



# HORNBY ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Monday, Sept 18	Tuesday, Sept 19	Wed, Sept 20	Thursday Sept 21
Nicola (Teacher Librarian)	Kate (LST) Margot (Counsellor) AM  <b>Picture day!</b> <b>Photos begin at 1pm</b>  <b>Terry Fox Run @2:15</b>	Vanier students Raven Room  <b>The Amazing Race &amp; Playground Games – Jina Taylor</b>  <b>Library Day</b>  <b>Bike to School Wednesday</b>	Anthea (Arts)  <b>Field trip to Campbell River for Gr. 1 – 7 students</b> <b>Meet at ferry at 7:45am</b>

## Welcome Back to School!!

Hello Families,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to a brand-new year as much as I am!

The students appear to be settling into their routines and are enjoying reconnecting with their peers. We're excited to welcome new students and staff and are hoping you will take time to attend our Open House on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 5:30-6:30 pm, so you can meet them in person. We already have a busy month lined up: Picture Day and the Terry Fox Run on Tuesday, The Amazing Race with our District Phys. Ed Coordinator, Jina Taylor, on Wednesday, and a field trip to the Discovery Passage Aquarium and

Museum in Campbell River, on Thursday. Truth and Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day take place in the final week of September. Please check our calendar for details.

Please be aware that Truth and Reconciliation Day is on a weekend this year, so the Statutory Holiday is on Monday, October 3. Therefore, there will be no school that day.

The first PAC meeting was held this week. It was good to connect with members to begin planning for the upcoming new year. All parents are members of the PAC and are welcome to attend the monthly meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The Hornby students will benefit from your support. The groundbreaking of our new swing set is evidence of what can take place when a committed group of individuals set their minds to it! Completion is expected at the end of the month.

Have a restful weekend, everyone. Enjoy these beautiful days as we approach the Fall season and hope to see you at the Fall Fair!

Warm regards,

Judi

## **Beginning of School Packages**

**FORMS ARE NOW OVERDUE, IF YOU HAVE NOT HANDED THEM IN YET PLEASE DO SO ASAP**

Please take the time to carefully review the entire package, complete the forms and return to the Office. It is important that our learner records are up to date. It is necessary to have current information on file so we are better able to support our learners in their daily school routines. Please know that the protection of privacy and the safeguarding of all personal information is important to us. Be assured that the information you provide is confidential and used only as needed by the school district.

## **Picture Day is Coming! Tuesday, September 19th.**

The Lifetouch photographer will begin at 1pm and finish by 2:30pm

Please see the attached flyer for more details. Once the photo proofs are received, they will be sent home with the online code to be able to order a package of photos.

## **Terry Fox Run @2:15 on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

We will need some parent volunteers to help with the run, supervising and marshaling the course. If you are interested in helping out please contact Meghan or Judi

[Meghan.hunt@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:Meghan.hunt@sd71.bc.ca) or [Judith.ayers@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:Judith.ayers@sd71.bc.ca)

## **Discovery Passage Aquarium and Campbell River Museum** **Field trip date: Thursday, Sept 21, 2023**

The Grade 1 to 7 students will travel to Campbell River for the day to partake in educational programming.

- Grades 1 - 3 students will visit the Discovery Passage Aquarium
- Grade 4 – 7 students will visit the museum for the Impacts of Colonization program

## **Field Trip Itinerary**

- 7:45am Meet at Shingle Spit Ferry Terminal: everyone boards the school bus
- 8am: Ferry departs
- 9am: Arrive on Vancouver Island and travel to Campbell River
- 10:00am: Museum and Aquarium programs
- 12:00pm: Lunch
- 12:30: load bus and depart
- 2pm: ferry from Buckley Bay
- 2:40: depart from Gravelly Bay
- 3:10pm: Arrival at school
- 3:35: Dismissal

**Transportation:** School Bus, Volunteer Parent Drivers, BC Ferries

**Food:** Lunch to be provided, please send a water bottle and snacks

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing as they will be eating outdoors

**Cost:** \$0 Transportation, lunch, snacks, and activities will be paid by the School

**Supervision Adults:** Judi Ayers, Casey Doss, Kayla Myles, Anthea Morritt, Jules Platt, Alia Zimmer, Jala Klone and Britt Hanson

**There is not an alternate activity provided for non-participating students.**

### **DPAC - Presentation on Creating a Culture of Consent**

School District 71 Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) offers a speaker series throughout the school year. Click on the link below for information about the upcoming session "Create Consent Culture" taking place on September 21st at 7:00 pm.

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid036Tvg5yg3dxtpnK3y154N4Xqg9FU8zXyJtar9RQz69QUR2UYo45nn6WBdNF2Bi9eZl&id=100064546908585&mibextid=CDWPTG](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid036Tvg5yg3dxtpnK3y154N4Xqg9FU8zXyJtar9RQz69QUR2UYo45nn6WBdNF2Bi9eZl&id=100064546908585&mibextid=CDWPTG)

### **Bike, Roll or Walk to School Wednesdays this Fall**

Bike, Roll or Walk to School on Wednesdays this Fall, starting on Sept 13! Let's ride to school on Wednesdays and enjoy the nice fall weather. Please be sure to join us!



