



HARE KRISHNA SCHOOL

consciousness and care



Prospectus 2013

"If the children are given a Krishna Conscious education from early childhood, then there is great hope for the future of the world"

Srila Prabhupada

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Hare Krishna School is a state integrated special character school. Our special character is based on the teachings of his Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada who taught us that the absolute truth is a person (Krishna) and our ultimate aim in life is to learn how to love that supreme person.

It is inherent in our special character that our school program revolves around a spiritual focus which comes alive through singing, prayer and worship. Supporting our spiritual program are our core values which are integral to developing the quality character traits within a person. Good character is an essential element for success in spiritual and material life.

The learning program integrates our special character, values and philosophy with the core curriculum subjects of the New Zealand curriculum.

Children are taught the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics within an integrated program which includes elements of philosophy, science, social studies as well as the arts.

Our school is unique and the special atmosphere can be practically experienced by everyone who visits the school. We openly welcome everyone to join our school and experience the caring and spiritually conscious atmosphere which is filled with vibrant learning opportunities.



Krsnananda Das



EDUCATION FOR ETERNITY MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by the timeless teachings of Srila Prabhupada we aim to provide children with a caring environment in which to learn the necessary knowledge, skills and values to live successfully & peacefully and to develop their full potential in loving service to the Supreme Lord. We aim to encourage enthusiasm for learning and to develop self-discipline, responsibility, compassion and dedication to truthfulness.



When our child (learner) grows they will display the Krishna values which the Hare Krishna School believes as being the values to achieve our vision. These values are based in the Krishna Vision.

Krishna



Kindness, compassion & caring

Respect & responsibility

Integrity, truthfulness & honesty

Self-control, self-discipline & service

Hygiene, health & happiness

Nourishing & nurturing

Aim high achievement & assessment

VISION STATEMENT FOR OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Most important is that our children imbibe values that are essential foundations of character development. They have a positive sense of identity which keeps them connected to our community long after they leave. They become competent communicators through a variety of mediums. They successfully integrate their spirituality with their natural gifts and utilise this for positive self-expression and fulfilment. They will leave equipped with tools for future learning and problem solving which will empower them and allow them to be inspirational role models in society.

HARE KRISHNA SCHOOL STRATEGIC GOALS

1/ All students will be able to access the New Zealand curriculum as evidenced by progress and achievement in relation to national.

Our inclusive curriculum will ensure that every child attending the Hare Krishna school makes accelerated progress towards meeting the National Standards, regardless of their educational needs.

2/ To maintain a culture of care and respect which is centred around student learning and embraced by a supportive community.

Our Hare Krishna school has a widely dispersed community which is held together by a common faith. We aim to bring our community closer together to improve the quality of relationships and enhance the student learning.

Our school aims to be an extended family which demonstrates a mood of caring support for all of its members and an environment in which all students, families and staff feel supported and in-

3/ Our Students will experience a curriculum that develops their love for Krishna (God) and puts our special character and philosophy in the centre of their learning program whilst also meeting the requirements of the New Zealand National curriculum. Their curriculum will also encourage them to develop the problem solving.

A Krishna Conscious curriculum is the heart of our school and is what gives us a distinctive character.

Ultimately We want our children to grow spiritually as well as academically and socially.

We also want our children to graduate from our school with the confidence and ability to thrive in a changing world by having the ability to inquire, research and solve problems in new ways.

4/ Teachers are supported to improve their pedagogy. Teaching, learning and assessment practices will lead to increased student progress and achievement.

Our Teachers are our schools most valuable resource for learning. At the Hare Krishna school we aim for our teachers to undergo continuous professional development whatever their experience is

5/ Students will experience learning success through a safe, stimulating environment so that they can achieve their personal best .

Our whole school behaviour policy is focused on building and maintaining effective relationships and is used by all staff in order to foster success in all students. Our teachers aim to be confident practitioners of nurtured heart techniques and restorative practices and our students are encouraged to take increased responsibility for their own learning pathways.

The physical environment of our school will encourage creativity and an enthusiasm for learning. New learning environments will be purposely designed and built through capital works funding.



