

HIKUIAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



31st October 2022

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Kia ora from the Principal



Kia ora everyone.

Welcome to term 4! This is a short term and action packed with camp, the 125th Jubilee, EOTC, sport events and a mini masterchef just to keep things interesting. We will be completing final testing and getting end of year reports ready. Our classes have worked really hard this year and have shown successful progress in their learning. We look forward to warmer weather and the last term of 2022. Ngā mihi, Rachell

School Fun Run!

Congratulations to our fun runners, prizes are arriving this week and Sarah will get them delivered to our pupils. We will let you know the final outcome with regard to funds raised ASAP.

Thanks for supporting us with your fundraising efforts, we look forward to celebrating with an amazing day!

Our Van Service Term 4

Term 4 payments can now be made. Please call or email Michelle to work out a payment plan or you can pay through the internet - Ref: Van4



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The 125th Jubilee Weekend

- Please register online at: <https://www.hikuai.school.nz/125th-celebrations/>
- We need to know numbers so we can organise things well :)
- Current families do not need to pay a registration fee. Come and enjoy the Open Day and Sports Day events for free!
- Please note the change of plan with regard to the Jubilee Dinner.

Friday Open Day



Join us for school tours, reconnecting with each other and a warm welcome!

11:00- 2:00

- School tours: Our tour guides are ready to show you around.
- Have a look at our history trail including photos and stories from our archives.
- Join in the fun in our classrooms.

2:00

- Powhiri welcome assembly at 2:00 showcasing our learning and our Kapa Haka.
- Past Pupil afternoon tea in the M.P Room for a cuppa and a catch up.

Saturday Sports



Join us for family fun and games!

11:00-2:00

- Teams of 4 or 5
- Old school egg and spoon, sack and three legged races along with some team building challenges.
- Teams will be awarded points and prizes!
- Sausage sizzle, drinks and snacks on sale.
- Tea and coffee available!

Celebration Dinner



Due to price increases beyond our control (Thanks COVID 19) we are no longer able to hold this event. HOWEVER, we recommend our local Pauanui and Tairua restaurants to you.

Please contact the restaurants below and make an independent booking for your party.

We apologise for any inconvenience this change of plans may cause and hope that you are able to make use of our local restaurants.

Pauanui

- Lakes Resort 078649999
- The Local Pauanui: 07 211 9090
- Restaurant Hera: 07 8649407
- Puka Park Miha Restaurant: 07 864 8088

Tairua

- Manaia Kitchen & Bar: 07 864 9050
- Tairua Beach Club: 07 280 0185

The Hikuai School Calendar

Planning is now underway for the 2023 Hikuai School calendar after a COVID related year off from publishing. We have already received some great photo submissions reflecting our wonderful piece of paradise but there is still time to make your submission. So, get out there and get snapping those shots! Pauanui/Hikuai area means so many things to so many different people and we encourage you to submit your images for consideration.

Photos need to be of "landscape" orientation and to be at least 3MG or greater - examples of previous images used attached.

Submissions can be made to; calendar@hikuai.school.nz



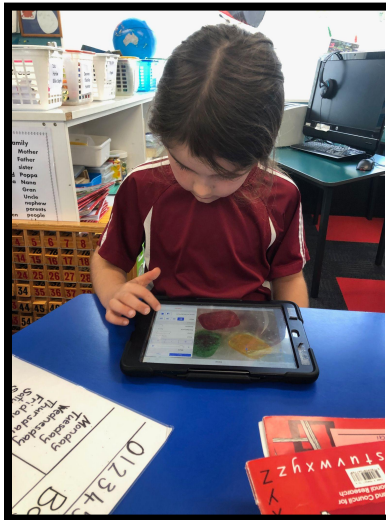
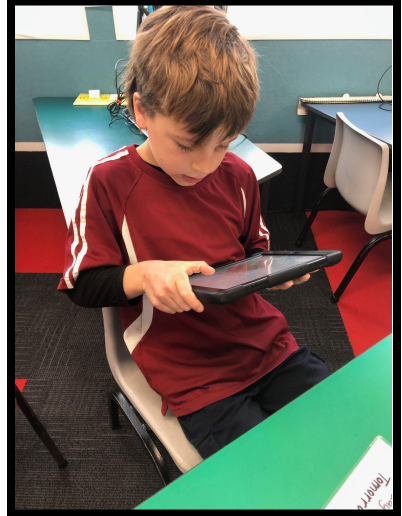
Mrs Hunter

This will be our last term with Anne as teacher in Room 3. We will make the most of having her with us and know that she will be back for reading groups, garden club and special events. It's all the extra things that Anne does that have made the school a great place to be. She will be missed. Anne has said that she doesn't want a big fuss however we will make sure we send her off in style!

New Appointment for Room 3

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Laura Van Leeuwen who will lead the learning in Room 3, starting 2023. Some of you may know Laura, who has taught at Tairua, worked as an RTLB (resource teacher for learning and behaviour and was our LSC (learning support coordinator) last year. Laura knows lots of our preschool families and helped transition our 2021 Year 8s to college. We are looking forward to having her as part of the team.

