

HIKUIAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



14th November 2022

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Kia ora from the Principal



Kia ora everyone.

Week 4 already of our 9 week term! The team has been busy checking learning progress, preparing for the 125 Jubilee celebrations, finishing wearable art projects and starting our kitchen science inquiries. The pool is due to open as soon as the weather warms up. We are sending home the events calendar page as a hard copy so you don't miss anything this term. Please put it on the fridge and check out what is happening. Ngā mihi, Rachell

School Fun Run!

Congratulations everyone! Prizes were organised on Friday and most went home. Please call in at the office if you have not received yours. :)



Our Van Service Term 4

Our van is now full. Term 4 payments are now due. 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

- Due to extreme weather and flooding we had to cancel our Friday Open Day and get the kids home early before the flooding closed the roads.
- Saturday Morning, the sun came out and we opened the school site for visitors.
- The History Trail, set up in the library, looked amazing thanks to Jan McCormack and Anne Fowler. There was cake, sausage rolls, tea and coffee for our visitors.
- Saturday Night's Pot Luck went ahead as planned and was a great idea so that people could catch up with each other.
- This coming Thursday, we will include our Open Day celebrations in our TOTARA Assembly.
- We will start earlier at 1:45. If fine, Please gather at the gate. If wet meet at the office and we will welcome you on in style.



The Hikuai School Calendar

The 2023 Hikuai School calendar is nearing completion! Thank you for your amazing photo submissions reflecting our wonderful piece of paradise.

The calendar goes to the printer next and will be ready for pre Christmas sales.



The School Survey

Please jump online and tell us what you think. We use your ideas to help us plan our programme and practice each year. Room 4 and 5 learners complete one too, as do the staff. Thanks if you have helped us with this already :)



School Athletics Day



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Term 4

November 2022

Please Note:	School Survey Open Until 15/11/22
3rd	Hikuai School Sports Day
4th	Gumboot Friday- Mufti Day and \$\$ gold coin donation
10th	WHOT sport day for some Rm 4-5 pupils
11th	125 Jubilee Open Day Celebrations
12th	125 Jubilee Sports Day- (If Fine) Potluck Dinner @ 5:30
15th	School survey closes
14th-18th	Rm 5 Food for Thought Week
17th	TOTARA Assembly at 1:45 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
6th	Rm 3 Beach Trip
8th	Junior HOT Sports -Rm 3
8th	Thank You Morning Tea
12th	Class swim session with Waikato Swimming
12th	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
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.

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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