OUR CURRICULUM FOR LEARNING

In **ENGLISH**, students study, use, and enjoy language and literature communicated orally, visually, or in writing.

In **MATHEMATICS** and **STATISTICS**, students explore relationships in quantities, space, and data and learn to express these relationships in ways that help them make sense of the world around them.

In **SASTRA**, students develop a spiritual perspective of their world. They learn to distinguish between matter and spirit and to explore the possibilities of living in harmony with nature through co-operating with the laws of God.

In the **ARTS**, students explore, refine, and communicate ideas as they connect thinking, imagination, senses, and feelings to create works and respond to the works of others.

In **HEALTH** and **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**, students learn about their own well-being, and that of others and society.

In **LEARNING LANGUAGES**, students learn to communicate in Sanskrit, develop their capacity to learn further languages, and explore the Vedic world view in relation to living and learning in New Zealand society.

In **SCIENCE**, students explore how both the natural physical world and science itself work so that they can participate as critical, informed, and responsible citizens in a society in which science plays a significant role.

In the **SOCIAL SCIENCES**, students explore how societies work and how they themselves will participate and take action as critical, informed and responsible citizens.



INTEGRATED LEARNING THROUGH RICH CONCEPTS AND THEMES

Each term we have a rich concept from one of the 5 below. Within each concept we have themes which are chosen to study. Children learn a variety of subjects through a theme. For example a terms learning on how the world works could focus on the theme of energy and forces. The children will learn about Krishna as the source of all energies and they will learn about the science of energy. They will also learn to apply reading and writing skills through this theme. The learning outcomes for each year group will be determined appropriately.

WHO WE ARE

Spiritual identity
Relationships and friendships
Communities
Rights and responsibilities
Belonging
Citizenship

SHARING THE PLANET

Simple living High Thinking
Sustainability
Environmental science
Keeping our earth clean
Vegetarianism / compassion
Cow Protection

WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME

Philosophy of creation, the 4 ages and yugas.
Das Avatars
Vedic History (Mahabarat, Ramayana)
Space and Astronomy
World Geography
Earth Science
Natural Disasters

HOW THE WORLD/UNIVERSE WORKS

Modes of Nature
Krishna as the Supreme creator and controller
Krishna's energies
Materials
Energy and Forces
Change and growth
(Life cycles of plants and animals)
Natural Cycles (water, carbon, nitrogen)

HOW WE EXPRESS AND ORGANISE OURSELVES

Our KC beliefs, values and culture
Devotional practices
Varnashram / occupations / careers
Festivals and celebrations from around the world
Fair Trade and economics
Media



OUR CURRICULUM CONTINUED.....

HOMEWORK

Homework is provided by teachers at all levels of the school. Homework is an extension of classroom activities and is an opportunity for parents to become aware of and become involved in the child's work. Please discuss the homework pro-gramme with your child's teacher early in the year so that homework is mutually supportive for the child, teacher and parent.

MUSIC

Music is an important part of our culture. We have a specialist Mrdanga teacher who teaches Mrdanga every Friday to all students in years 2-8. We also have a harmonium teacher who teaches Harmonium to students in years 4-8. Children are also taught to sing bhajans and traditional spiritual songs.

LEARNING ASSISTANCE

We believe that our commitment to supporting children with special needs and or learning needs is a high priority. We are resourced with excellent teacher aides who are bilingual and who fully embrace the spirit of learning in our school.

Learning support may involve one on one or in small groups. Support may also be provided in or outside of the classroom. A learning support program is designed with the teacher and in consultation with parents and students. In some instances there may also be other agencies involved such as the ministry RTLBs.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

Teachers are expected to cater for these students within class pro-grammes. They may provide extended learning in class as well as opportunities out of the school such as events, competitions etc.

REPORTING TO PARENTS ON ACHIEVEMENT

In accordance with BOT policy, we report your child's progress and achievement at the end of the second term and fourth term in writing, and at the end of the first term and third term in parent/teacher interviews. However, you are welcome to visit your child's classroom at any time, and/or arrange an interview to discuss concerns/progress with the classroom teacher. It is necessary to make an appointment first, please call the school office to discuss.



OUR CURRICULUM CONTINUED.....

