Dear families,

We are thrilled to be able to host our Term 2 learning conferences in person here at school. Learning conferences for Years 0-8 will take place on **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May (Week 4, Term 2).** These conferences are in support of our reporting cycle which has been delayed from the end of 2021.

Learning conversations will be a ten minute 'one-on-one' booked conference with parents and teachers (students optional) discussing learning goals, achievements, next steps, competencies and social and emotional well being.

As you will be well aware, Covid has had a huge impact on the lives of all New Zealanders. None more so than our Tamariki. For adults, Covid has been a small (albeit frustrating) percentage of our lives. For our children, it has been a far greater proportion of their lives. Our year 4 students have never had a covid free school year! This is significant for all schools in New Zealand.

There is no sugar coating it - Many New Zealand children (and children around the globe) are not where they could have been academically in a Covid free world. At Huapai, we are proactively front footing this fact by not waiting until the end of June when schools traditionally report against the national standards. We want to see all our children reaching their academic goals and we firmly believe that knowledge is power. Due to the huge Covid interruptions at the end of last year, we want to know and report where our children are NOW and set in place a pathway to accelerate their learning this year.
Therefore, our current reporting cycle is more an indication of where the students are after only several weeks at school this year. To this end, your child's assessment results may appear to be 'below standard' for the current year level they are in, however we are focussing on celebrating the progress made within or across curriculum levels and in the goals they have achieved. A small number of students may not have their data updated yet due to being new to the school or having missed a significant amount of time at school in term 1. These will be updated by the end of the term.

Before our learning conferences, we ask you to review your child's report and progress charts which will go live on HERO next week. At the learning conference, it will be a chance for you to speak with the classroom teacher and discuss the goals going forward. Our teachers are committed to seeing all our children succeed and are working hard to ensure this.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 12:30PM ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY.

If you are unable to arrange care for your child for the afternoon, they will be supervised here at school.

- Huapai+ will remain open for after school bookings
- Buses will remain with the existing structure.
- Times
    - Wednesday 1:30pm - 7:00pm
    - Thursday 3:30 - 5:00pm

Bookings will go live tomorrow (Friday 6th May at noon): http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/mgfmz