



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



Board of Trustees Update

Find the update from our School's Board of Trustees and the School's Proprietor on Pg 3.



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Science Fair House Event

We held a Science Fair House Event this term. Find out more on Pg. 12



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Welcoming Gaura Nitai

We purchased new sets of deities for some classrooms. We held a grand ceremony welcoming them to our school. Find out more on Pg 10

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we wrap up this term, I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to our classroom teachers and teaching staff for their hard work. The teachers continue to engage in literacy professional development, ensuring that they are up-to-date with the most effective teaching methods, and it has been delightful to see our students thrive as a result.

It is also with great pleasure that I warmly welcome new students joining our community at Hare Krishna School this term. It is wonderful to see them settle into their classes and engage with their learning so readily.

A key event this term has been the introduction of five sets of Gaura Nitai deities for each of the classrooms. In Week 8 we held a welcome ceremony for them in the temple, and students were involved in bathing, dressing, and performing the arati to the new deities, before taking Them to their respective classrooms. Deity service is a personal form of devotional service, and seeing our students show such devotional care and interest in it is truly inspiring.

A curriculum highlight this term has been our science inquiry focus which culminated in the Science Fair, organised by our technology teacher, Ian prabhu. It was an opportunity for students to present their research, knowledge and findings after engaging in scientific investigations and experiments throughout the term, and the outcome was outstanding. Students were recognised for their creativity and effort by earning points for their house.

Another significant achievement this term has been the development of a small ESOL class for our emergent learners of English as a second language. Directed by our ESOL coordinator Subhadra-Priya mataji, these learners from all year levels are now engaging in English language instruction four days a week with our hindi-speaking teacher aide, Yashomati.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended our Year 11 information evening on 27th June. Your engagement and support is invaluable as we continue to move forward with our plans to provide a quality education for our students from Year 11 and beyond. We also look forward to updating you on developments in Years 9 - 10 for the rest of the year in preparation for Year 11.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break. We look forward to students returning at the start of Term 3 feeling refreshed and ready for another great term.

Yours in service,
Dharma-setu Dasa



HARE KRISHNA SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Update

BoT Update Term 2 Newsletter

Hare Krishna, dear school community,

We want to thank those of you who made the Year 11+ Parent Evening a success. It was encouraging to see so many families considering our school for their child's secondary education. Thank you for your faith in us. The school management has received a lot of feedback and questions, which are being collated and will be addressed.

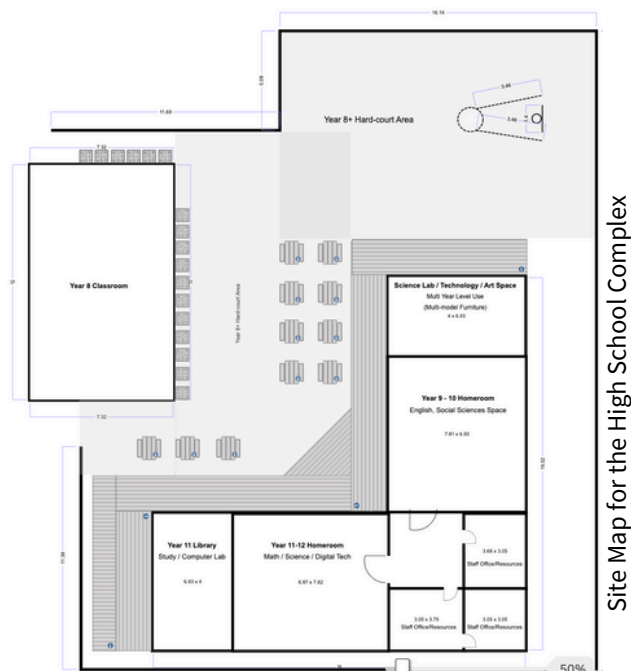
While the ISKCON Auckland Special Character and Capital Works contributions that you are invoiced each term are not mandatory for enrollment, we want to emphasize the crucial role of our parent community in our school's growth and development. Your significant donation contributions are deeply appreciated and greatly aid us in providing education up to Year 13.