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

School outings are an important part in the children's education. Parents can be assured trips will be budgeted carefully with the minimum cost possible being passed on the parents. We would encourage payment to be made well before the visit takes place. Parents are asked to sign a consent form at the beginning of the year giving permission for their child to attend any class trips during the year. It is important that these are signed and returned to school to enable your child to attend the trip. You will also be notified of most school trips well in advance. Parent assistance will be sought for trips as specific adult/pupil ratios must be adhered to before any child can leave the school.

SCHOOL ANNUAL CAMP

Every Year we take our year 6-8 Students on a school camp. We stay in a lodge accommodation in various locations and the students are engaged in meaningful learning experiences such as first aid training, bush skills, orienteering, plant and animal identification, natural history and environmental studies. We also engage in great outdoor experiences to build confidence and skills such as kayaking, climbing, abseiling, assault courses etc.

When school leavers are asked about their greatest experiences at the school, the school camps often come up as being the most memorable.

SPORT

General: All classes take part in a regular exercise and sports program, to build fitness and motor skills. Children will learn to skip, play ball games, and play co-operative sports games such as rounders.

Swimming: In Term 2 the students engage in 10 free swimming lessons which is taught by qualified instructors at the Hilton Browns swimming pools. Learning to swim is a most important skill for life in New Zealand and we believe it is our duty to teach our children to be confident and safe in the water.

Soccer: Our year 5-8 soccer team is now competing against other schools in the region. Training is every Friday afternoon.

Netball: Students in years 4-8 have an opportunity to train for netball every Friday afternoon

Athletics day: Athletics day is held in term 4 at the Riverhead sports fields.



OUR SCHOOL GARDEN AND KITCHEN



LUNCH

Vegetarian lunch prasadam is provided at the school for all students and staff. It is freshly cooked, hot & healthy for only \$3 per day per child, children can eat as much as they want. Please provide an empty lunch container for the lunch. Children are encouraged to carry water bottles and drink water at regular intervals. Please make sure that for morning break you provide a healthy snack for your child, a list of recommendations from the teacher can be provided.

SCHOOL GARDEN

Our school vegetable garden is a source of inspirational learning for the students as well as providing nutritious, healthy and organic vegetables for the school kitchen. Education for sustainability is an important aspect of learning which our school actively promotes. The children will have first hand practical experience of tending the soil, planting seedlings, weeding and harvesting. Children are encouraged to enterprise from the school garden by selling their produce to the local community.

We encourage all community members including parents to get involved with our garden project.



RESPECTING PEOPLE AND NATURE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In accord with the Education Act (1989) the School is governed by a Board of Trustees.

Board (BOT) members for 2013:

E-mail: bot@harekrishna.school.nz / admin@harekrishna.school.nz

Principal Krsnananda Das

Proprietors Representative Kalasmavara Dasa

Chairperson Ameeta Sharma

Parent Representatives Sonali Hegde, Kamini Maganlal, Deepthi Akarsh

Co-opted Amrta Pani Devi Dasi

Staff representative Bhakti Marg Devi Dasi

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Board meetings are held every two months. During these meetings, issues relating to the school are discussed. The Board meeting dates are available on the school notice board. Parents and members of the community are welcome to attend these meetings or give ideas/feedback/proposals. If you wish to attend the meeting/s, please advise the school office in advance.

ENROLMENT

TRANSITIONING TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Children that are nearing 5 years old are welcome to attend the Hare Krishna School one morning per week and be involved in the classroom program to familiarise with the environment and to begin connecting with their peers and teachers

WHEN SHOULD I ENROL FOR SCHOOL?

If your child is commencing school for the first time, usually on their 5th birthday, it is best to enrol at least 4 - 6 weeks before the starting date. We welcome you to fill an interest to enrol form as early as possible so we can plan ahead for your arrival. If your child's birthday is during a holiday break 4 -5 weeks before the end of the previous term is ideal. If you are transferring schools, it is best to enrol as early as is convenient.

ENROLMENT REQUIREMENT

Please provide the following upon enrolment:

- Passport Copy showing Residency stamp /or Student permit.
- New Zealand Birth Certificate (if born in New Zealand).
- Copy of Immunization Records.
- Previous School records/history.

