intermediate takes part in Science Investigations every year and every child takes part and presents a Science Fair project. This is a competition that is held throughout all the schools in the country.

It's a great opportunity to learn more about science, gain more confidence in science and be able to conduct your own Science Investigation.

By Renee Page Rm18





# "SPLASH"

By Reeshan Kishore Room 20 and Jewel Meredith Room 17

In term 1, Week 5 was Part 2 of our Aquatics Programme, the Deep Pools. Children, parents and teachers piled onto the school bus, chatting and laughing away as we headed to the Orakei Deep Dive Pool.



All the kids were extremely excited about the going to the Deep Dive pool, we took a long ride on the bus and then finally arrived.

Everyone wanted to get into the pool, but we had to go over the rules and safety information about life jackets. Later on



we wore life-jackets and started to feel warm. We got in the pool and everyone either took the stairs or walked off the side—like walking the plank!



We practised moving around with our life jackets in the water and it was exciting swimming around with our jackets, because it looked like we were hovering on water. This was called sculling, all the children were having great fun and smiling.

We got out of the pool and learned how to put on a life-jacket as if you were in the water getting rescued. It was hard to put on a jacket lying down because we needed to wriggle about slipping one arm in after the other.

Soon after we partnered up, one buddy got in the pool while the other one had to rescue them. This time we tried to put on

our life-jacket in water. It was harder than it looked because the buoyancy force was pushing the life jacket above the water so we had to try to jump onto the jacket to get it on. The hardest part was zipping the jacket up.

Afterwards we all had to get out and get changed...everyone moaned. Once we had changed we were counted back onto the bus and rode back to school. Everyone was chatting in the bus about the pool.

After a cloudy day spent at the Deep Pool we arrived back at school, had morning tea and went to class. The pool was a great experience for us all, an awesome wake up call for safety!

## CHESS tournament



### Howick & Pakuranga Chess Club Tournament

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, we took part in the chess tournament. It was a really challenging tournament but we gave it our best shot. We had a really fun time competing.

Most of the players were really hard to beat. We also learnt new rules, to be polite and show courtesy to other players, like shaking hands before the match begins and after the match ends. The type of chess we played was called speed chess which we played with chess clocks. Each player only had a limited time of 15mins, if the time runs out then we would lose the match. It was difficult, it was as though we were playing against the time itself.

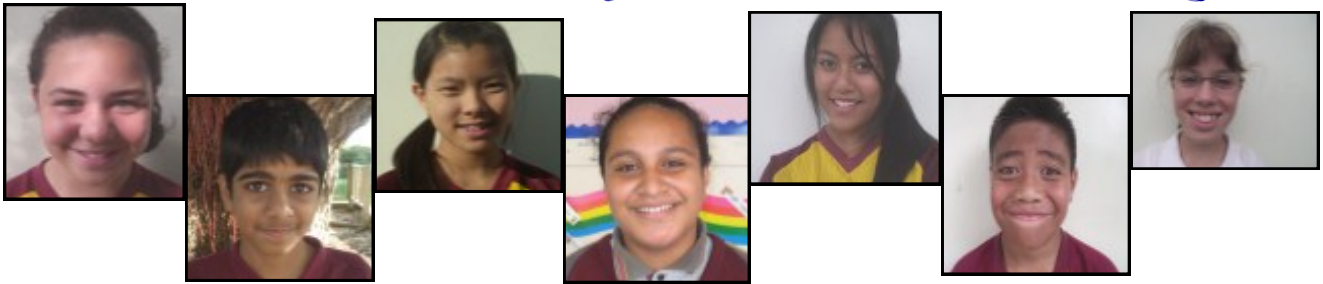
Even though we didn't come first, we never gave up hope. We will train harder and persevere to win! Big thanks to Mrs Noble and our parent helper, Mrs Petherick for supervising and taking us to this event.

We are all looking forward to the next tournament!

By Kang Phung, Ben Philavong and Andy Ha.



# The Newspaper Group!



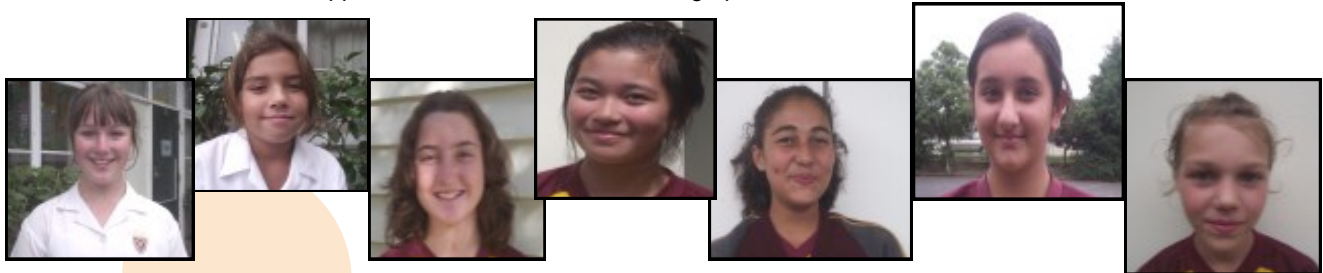
Sophie Wright Reeshan Kishore Vanessa Ung Teighan Jackson Jewel Meredith Tremaine Falanitama Jacinta Hanscamp

## By Vanessa Ung, Room 10

The Newspaper Group is a group of students that help to write and put together the school Newspaper, Newz Fuse and the school Newsletter. These can both be found on the school website: [www.howickintermediate.co.nz](http://www.howickintermediate.co.nz)

Jessica describes the Newspaper group as "Fun and challenging" and says the best part about it is "Getting to interview new people."

We enjoy contributing in this because it gives us the opportunity to meet new people, talk about the school and to put our writing skills to good use. The school Newspaper is a fun and entertaining way of letting the students at Howick Intermediate read about events that have happened and events that are coming up.



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# MUSIC MANIA



Our jazz group provides lots of opportunities for students to develop their listening and improvising skills.

They also gain more performing experience through on-going presentations.



The School Band is for students who love to sing and play popular songs.

Students also get to create their own songs and compete with others in events like Battle of the Bands.



The Ukulele group and the pop band will be performing in the music room on Open Night, too.