We are thrilled to announce that our school has obtained accreditation from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). This accreditation allows our school to offer our students the New Zealand Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Levels 1 to 3. It's a significant accomplishment and a testament to the dedication of our school leadership. The new classroom building project is in the final stages of council approval. Construction work within and around the new classroom block, designed for our senior students, is on track to be finished by the end of this year.

Your support and enthusiasm have been instrumental in this process, and we value your ongoing support as we take these vital steps forward.

Yours in service to Śrīla Prabhupāda,
On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Duranta-Sakti Das (Vikas Arya)
Presiding Member



Site Map for the High School Complex

Curriculum Highlights

Junior School



Year 1

A highlight from this term for Bal Gopal class was their project. They were engaged in the multiple processes of making papier-mâché which offered them the chance to develop awareness of Shapes and Structures; Building with papier-mâché helps children understand basic concepts of shapes, structures, and balance, which are foundational elements in both art and science.

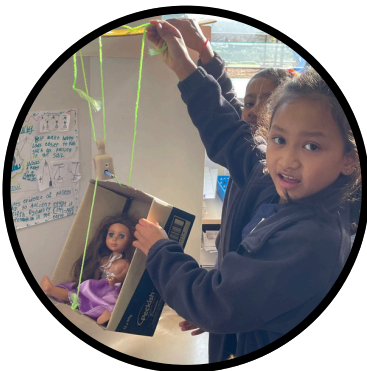
Year 2

As part of their science inquiry, students in Krsna-Balaram class engaged in a project centered on "purposeful invention." Their goal was to develop inventions that addressed real-world challenges and offered practical benefits for themselves and their communities. Along with parents help and support, students created amazing inventions for Science Fair. We had inventions like, a teeth cleaning device, timetable gloves, water filter and many more!



Year 3

As part of their science inquiry have thoroughly enjoyed investigating science themes such as simple machines, magnets, forensic science, building and performing experiments. With the help of our outdoor teacher Ian prabhu we also performed experiments in our classroom such as the water clock and pendulum. Students then chose a topic of interest to investigate further and display for the science fair. It was wonderful to see their creative thinking and displays.



Year 4

Radha Giridhari class has been working hard on narrative text. First writing an opening to "hook" their audience, then describing the setting and characters and finally presenting the problem and resolution. They are also learning to re-craft their work by receiving feedback from their peers and proofreading their work before publishing and illustrating.

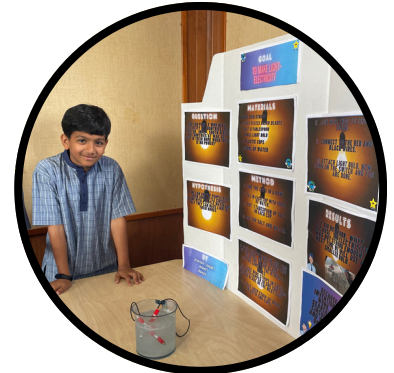


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Middle School

Year 5

The science theme for this term was inventions and innovations. The year 5's had a busy term going to MOTAT and having a facilitator take them through inventions and innovations over time. This helped lead up to our Science Fair, where we could create an invention or innovation. We also got to do many amazing experiments from learning Newton's law on gravitational pull to electric circuits to being a crime investigator! We were super excited to share "Why Narasimhadeva is important to us" by presenting it in a "live" News broadcast. Coming soon!

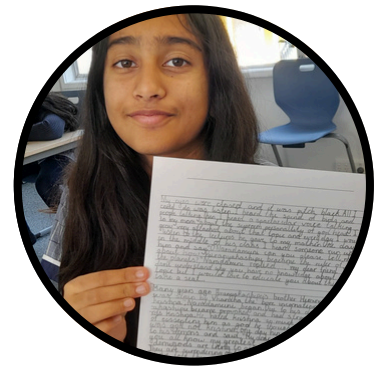


Year 6

This term, Jagannath class dived into the thought-provoking novel "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. Through the journey of Auggie Pullman, a boy with facial differences attending school for the first time, our students explored themes of kindness, acceptance, and the importance of empathy. They delved into major themes like bullying, friendship, courage, and the power of kindness, relating them to real-life situations. Their exploration of "Wonder" has not only enriched their reading skills but also fostered a deeper sense of empathy and community within the classroom.