Do I need an appointment or can I just 'turn up'?

An appointment is best, so you can simply phone the Office on 09 412 6325, to arrange a time which is mutually convenient. By making an appointment, that time is specifically put aside for you and your child, and you won't have to wait, or be unnecessarily delayed.

What happens when enrolling?

Together we fill in the enrolment form. The child being en-rolled can often provide the answers!

We take a tour of the school.

We visit the classroom your child will be in, and if possible, meet the teacher.

How much time does enrolling take?

Usually about 30-40 minutes.

What does the school need to know?

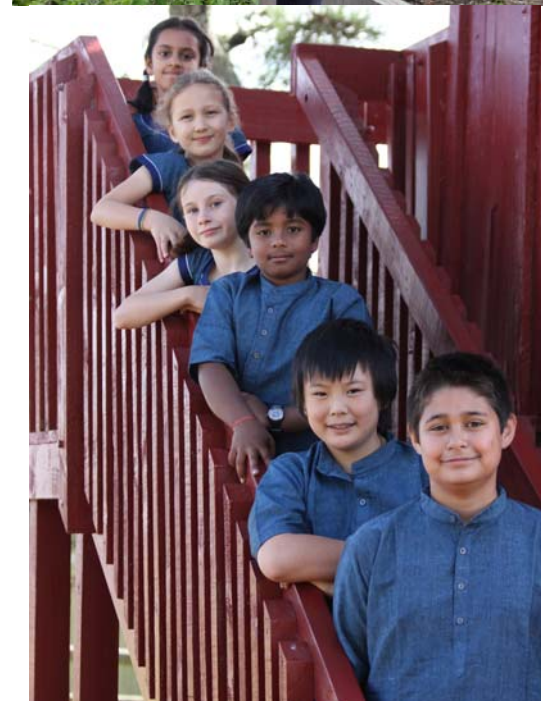
Key contact information.

Parent/Caregiver details.

Your child's interests

Emergency contacts.

Medical information.



STAFF

TEACHING STAFF 2013

Principal Krsnananda Das

Teachers

Vimala Devi Dasi Year 1 and new Entrants

Nalini Nalini Year 2-3

Nirmala Bisnahalli Year 4

Krishna Priya Devi Dasi Year 5-6

Shaman Singh Year 7-8

Subhatra Paramisivan On Maternity Leave

TEACHER AIDS

Yasomati Devi Dasi (Language support and maths)

Melanie Wade (Special needs and year one support)

Adina Lila Devi Dasi (Year one support and learning support)

Govinda Kinkar Das (Music)

Ratnavali Devi Dasi (Singing)

Sumuki Devi Dasi (Year one support)

RELIEVING TEACHERS

Parthasarathi Devi Dasi

Bhaktimarga Devi Dasi

SECRETARY

Amrta Pani Devi Dasi

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Rohita Das

SCHOOL COOK

Jaya Priya Mataji

MAINTENANCE & BUILDINGS

Trivikrama Das

CLEANER AND CARETAKER

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ATTENDANCE

If your child will be absent on any day please ring the office before the start of school. Also, if your child catches the bus, please inform the bus contact Rohita prabhu on 027 3292437 before the usual pick-up time (See "Bus Drivers" page 10). If you know your child will be absent on any future day, please notify the school office in advance.

ACCIDENTS

Accidents of minor nature can be treated in our school sick-bay. Parents are contacted if the accident is of a serious nature. It is important that the school maintains your current contact details or that of a neighbour friend. Please inform the school of any changes to personal details (i.e. address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts, e-mail address, etc.)

AFTER SCHOOL AND HOLIDAYS

The school grounds remain open to the community outside of school hours. Please supervise children and encourage them to take care of the school property. The class-rooms are out of bounds after regular school hours and can only be used with the consent of the Principal.

APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the school secretary for an appointment about your child's progress or any matters related to the school. It is important that you call and make an appropriate time to discuss.

SCHOOL BUS

The school bus transports children to and from Central and West Auckland.

