NEW KINDERGARTEN FOR HOBSONVILLE POINT

Babies and toddlers at Hobsonville Point will soon have the opportunity to attend a brand new Early Learning Centre to be built at Hobsonville Point Primary School.

The Northern Auckland Kindergarten Association (NAKA) has signed a lease with the Ministry of Education for the new centre that will provide education for 20 under 2’s and 40 over 2’s, operating from 7.30am to 6.00pm.

An application for resource and building consent is before Auckland Council. The aim is to have the centre open in June/July 2015. The design of the building is based on the four values of Aspirational, Sustainability, Excellence and Hauora, with four sections of the buildings merging to create a central ‘heart’.

There have been many requests from local parents for such a facility, so until the centre is open, NAKA will be providing a temporary centre in the Primary School. This will be for 40 over 3 year olds and will operate from 8.30am to 3.30pm. To apply for a space for your child/children, email info@naka.co.nz.

COASTAL LINEAR PARK PRESENTED TO RESIDENTS

On 22 June residents were shown the concept plan for the Coastal Linear Park. The Linear Park is a 4km walkway that forms a circuit around two thirds of the Hobsonville Point site and will feature opportunities for play, integrated art, resting places, and visual reminders of the area’s history. You can view the concept plan, as well as a general overview of the project, on the Hobsonville Point website www.hobsonvillepoint.co.nz/publications.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Information Centre:
Open 7 days from 11am to 4pm

Display Village:
Open 7 days 10am to 4pm

Hobsonville Point Farmers Market:
Every Saturday and Sunday 9am to 1pm
at The Landing, Hudson Bay Road

Hobsonville Point Secondary School
Enrolment Evening:
Thursday 31 July at 6pm at Hobsonville Point Secondary School in the School Auditorium. An enrolment evening is open to the community for all Year 9 students and Year 10 students wishing to enrol in 2015. A school tour will be included as well as full presentations covering our timetable and curriculum. Any queries please email the Principal’s PA: maliina@hobsonvillepoint.school.nz

Planting Day – Saturday 2 August:
Station Street, Hobsonville Point, 9.30am to midday. Bring your family, mates, scouts, club, church, groups welcome. Free BBQ for all planters - bring a spade if you have one. Contact Kaipatiki for details on 482 1172 or www.Kaipatiki.org.nz

Kaipatiki Project:
Volunteers needed! Wednesdays between 9am and 12pm. No experience needed, learn on the job! Contact Kaipatiki for more info on 482 1172 or email restoration@kaipatiki.org.nz
**RUNWAY CHALLENGE RUNAWAY SUCCESS**

The Lions Club of Henderson has extended the success of the Runway Challenge into its fourth year.

Nearly 500 people took part in the 10km, 5km and 3km events. There were plenty of children daring enough to take on the obstacles too.

The Fire Service provided a grand entrance to the off road section with a spectacular water arch.

From funds raised, the Lions Club gave two $1,000 cheques to participating schools. There were squeals of joy from Herne Bay Primary school participants when they were announced as a winner in their fourth year of participation. Hobsonville Point Primary school was the other winner and was equally thrilled with the prize.

The Hobsonville Point Primary and Secondary Schools were wonderful hosts for the event and provided delicious home baked goods, coffee, sausages for sale and the very popular ‘crazy bands’!

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**BANNER ART DISPLAYS 10 HOBSONVILLE HABITS**

Hobsonville Point Secondary School students are a big part of the development of their community. Students regularly participate in project based learning experiences with the aim of making a positive difference, often with community development or sustainability in mind. Belonging to a new school in a brand new community the students are also developing their own sense of identity and culture.

And now this sense of identity will be evident on construction sites around Hobsonville Point, thanks to a partnership between the secondary school, Hobsonville Land Company and AVJennings. Students are developing a series of construction banners to promote a positive community spirit and convey the ten Hobsonville Habits. The series of banners explore each habit which include being curious, responsive, reflective, compassionate, creative, purposeful, resourceful, resilient, contributive and adventurous. Students engaged in a wide range of projects such as coaching at the local primary school, working with Kaipatiki and producing a short drama based on the history of the area.

During recent weeks students have been developing their photography and photoshop skills to build the banners, and the project teams have been recording their activities. These banners have a QR code which directs the public to a website with all the details of each project.

On 26 June over 250 people attended an exhibition at the school where the students presented the banners to the community.

Students spoke about the various activities they engaged in and how each banner was constructed, as well as enacting a music, dance and drama performance. The community was asked to provide students with comments and feedback about each banner, which will be used on their final project reports. The banners will soon be installed along Nugget Avenue.

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**MORE OF THE SAME GOOD FARE AT THE CATALINA CAFÉ**

Last month the Catalina Café building was sold at auction to new owners who are pleased to be investing in Hobsonville Point. But inside the building very little changes.

The wonderful Wayne and Rachael will continue to manage the popular café. The building’s other tenant is Hobsonville Land Company which plans to create a new Hobsonville Point Information Centre to complement the new show homes to be built next door on Liquidambar Drive, making the café and the building more of a community focal point than ever.
POHUTUKAWA WILL LOOK DARN GOOD

Plans to ‘tree cosy’ a pohutukawa on Hobsonville Point Road are stitching together well. A keen group of knitters meets regularly in a cosy room in the Radar Station, knitting and nattering, hot drinks and nibbles at the ready. Sections or sleeves of the pohutukawa are being finished, every branch has one ‘on the go’. There are no finished branches as yet, but with 16 knitters/crocheters, they are well on the way. Alison Milne of Knitted Graffiti says "I’m delighted with the ingenuity the group is showing with their use of the colours chosen, stripes, chequers, bobbles, embellishments, and textured patterns. Our pohutukawa will be beautifully tree-cosied. And that’s only the first stage!"

The invitation to come knit/crochet remains open, the second stage will be a little more complex, but Alison is sure anyone can handle it! If you would like to get involved, contact Alison at tidmilne@xtra.co.nz. Knitting sessions are held fortnightly, on Thursday evenings and Friday mornings.

SUNDERLAND GETTING READY FOR TAKE OFF

Construction of a new show home in the Sunderland precinct foreshadows a launch later this year of the new development that includes fully renovated heritage homes, as well as new standalone and terraced houses designed by leading architects, Studio Pacific Architecture.

Sunderland was granted the first building consent of any Special Housing Area under the Auckland Special Housing Accord. The consent was received in early June for foundations and drainage works on the new show home being built on Hastings Street. The project team, led by developers Willis Bond & Co, celebrated the milestone with a silver spade ground breaking ceremony on site.

Sunderland will be launched to market with the opening of the new show home expected in November and the opening of a heritage show home on Sunderland Avenue expected in late January 2015. The new show home will represent the architecturally-led design and construction quality of the new homes being built, ranging from four bedroom standalone homes to two bedroom apartments and terraced houses; with the heritage show home illustrating how the ten former Royal New Zealand Air Force homes on Sunderland Avenue will be authentically preserved and fully restored.

Willis Bond & Co is encouraging people who are interested in purchasing a home in Sunderland to register for further information at www.willisbond.co.nz/register. Registered parties will receive advance notice of when homes will be available for sale.

DON’T FORGET YOUR SHOVEL...

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