Year 7

Mayapur Class has written original Perspective Narratives this term featuring scenes from Canto 7 of the Bhagavatam. Creatively, students brought the plot to life while writing from a perspective of one of the characters in the lila they chose. Working tirelessly, they have employed various writing tools, such as sentence lengths, sentence structures and using newly learnt vocabulary. Enthusiastically, students learnt how to write cause/effect paragraphs and how to effectively edit ones work to create more impact.



Year 8

This term, our Year 8 students have been studying the novel, "Freak the Mighty". They have explored features of "quest" stories, the hero's journey, the legend of King Arthur and the genre of realistic fiction. Inspired by these ideas, the students have enjoyed writing their own "quest-style" narratives. They've been learning to use descriptive writing and have been working on editing and recrafting their work to produce a final product that they are proud of.

Curriculum Highlights

Senior School & learning areas



Years 9-10

This term, our students delved into the art of lino printing. They began by planning, designing, and drawing their unique ideas. These designs were then carefully cut into lino, which they inked to create beautiful prints. Their creativity didn't stop there; students also experimented with printing their designs on fabric. The lino printing project was a hit, with students thoroughly enjoying the entire process from conception to creation.

Yoga

This term in yoga, junior school students have been practising mindful listening and have mastered the sun salutation sequence. Meanwhile, middle school students have been honing their focus and learning about yoga principles and anatomy. The senior boys have dedicated themselves to core-strengthening yoga, always concluding with breath work, while the senior girls have been exploring the subtle aspects of yoga with great interest. Our hope is that, while learning yoga and experiencing its benefits physically and mentally, our students have a good amount of fun, forming a foundational love of yoga.



Outdoor Classroom

This term, the junior students had an enchanting experience exploring the forest. They participated in activities such as climbing rope courses, building shelters, and immersing themselves in nature. Some classes even got creative by making maps of the forest and inventing imaginary realms. Additionally, the students enjoyed planting a variety of vegetables including beans, potatoes, mint, and peas and relished the opportunity to taste the produce. Meanwhile, the seniors engaged in creative activities such as designing fabrics using tie-dye techniques and lino printing. An interesting aspect of the experience was that the students had the chance to create their own dyes using natural ingredients, providing a valuable learning experience. The metal forge continued to be a popular choice, allowing students to further develop their artistic and blacksmithing skills.



Physical Education

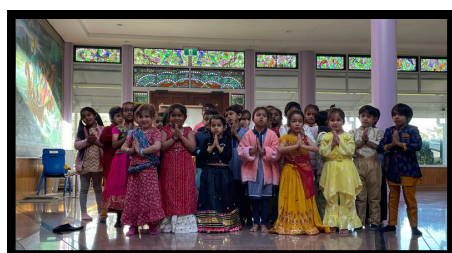
This term, for our juniors, we have had some professional Rippa Rugby players from North Harbour Rugby Union come to teach the sport weekly on a Friday and for the seniors, they have alternated between self defense/kickboxing classes and badminton/pickle ball also on the Friday.



Sri Nrsimha Caturdasi

This term our school celebrated Lord Nrsimhadeva's appearance day. Each class performed a drama skit or a song/shloka in honor of the Lord. Students from different years presented various activities like poems, shlokas, and modern-day broadcasts about the festival.

It was lovely to see so many family members come in support of our students. Sri Nrsimhadeva Ki Jay!



Nanogirl Science Show- Tornado Tammy.

As part of our science inquiry this term, a Nanogirl scientist visited our school and held a science show for us. The theme was Captivating Chemistry - hair-raising reactions! It was thrilling to see all the explosive experiments and colourful reactions, emphasising the importance of chemistry in our daily lives. What an experience!





Motat Class Trips



Our classes from Years 1 through 6 recently visited the Museum of Transport and Technology (MOTAT) as part of this term's "inventions" theme. The trip was designed to enhance their understanding of the origin of machines and inventions.

During the visit, students had the opportunity to learn about various inventions and machines, gaining inspiration for their own creative ideas. The trip was both educational and entertaining, and the students actively participated in the learning activities at MOTAT.

We believe that this trip provided a valuable learning experience for the students, offering practical insights into the theme. We appreciate your continued support in encouraging the students' engagement with the curriculum.