Children are expected to be waiting at their pick-up points before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Also, please ensure that there is someone waiting to pick up your child from the bus drop-off points.

If you are not sending your child to school, please call the bus driver directly to inform him not to pick your child up in the morning. However, if you know your child will not be coming in advance (i.e. the day before), the school office will pass the message onto the bus driver.

Shaman Prabhu the year 7-8 teacher is responsible for managing behavioural issues that may arise on the school buses. shaman@harekrishna.school.nz



BUS DRIVERS

Reo Egan and Dale Hunwick

After hours bus contact: Rohita prabhu – 027 3292437

Office hours: 8.30am to 4pm

COMPUTERS

Children have access to up-to-date technology, such as the internet for researching topics, search engines, databases, word processing, publishing and other educational programmes. We keep a strict control on internet use. Children are not allowed to use computers unsupervised by a teacher or suitable adult. We regularly inform parents and children of the dangers and problems associated with free and unrestricted use of the internet. A Cybersafety Agreement is included with the 'Enrolment Pack'. This agreement is signed by all students on registration at the school.

DAMAGE TO SCHOOL

Where wilful damage is caused by a child, the decision may be taken to charge parent/caregivers to recover part or all of the associated costs.

DENTAL CLINIC

Children are seen free of charge at a local School Dental Clinic.

The Dental Clinic contacts are as follows:

Don Buck Dental Clinic (124 Don Buck Road, Massey, Auckland) # 09 832 8410 (fully serviced equipment) /or in case of emergencies (at school), children can go to the Riverhead Dental Clinic (near the Hare Krishna School) # (09) 412 9367.

FIRST AID

The school provides First Aid for first response assistance to injuries and illness occurring at school. Children injured or taken ill will be treated appropriately and parents notified where necessary.

It is important for the school to have updated contact numbers in case of medical requirements.

Parents are required to notify the school if their child is suffering from a contagious condition or has other health problems so that we can keep the situation under control. The health and safety of our children and staff is one of our top-most priorities.

PUPILS LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Children are not allowed to leave the school grounds at any time during school hours unless written/parent permission is provided. Please advise teacher and school office.

SCHOOL HOURS

08.45am School starts

10.15am Morning Interval 10.35am Midday Classes 12.30 - 1.30pm (juniors) lunch break

12.50 - 1.45pm (seniors) Lunch break 1.45pm Afternoon Classes 2.45pm Classes finish

IMMUNIZATION

The school is now required by law to view the immunization records for each child enrolled at the school.

LOST PROPERTY

All articles of clothing should be named. The school cannot take any responsibility for items that are lost.

MEDICATION

If your child needs medication at school, a parent or caregiver must bring it to the office and leave explicit instructions regarding administration for the secretary, or teacher in charge.

SICK CHILDREN

Staff attend First Aid training and are equipped to handle minor injuries or sickness that occur at school. Our policy is to contact the parents and have the children collected if they are too sick to return to class. In the event of an accident or serious illness, the Principal can act "in loco parentis" if the parents cannot be contacted, and arrange for medical treatment, unless informed to the contrary. If your child is sick, home is always the best place, please don't send your child if they are too unwell, and inform the office that they will be absent. Kindly ensure the school has up-to-date emergency contact/s details at all times.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

There are many ways you can participate in the day to day running of the school.

BOT - Participation in governance of the school.

Policies - The school "Policies" office manual is available for viewing at any time.

School trips - Parents are asked to assist on school trips and the response is always very supportive.

Sports Days and PE - From time to time teachers, parents and community members contribute to the school by organizing fun sports activities and cultural events such as soccer matches, fruit picking competitions and even a haka.

Lunchtime supervision - It is a great help if parents can supervise morning break and lunchtime. This is an opportunity to spend time with the children in a relaxed and semi-structured environment.

Classroom Parent Help - Parents are always welcome to assist particularly in the junior class. Please pre-arrange your visit to the school.

Parent Resource Helpers - Parent help is always appreciated in sorting and creating resources.

Consultation - The school welcomes the input of parents. From time to time the school surveys parents and community members on important issues related to improving learning opportunities.

