

# **School Newsletter**

"If the children are given a Krishna Conscious education from early childhood, then there is great hope for the future of the world" ~A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada



### **School Principal's Message**

#### Dear Parents,

I have been reflecting on how important it is for our children to learn the values of Sanatana Dharma and practices of bhakti at a young age. Earlier this term students learnt about the Lord's dear devotee Prahlada who at five years old was constantly remembering the Lord and preaching love of God to his classmates. Prahlada Maharaja teaches us the importance of taking to bhakti (devotional service) at a young age and of the benefit gained by absorbing the values and wisdom of sastra (Vedic scripture) in childhood. As Lord Krishna explains in the Bhagavadgita, nehābhikrama-nāśo 'sti (2.40), "there is no loss or diminution on this path," the spiritual values gained at childhood will shape the direction of their lives and will never be lost.

I hope that this newsletter, sharing some of the significant events from this term, keeps you well informed and brings you joy.

Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada, Dharma- setu Das

### **IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES FOR TERM 3**

Term Dates: 26th July-30th September Teacher's Only Day- 25th July Lord Balarama's Appearance Day-12th August Sri Krishna Janmastami- 19th August Srila Prabhupada's Appearance Day- 20th August Radhastami-4th September





"Everything should be done on the basis of love. Strictness is not very good. The students should act automatically, out of love, That is wanted. ~ Srila Prabhupada



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### SRI NRSIMHA CATURDASI

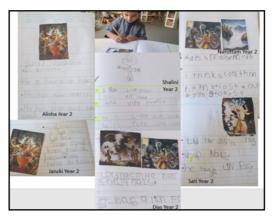


The grand appearance day of Lord Nrsimhadeva was celebrated at our Hare Krishna Temple on the Sunday but, in the days leading up to this, our students created some beautiful stories and artwork for His pleasure. Here are some examples...













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# **STUDENT WORK**





I have been observing the individual classes as they ready themselves for market day and am appreciating how this event has provided a wide range of rich learning opportunities across the curriculum. Students have learnt about ethical decision-making, teamwork, marketing, production, and sales, they have even designed their own currency! The event created an authentic context for developing their language skills by writing menus, flyers, and designing posters. Teachers have used this opportunity to teach their class about sustainability in the process of developing their products. Some of the classes gained meaningful science knowledge about seed germination as they grew plants from seed, to sell at their stalls. It has been wonderful to see the students' enthusiasm to learn!



Photos by Larissa Lofley





~ Dharma-setu Das (Principal)













# School Trip to the Auckland Museum

On the Monday of the last week of term, the students of the Hare Krishna School went on a whole school expedition to the Auckland Museum. There, they attended a class on the origin of Matariki. The students came away knowing the placement and names of each of the nine stars in the Matariki constellation. The rest of the day was spent investigating all the rich culture and history that the museum has to offer.

Here are some pictures of our senior students' experience.



# **REPORTING AN ABSENCE**

If your child will be absent or late for school, please use the following methods, in order of preference:

1) Report an absence using your Hero App. If your child is late, they will need to report to the office on arrival.

2) Alternatively, you can call the office on: (09) 412 6325 or email at: admin@harekrishna.school.nz



#### SCHOOL BREAKFAST <u>FREE</u> FOR ALL STUDENTS.

Available Tues-Fri between 8:10am-8:20am No need to opt in. Students will need to bring a bowl and a spoon.



Our school is proud to be part of KickStart Breakfast All are welcome to join us for breakfast.

### **SCHOOL LUNCH**

\$4 per day, Everyday except Monday!

Please make sure your child brings an empty container, a spoon and morning tea.



If you haven't yet opted your child in for school lunch and you would like to, please contact Amrta Pani mataji at admin@harekrishna.school.nz





### **CLASSROOM POLICY**

We humbly ask you to please support teachers by not remaining in the classroom without prior arrangement after dropping your child off to school in the morning. This is an important time for teachers to prepare for the morning lessons, connect with children as they arrive and to start punctually. Thank you for your consideration.



### PRASADAM SPONSORSHIP

Have you got an upcoming event to celebrate? A child's birthday or an upcoming Vaisanava festival perhaps?

What better way to commemorate this occasion by sponsoring the lunch prasadam for the special Vaisnava children of the Hare Krishna School?

\$108 to sponsor lunch prasadam for one weekday or \$301 to sponsor a school lunch feast on a festive day

To sponsor prasadam, please fill out the form on our website: www.harekrishna.school.nz/donations Alternatively, you may contact the Hare Krishna School reception.



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## Thank you for your kind DONATIONS:

#### <u>Lunches</u>

Dharma-setu for his mum Mary Organ Divit Jain's family Neelam Taneja Rudra Shah & family Marco Brooking & family Jeet Barot & Family Ravina Devi & Family

#### <u>Garden</u>

Shanta & family (garden flowers) Rohita (garden flowers)

<u>Books</u> Asraya Nitai – book donor

<u>Masks</u> Subhatra – Mask donor

<u>Volunteers</u> Vaishali Layazawala

...others who have also contributed in some way, it is so appreciated!

### **LATE ARRIVALS**



Mornings can be challenging for all families, however, we kindly ask that students be at school on time so that they can make a smooth start to the day. Being late can be unsettling for children as well as disruptive for others. We understand there are often valid reasons for lateness. If you bring your child to school late, please sign in at the school office. Thank you