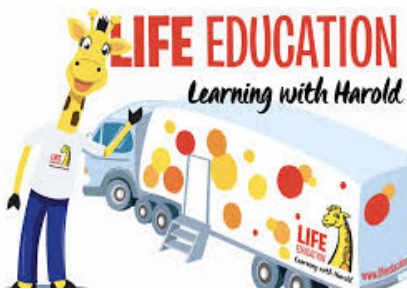
Health Curriculum- An Update on ZoR

This term, we have introduced the Zones of Regulation at the Hare Krishna School as part of the Health curriculum for all grade levels. Our students now have a better understanding of their emotions and have learned techniques to return to a more productive and receptive state using breathing exercises, physical movement, and communication skills.

An exciting aspect of this initiative was the involvement of senior school students in the learning process of the junior school. The seniors created skits to demonstrate the practical application of these regulation techniques, which was both educational and entertaining.

The ZONES of Regulation™

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| BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly | GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Relaxed | YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control | RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Elated/Ecstatic Devastated Out of Control |



Life Education with Harold the Giraffe

This term, our students had the opportunity to participate in Life Education sessions with Harold the Giraffe. These sessions focused on personal development, emotional well-being, and social skills tailored to different year levels, providing valuable lessons for all students. Highlights for each group include:

Years 1-3:

- Explored unique identities and self-awareness
- Learned conflict resolution strategies

Years 4-6:

- Discovered resilience and staying positive
- Discussed qualities of a good friend
- Learned about empathy and compassion

Years 7-8:

- Received practical tips for making and maintaining friendships
- Delved deeper into conflict resolution techniques

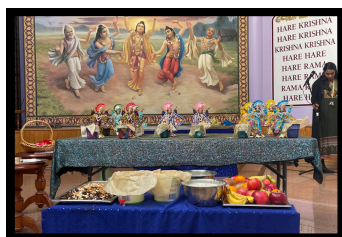
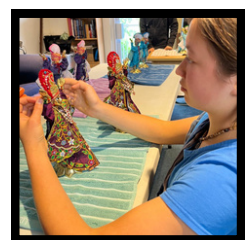
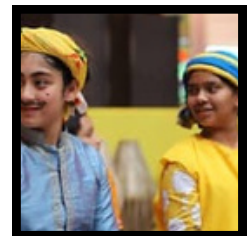
Years 9-10:

- Explored citizenship, rights, and responsibilities within the community



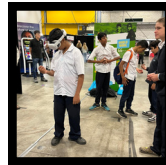
Abhishek for our new deities

On the auspicious occasion of Panihati, the students of the Hare Krishna School wholeheartedly welcomed our new Gaura Nitai deities. Our Principal, Dharma-setu Prabhu, conducted the ‘opening of the eyes’ ceremony as the students melodiously sang the Hare Krishna Mahamantra accompanying the inauguration. The festival was very sweet, and it was wonderful to see how students and staff worked alongside each other to make this a memorable event. The senior students carried the deities and decorated Them with new garments and lovely ornaments. Various students led beautiful heartwarming kirtans while everyone participated in the bathing ceremony of Their Lordships, also known as “abhishekham”. The event was surcharged with devotion and promises a great start of the next term with worship, offerings and blessings. The worship of deities is an important part of our Vaisnava culture and we are truly blessed to say that each of our classrooms now have their own classroom deities, sanctifying the class, blessing the learning process and enfusing it with positivity and devotion. After the abhishekham, the year 7 students performed a wonderful drama narrating the pastimes of loving exchange between Lord Nityananda and Raghunatha Dasa, which was very much appreciated. It was an auspicious morning and a great way to celebrate the joys of Krsna conscious education.



careers expo- years 9-10

This term, our Year 9 and 10 students focused on Careers in their Health classes. They had the exciting opportunity to attend a careers fair, which provided valuable insights into various professions. Additionally, we were honored to host Suhrit Krishna Prabhu, who delivered a captivating seminar on Career Dharma, inspired by Mother Urmila's book and teachings. Prabhu's engaging presentation and extensive knowledge truly captivated our students. His insightful talk guided them in understanding their personal motivations and helped them identify career fields that align with their passions and skills.