Regular Spiritual Programmes - As part of the all-round education of your child at the Hare Krishna School, we encourage families to either attend the daily temple program or to hold a spiritual program in their home. Parents are also encouraged to attend temple festivals along with their children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform keeps us all equal and it gives us a sense of identity. It is also how people from outside the school identify us and we want to give a good impression so that people will be pleased to see the Hare Krishna school children. Srila Prabhupada dressed neatly to give a good impression on others. We would like to please Srila Prabhupada by presenting our school children nicely so that they will be proud of who they are and proud of being a Hare Krishna school student.

School uniforms are available from the school office. School uniforms are compulsory. The school uniform comes in four standard sizes. It is recommended that children change after school in order to preserve their uniforms.

NB: We recommend you to purchase at least 2 Kutas, 2 pants and 1 jumper at a total cost of \$165. All articles of clothing should be clearly named.

We do not accept different coloured tops underneath their school uniform. If they need to wear a vest to keep warm then purchase one from our office to keep the same shade of colour. Otherwise the children all

wearing different colours looks very untidy. We also do not accept trousers or jumpers purchased anywhere else because again different shades of colour and style makes the school look untidy.

We request all parents to ensure that your child is wearing a clean and full school uniform every day. If for some reason your child is unable to attend with full uniform please send a note to school for your child which should be given to the teacher.

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM INCLUDES

Kuta	Purchase in office
Pants (Navy Blue)	Purchase in office
Long length Skirt (year 5-8 girls only)	Purchase in office
Summer Shorts	Purchase in office
Thermal Vest Top for winter	Purchase in office
Jumper with school Logo	Purchase in office
Navy blue or black socks	Purchase at any store
Black coloured shoes	Purchase at any store



SCHOOL FEES FOR 2013

Donation

Our school donation fee is a feature of all state integrated schools. As an integrated school we receive less government funding for certain aspects of the school. Many integrated school do charge attendance dues which are compulsory but we have decided to stay with a donation fee which is based on trust.

Your donation fee is a necessary part of our school financial budget and enables us to provide music teachers for mrdanga and harmonium and it also helps us to maintain a smaller teacher to student ratio which is supported by teacher aids. We are very fortunate that in our school the class sizes are kept down to 20-24 students per teacher which enables greater learning to take place for all students.

Please note that the donation fee has increased slightly this year to \$300 for the year.

Prasadam fees

The students are being provided with a healthy, tasty hot lunch everyday which is a unique aspect of our school. Prasadam is of course a very important part of our culture which we aim to maintain to a high standard.

Due to the rising costs of food we do need to increase the lunch price this year to \$3.00 per day.

Bus Fees

We are very pleased that this year is the first year that our bus service has not run into a negative budget. Our bus service is the heart of our school because without a bus we have no school students. Next year we are expecting an increased roll number and there may be the need to eventually purchase a new bus.

There will be no changes to the bus fee this year. The bus fee is staying at \$5.50 per day.

Stationary fee

The stationary fee is \$20 per term.

The stationary fee enables us to provide your child with all of the equipment needed for their learning which includes exercise books, writing and drawing materials as well as more technical materials such as art materials, scissors, rubbers, rulers and glue sticks.

Paying Fees

Billing is on a monthly or yearly basis. If using the monthly option, payment is required on the 14th of each month. Any overpayments or credits due will be made in the final month of the year. We require a direct debit option to pay for fees.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS & KEEPING IN TOUCH

Our website is the best port of call for finding out what is happening at the school, all classes have regularly updated blogs. We have a Hare Krishna School Face-book page, please join as a 'friend' it's a great fun way to keep in touch. We also have letters and notices that we send home with the children occasionally, please ask your child for newsletters/principal's reports, etc., as they can easily be left in the bottom of their bag. The hand outs are important to keep you in touch with what is happening at school. We will also keep in touch through e-mail and text messaging.



USEFUL LINKS

www.harekrishna.school.nz

(For school information and school news)

www.minedu.govt.nz

(For term dates & Ministry News)

www.harekrishna.org.nz

(For festival days & Temple News)

<http://www.mathletics.co.nz/>

(For improving math skills)

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents.aspx>

The Parent section of the Ministries website explains national standards.

