



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



SNEAK PEEK OF WHAT'S INSIDE:

TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS AT HKS



"Everything should be done on the basis of love. Strictness is not very good. The students should act out of love, that is wanted".

~Srila Prabhupada



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Gaura Purnima

We had a wonderful Gaura Purnima event at the temple this term. Each class performed something for the pleasure of Lord Gauranga.

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Poetry Recital

The first House Event of 2023 was a poetry recital. Go to page 5 to find out which of our four House groups won this event!



Camp Manaia

Our senior classes went on camp to Camp Manaia at the end of this term. Find out about that on page 6

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Despite the disastrous weather events at the start of the term causing a shaky start, the Hare Krishna School property was fortunately unaffected and we have been able to move ahead with the term's learning programmes and events.

A highlight this term was our school's Gaura Purnima celebration. From performing dramas and reciting poems to participating wholeheartedly in kirtan, every class had something amazing to offer to Lord Caitanya on the special day of His appearance.

This term our theme has been "Ourselves and Others." This means curriculum areas such as literacy, sastra, social studies, projects and health all relate to this theme. We have also focussed on poetry reading and writing this term, which culminated in a Poetry Recital House event in week 6, when students had the opportunity to recite their own poems and earn points for their house. Students were assessed not only on their writing but on their delivery. They learned how to use their voice for expression, among other delivery techniques. Younger students have been reciting slokas and learning to identify rhyme patterns in poems.

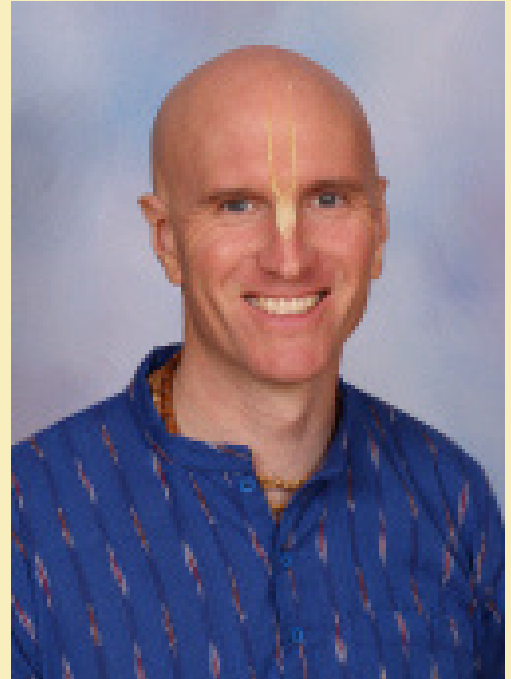
To foster hauora (well being) this term, we have offered yoga classes to students in all classes. We are grateful to Dina Dayala for her amazing contribution, taking the children for yoga lessons every Monday. There are four dimensions of hauora, the holistic approach to health: taha tinana (physical well-being - health), taha hinengaro (mental and emotional well-being - self-confidence), taha whanau (social well-being - self-esteem) and taha wairua (spiritual well-being). We have found the breathing and yoga postures to be a great benefit for the children's learning and sense of wellbeing.

Led by Ian Prabhu, our outdoor classroom and technology teacher, the Year 7 - 8 students have also had the opportunity to start planning and completing activities to go towards their William Pike Award. This involves pursuing interests they are passionate about and performing service to the community.

And last but not least, the highlight of the term for the senior students (Years 7 - 10) is school camp in Manaia, Whangarei. Thank you to all the teachers, teacher aides and parents involved in making this a memorable experience for all students. Some activities included compass reading, bush walks, surfing, cooking, kayaking, swimming, and art.

We wish all families a wonderful, relaxing and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back next term

In service to Srila Prabhupada,
Dharma-Setu Dasa.



Gaura Purnima at HKS

We had a glorious celebration for the grand appearance of Lord Caitanya. Each class made their own offerings on the day. Radha Giridhari class and Prabhupada class joined together for a morning abhishek and arati as shown here. As a whole school we visited the temple for the festival. Our senior kids performed a fantastic drama on the pastimes leading up to Lord Caitanya's arrival and the purpose of his appearance.

In line with our school's focus this term on poetry, a couple of our classes shared their own poems. Our High School students wrote some beautiful, moving Ode poems for the pleasure of Sri Caitanya.

Jagannatha class performed a beautiful bhajan and our junior school sang a sweet song.