### **Child, Youth and Community School Programs**

**Contact: Jade Wilson, CYCSP Coordinator**

[hies.chilyouth@gmail.com](mailto:hies.chilyouth@gmail.com)

## PAC Fundraising for Playground Swing Set

**Congratulations!!** We met the goal!! There is a drawing attached if you want to see the new swing set. Thank you to the following organizations who have contributed:



Comox Valley Regional District - \$10,000



The Variety School Grant - \$10,000



First Credit Union - \$1000



SD71 – in-kind contribution for installation - \$6,000

Co-op \$1000

GoFundMe \$3570

Variety BC's individual child grant program which provides direct help to children with funding for adaptive and mobility equipment, specialized therapies, tuition and tutoring, mental health services, and private assessments. To learn more or apply <https://www.variety.bc.ca/>

## **Communicating absences or end of day plan changes**

It is important to include this email address: [Hornby.island@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:Hornby.island@sd71.bc.ca) when communicating with the school about student absences, or end of day plans, or any other messages that need to be attended to quickly. Any Admin. Assistant who is at the desk, will check this email.

If you are making bus changes for the end of the day, please also include [Florette.maclean@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:Florette.maclean@sd71.bc.ca)

## **School Arrivals and Attendance**

- Arriving on time helps to minimize disruptions to our learning environment and provides students with the opportunity to connect with peers and staff before their school day begins. It allows students to set goals for the day and prevents them from falling behind.
- Regular attendance is encouraged and expected. Attending classes helps to build community within the school and shows a commitment to supporting learners in working toward their academic goals. At times, family circumstances or opportunities available for learning off island may require learners to be away from the school. To ensure grade level learning outcomes are met, please meet with your child's teacher to discuss plans for the absence, assignments to be completed, and our blended learning resources that can support your child during his/her absence from regular programming.
- It can be challenging for students to build positive social relationships and a sense of routine if prolonged absences occur. Please work to ensure regular attendance occurs. If there are ways the school can support your family for increased attendance, please contact us.

**Attendance is taken at 8:40 when classes begin. When children are not in attendance at this time, the Administrative Assistant will call home unless parents have previously notified staff. If your child arrives later than 8:40 am please have them check in at the office before going to their classroom to ensure our attendance is accurate.**

Please note we have an answering machine, and you can leave a telephone message at 250-335-2125 at any time of day/night. You may also email the office at [hornbyisland@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:hornbyisland@sd71.bc.ca) to report an absence.

## **Appointments**

To ensure our attendance is correct, please inform the classroom teacher and check in with the office when taking your child out of school during the day for appointments.

## **After-School Plans**

After-school arrangements should be made prior to coming to school. Students are not permitted to use school phones to coordinate playdates during school time, as this can lead to

confusion and extra coordination for school staff. The school needs written permission from a parent to release a child into the care of another adult.

### **Students Leaving School Grounds**

Without written permission from a parent or guardian, we are unable to grant students permission to leave the school grounds as they are in our care between the start and end times of our day. Please note that when students leave the school grounds, they are not supervised by school staff unless it is a school-led event or field trip.

### **Parent Parking at drop-off/pick up times**

Parent parking is in the Sollans Road parking area. Please use the path when walking to the front entrance of the school. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards must be dismounted and walked to the bike racks to avoid hitting pedestrians. The school driveway and parking area are off-limits. Be aware of the school bus, small children, cyclists, and areas where parking is not permitted. Adhere to speed limits and accompany your child around the parking areas and roads.

### **Bussing**

Be sure to review the bus pamphlet/brochure (attached) with your child and review the information below.

- Bus supervisors (staff) and bus drivers **cannot** allow students to get off at an unregistered stop that is not approved by parent/guardian. If your child is not taking the bus or is getting off at another stop, please notify the school office as soon as possible.
- If your child is already registered to take the bus, you do not need to update the registration form unless there are changes/updates to address and bus stop. If your child will be registering to take the bus and you would like him/her to ride the bus the first week of school, you will need to submit a bus registration online prior to the end of the previous school year
- If you wish to register your child in September of the current school year, there will be a transition time before your child can ride the bus timelines for administration and processing. Until you receive notice that your child is registered to take the bus, you will need to make alternate arrangements for him/her to arrive at school.
- Kindergarten to grade 3 students will not be permitted to exit their school bus unless a parent or another adult who is known to the bus driver is at the child's bus stop to pick them up. If no parent or identifiable adult is present, the bus driver will return the child to their school.
- If there are bus cancellations families will be notified by email as soon as possible.

### **Methods of Communication**

At Hornby Island Community School, we know that communication between school and home is of great importance to a child's success at school. School staff share information frequently through the following pathways:

**Monthly School Calendar Update:** shows upcoming events and celebrates past successes and student recognition. The calendar is updated in weekly notices and posted on our school website.

**Weekly Newsletter:** sent out by email every Thursday to parents and staff. We also post the notice on our school website. Please be sure to check your email every Thursday to keep informed about important events and announcements.

**Student Planners:** classroom teachers and EA's support students in recording important information daily.

### **Allergy/Health Alerts**

Please be aware we have students with allergies/sensitivities to specific foods. Students are not to share their lunches with others.

HICS is scent free. For the comfort of all, please refrain from wearing perfumes and oils in our school building.

### **School Closures, Power Outages, Ferry Cancellations**

Our procedures for power outages and ferry cancellations may affect regular operations of our school. If the power is out before school starts, the school will open as usual unless there is a weather advisory in effect. If there is an issue with our generator, we may need to close the school. If this is to happen, we will contact parents/guardians/emergency contacts.

**It is a family responsibility to check on SD71 school closures.** If School District #71 is closed due to weather conditions, Hornby School will also be closed unless otherwise stated. Listen to the local radio stations at 97.3 The Eagle and/or 98.9 The Goat. If you can, check the School District website for notices on school closures at: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/>. Closures are usually announced by 6:30 AM.

### **School District #71 Emergency Plans**

First Aid Attendants onsite are Charmaine Logan and Florette Maclean.

Please familiarize yourself with our school district's emergency plans so you know what to expect if we are faced with an issue. <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SchoolEmergencyProgramFeb2020.pdf>