Room 3 Science Time!



Room 3 have been observing colourful ice cubes very carefully. In the ice cubes we could see bubbles and stripes. We watched them melt and saw the colours mixing together. In our groups we took a series of photos and using the app Book Creator, put our photos in order and described what we saw.

Billie, Harlow and Isla read the book “Coloured Ice Cubes” to the whole class. Well done, girls!



Room 4 Trees for Survival!



Last week saw the beginning of our partnership with the Trees for Survival programme. Trees for Survival is a charitable trust which works with over 150 schools and local communities across New Zealand to grow and plant native trees along waterways and on erosion prone hillsides. Their environmental education programme provides an opportunity for our students to make a practical difference to our environment as well as learn about conservation, revegetation, wetland restoration and protecting stream quality.

The session saw the students of Room 4 potting up seedlings into planter bags which will be nurtured in our growing unit over the summer. These plants will then be planted out on a local property during the Autumn of 2023.

Room 5 Camp!



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Term 4

October 2022

17-21 October	Rm 5 Camp at Kauaeranga Valley Camp
25th	BOT Meeting
28th	School Photos- Polo Shirt Please
28th	School Survey goes home- Please take the survey :)

November 2022

3rd	Hikuai School Sports Day
4th	Gumboot Friday- Mufti Day and \$\$ gold coin donation
11th	125 Jubilee Open Day Celebrations
12th	125 Jubilee Sports Day
15th	School survey closes
14th-18th	Rm 5 Food for Thought Week
17th	TOTARA Assembly at 2:00 all welcome
21st	BOT meeting
22nd	Thames Valley Athletics- for our top seniors
25th	Teacher Only Day- Survey results and action plan

December 2022

1st	Room 5 Rainbow's End trip
5th	BOT meeting
8th	Junior HOT Sports -Rm 3
8th	Thank You Morning Tea
14th	Hikuai School Prize Giving 2022- Whole School 6:00
15th	Last Day- 12:00 finish

Board of Trustees Update : Term 4



Kia Ora to our wonderful Hikuai School Community

The Board of Trustees have decided that they would like to give you an update on what's happening from their side of things! This will be done from now on twice a term so that we can keep you up to date.

Firstly, we want to acknowledge Anne Hunter. Anne will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term. Anne has been at Hikuai School for many years and has been an amazing asset to not only our school but to past and present students. Anyone that knows Anne, knows how passionate she is about teaching and learning. Anne has an amazing classroom programme that caters to all. The children in her class are always happy and excited about their learning and always make wonderful progress. We want to thank you Anne for your many years of teaching and expertise. We don't speak alone when we say we will miss you! But we are excited that you are keen to come back as a Granny reader and maybe to do some relieving from time to time.

The Board has been working hard behind the scenes on;

- Our mid year budget review, getting ready to draft 2023 budget
- Upgrading the junior sandpit/play area, applying for grants and supporting fundraising
- Room 3 Vacancy
- School house maintenance - new roof this year, painting of laundry, drainage (just to name a few)
- We have ordered a new pool cover
- We have been looking at the best way to resurface and repaint the school pool. We have two options that we are currently looking at. The first option is quoted at \$27,500 and the other one at \$62,000. We are hoping to make a decision and potentially work on grant funding for this as it is a community resource so we will hopefully have some information on this in the next little while
- There will be a new shade sail going over our junior sandpit really soon. It is through everyone's fundraising efforts and some successful grant applications (thanks Sarah Waters) that this is happening. Thank you to you all for your efforts
- We have been through our board elections and we have the same board carrying on - thanks to all that voted.
- We are reviewing our strategic plan for 2022 and we will begin drafting our strategic plan for 2023
- We approved some funds for new tech - a new tv in the MMP room and a set of new chromebooks
- Reviewed our school insurance policy
- Reviewed our mid year achievement data - Gender achievement, Maori achievement, Priority pupils, Accelerating students
- We have been reviewing policy such as - Child Protection Policy, Fundraising Policy, Property and Maintenance Policy, Curriculum Delivery Policy, Finance Policies just to name a few
- We have been looking at our roll return
- Looking at our values and values based learning/teaching approaches and what that looks like for our school holding onto our special character
- We are preparing for our ERO visit

We have been busy! We would like to acknowledge Rachell and her team for the wonderful job that they have done so far this year and continue to do. Our children are always put first and foremost and that is obvious with the positive buzz and vibe within our kura.

If you want to know more about what we do or how we run meetings please feel free to join us! Our next meeting will be on the 21st November at 6pm.

We look forward to seeing what the rest of Term 4 brings.

Nga Mihi
Stacey Clarke (chair) and Trustees

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LEARN TO SWIM

Chloe is back with her Learn to Swim holiday block programme. Lessons are scheduled to run on the 9-13th Jan 2023 Approx 2-5pm. Give Chloe a call and book your spot!



Chloe Hill

Learn to Swim with Chloe

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