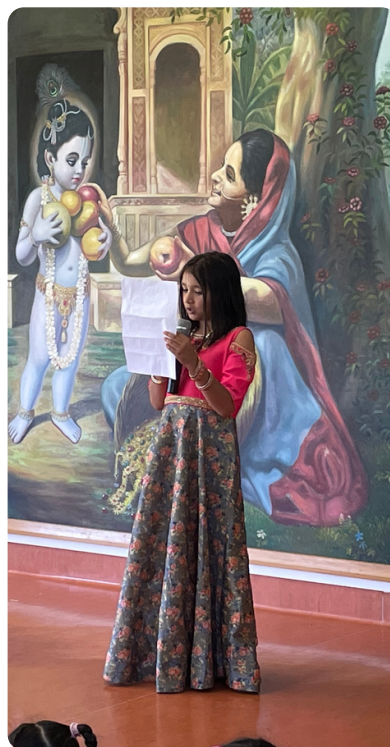
Dharma Prabhu's address to students before the main event



Gaura Nitai class' wonderful Drama



Helping classmates to apply tilak



Poem shared by Year 4 student



Dance performance by students acting as the Panca-Tattva



Abhishek of Gaura Nitai

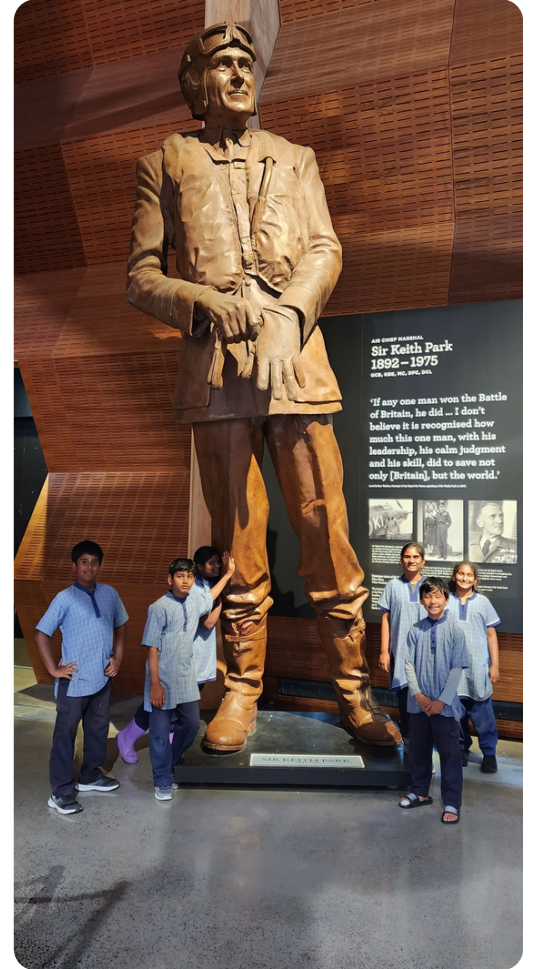
Middle School's Visit To MOTAT



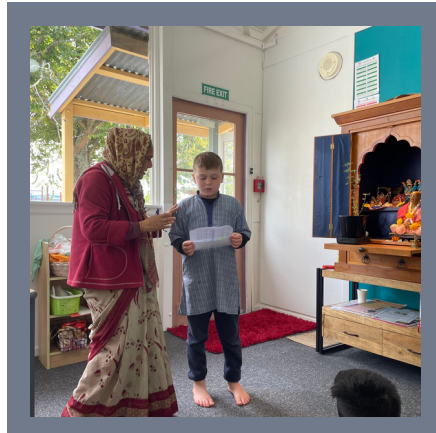
MOTAT offers children a rich opportunity to explore history, technology and science in a unique environment. The students attended a lesson on toys and how they have changed over time. None of them had batteries! The students enjoyed playing with old fashioned toys and learning new skills.

When visiting MOTAT you must visit the Aviation centre. This was definitely one of the favourite activities for the kids. They loved the flight simulator helicopter and planes in particular. Another topic that everyone was very interested in was the coding and video game exhibition which showed the kids how these new technologies were created.

This trip to MOTAT was to inspire the children in their individual passion projects. It was a great educational outing.