SUCCESS STORY

Hare Krishna everyone,

My name is Roshni Oberoi, and I am an ex student at Hare Krishna School. Hare Krishna School was the foundation of my educational journey, where I built and developed the core values that continue to guide me today. The sanskar and teachings from Hare Krishna School are deeply embedded in everything I do.

Currently, I am in my final year at the University of Auckland, completing my Bachelor of Sport, Health, and Physical Education. In addition to my studies, I have been a dedicated volunteer at No. 3 (Auckland City) Squadron for the past eight years. Recently, I completed my commissioning course and attained the rank of Acting Pilot Officer (A/PLTOFF).

The Commissioning Course is a week-long intensive program designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to fulfil the responsibilities of a New Zealand Cadet Forces (NZCF) Officer. During the course, I covered various topics, including leadership, risk management, presentation techniques, administration, stores & training, equal employment opportunities & anti-harassment, interviewing, public relations, youth law, and the code of conduct.

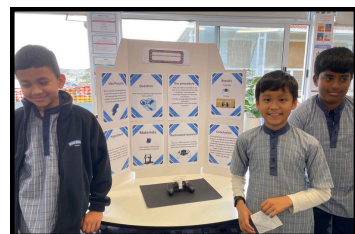
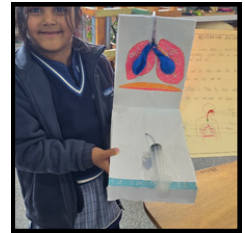
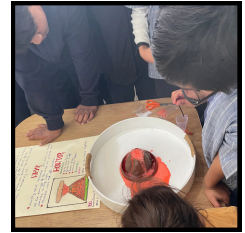
Throughout this rigorous course, I held onto the core values of respect, wisdom, and joy that I discovered at Hare Krishna School, using them to successfully navigate the challenges presented. I am immensely grateful to Krishna for the opportunity to study at Hare Krishna School and extend my heartfelt thanks to all the teachers and mentors who have guided me. Their support and teachings have been instrumental in my journey and successes. Without them, these achievements would not have been possible.

Haribol,
Roshni Oberoi



SCHOOLWIDE SCIENCE FAIR

Approaching the end of the term, the Hare Krishna School students, have been working hard at their science fair projects and presentation. It was the first time that our school participated in the science fair and it was an absolute success! Junior students proudly presented their amazingly detailed ‘inventions’ with clear explanations, following the scientific method. Incredible inventions and investigations were displayed in the classrooms leaving the judges with a tough job. The seniors immersed themselves in the topic of ‘the human body’ choosing various angles of interest as part of their inquiry-journey. They conducted numerous science experiments, following the scientific method, whilst testing their hypothesis. Students transformed the prasadam hall into an impressive science display, while enthusiastically presenting their research and findings. The three judges were blown away by the creativity, accuracy and informative presentations which were delivered with confidence and impact. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed going into each classroom and celebrating the learning of others. The juniors were inspired by the seniors while the seniors were impressed by the juniors! The event culminated in earning house points. Every student earned points making this a true success for every participant. At the temple visit in week 10, a special reference was given to the class winners of the science fair and to Cakra house, the winning house!



Term 3, 2024 Events

Term Dates: Mon 22nd July- Fri 27th Sept
 HKS Closed: Srila Prabhupada's App Day 28th August

Vaisnava Festivals

Balarama Jayanti: Tues, 20th August
 Sri Krsna Janmastami: Tues, 27th August
 Radhastami: Wed, 11th September



DONATIONS

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your kind donations towards the school prasadam program and other endeavours. Every donation is so appreciated!

If anyone would like to donate to our school, you can send funds to: Hare Krishna School
 12-3085-0342272-00 and put your child's name as reference.
 Thank you for your kind service!

Food Safety Grade

We are pleased to announce that our kitchen has been awarded an A-grade certification for its standards! This achievement reflects our commitment to providing high-quality meals for our students. Should you wish to partake in lunch prasadam, please contact the school office.



Rishab- HKS Head Cook

REMINDERS

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 cold days. Secondly, please make sure your child is at school by 8.40am every morning as their tardiness can be disruptive for the teacher and other students. Thank you for your consideration.



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