House Event- Poetry Recital



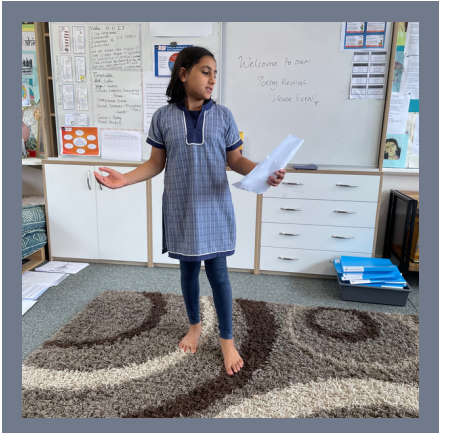
Our first House event of the year was a Poetry Recital. Students wrote their own poems and presented them to their class. Each child was assessed on their ideas, presentation and the use of voice. House points were also awarded to students for respect shown for other students' work. Respect is one of our three main values: Wisdom, respect and joy.

Everybody did exceptionally well and some of our students are true budding poets!

The Winning House for this event was: Gada (Club) House!

Above: Recitation of "Bhaja Gauranga" by Bal Gopal class (Year 1), "I am" poem by Prabhupada class (Year 3) and "I am" poem by Jagannatha class (Year 5).

Below: Recitation of "I am" poems by Jagannatha class (Year 6) and "If I were" poem by Gaura Nitai class (Year 7).



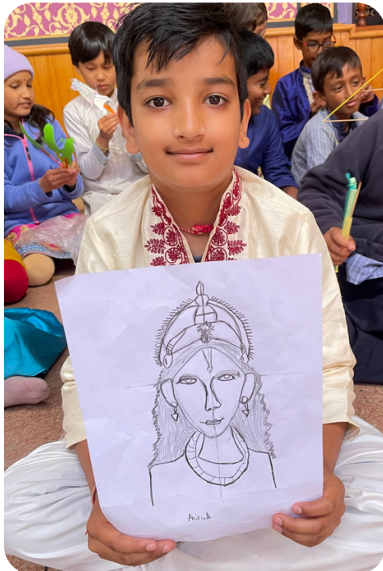
Rama Navami



Jagannath class' offerings of crafts made for Lord Rama



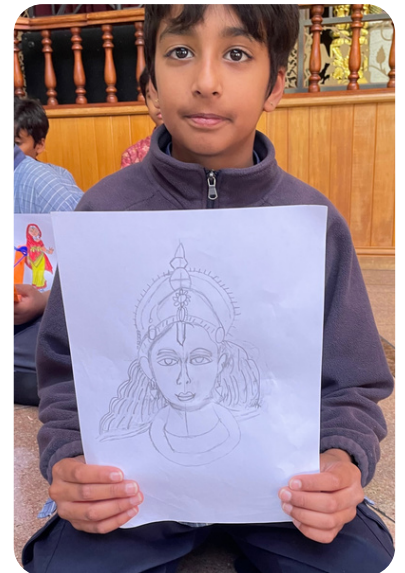
Bal Gopal class' offerings of cards made for Lord Rama



Portrait drawn by Anirudh



Puppets made by Sree



Portrait drawn by Divit

Each class celebrated Rama Navami their own way. Some students made cards while others made other artistic offerings.

Happy Rama Navami!



JAI SRI RAMA!



CAMP MANAIA

YEARS 7-10

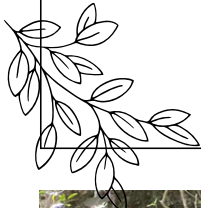


Our senior students had the great opportunity to go camping this term. They went to Camp Manaia in Whangarei.

There they attended a surf lesson, and challenged themselves by walking the Peach Cove Track where they saw the most beautiful landscapes.

One of the evenings they toasted marshmallows on the beach while singing a beautiful kirtan. They also had a talent event where some of the students performed some fantastic dramatic skits.

Everyone had a fabulous time. Here are some pictures from their four day trip away!





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Have you got an upcoming event to celebrate?
A child's birthday or an upcoming Vaisnava 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
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TERM 2 EVENTS

Term 2 : Wednesday 26 April - Fri 30th June

Teacher's Only Day- Monday 24th April

Anzac Day - Tuesday 25th April

Nrsimha Caturdasi - Thursday, 4th May

King/Queen's Birthday - Monday 5th June



DONATIONS:

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your kind donations. We received some very generous donations towards our Ram Navami feast.

If anyone would like to donate to our school you can send funds to: Hare Krishna School
12-3085-0342272-00 and put your name as the reference.

Thank you for your kind service

REMINDERS:

Firstly, all students are expected to have the correct uniform on the first day of school.

Now would be a good time to make sure you have all the correct school uniform. Please ensure your child has a navy blue winter jumper for Term 2. Navy blue winter beanies are permitted for those extra cold days.

Secondly, please make sure your child is at school by 8.25am every morning as their tardiness can be disruptive for the teacher and other students.

Thank you for your consideration.