# HIKUAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### 20th March 2023

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#### Kia ora from the Principal



Kia ora everyone. What a busy, productive last two weeks. It has been great to see pupils settling back into routine after an uncertain time. We continue to watch the roads and be flexible with programmes when we need to. Having a technology session at school instead of at W.A.S and travelling to Tairua for leadership programmes are all part of what we can do. Room 3 continues to grow their citizenship skills and develop their values through the veggie garden project. They have been looking at kindness and sharing, living their TOTARA values. The gardens are looking amazing as many have all worked together to bring them back to life. Thanks to Whaea Anne, Ange Chitty and Shirley Crawford for your

mahi with the kids. Here's to a more settled last few weeks of term! Ngā mihi, Rachell

## **Thanks ArbourCuts!**

A BIG thank you to Jon and Katie Roest for their help and support after Cyclone Gabrielle. Jon and the ArbourCuts team cleaned and cleared fallen tree branches and made mulch for our playgrounds. We are lucky to have you guys!

We now have some wood available for a donation. Email Michelle to organise pick up 🙂



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# The Hikuai School Calendar

# SALE!

### Calendars now \$10!

Come see us at the office or order via email.

Calendars are also available at Supervalue Pauanui, GAS Pauanui, Richardsons Pauanui and Prescott's Garage Hikuai.



### **Fundraising Update:**

Due to a crazy start to the year, our Easter Raffle has moved to Term 2 and will become the Matariki Raffle. This will give us more time to prepare and sell our tickets.

### **Paradise Coast Leadership Group**

Leadership development has begun for the Paradise Coast Girls Leadership Group. Tairua and Hikuai had their first meeting. We are developing a visual info poster of all the things we love about living in our area. This will be our focus for community projects and experiences for the group's learning. What a great bunch to work with!



## **Knockout Sports Online Uniform Shop:**

The online shop is open for 2 more days for sports top and jacket purchases. The next opportunity will be mid year so get in now!

# **Cap Orders through the school:**

Adding to our new uniform pieces, we are proud to announce the arrival of our new school cap designed by **ScullyPro** with the final design being voted for by our pupils. These come with a snap-back band, so one-size fits all, for ease of ordering.

Where to order: office@hikuai.school.nz Cost: \$22.00 incl GST Payment: Direct Credit Hikuai School Board of Trustees 03-0458-0171426-000 Ref: Cap23

Ordering will only be available from Monday 20th March until Friday 31st March, for us to finalise numbers and get order off to ScullyPro for manufacturing.



Stand up collar with soft chin guard Zippers can be teamed with J744 Zippies to accent your logo Scalloped longer back tail for added warmth



# Room 3

We have been enjoying Carter and Alba's visits to school as they transition. At this stage they are both visiting on a Friday. We are getting to know all about Carter's interests, the children, Whaea Theresa and I love to have him here as part of our learning community. Alba is only one year old and 3 months and is doing an incredible job at making friends and following my training.

Mrs Hunter and Ang have been busy preparing our garden for us to nurture the soil, thank you both for volunteering your precious time. Room 3 has added chicken manure, coffee grind and worm soil to the garden ready for planting flowers. The children in Room 3 wrote a shared writing piece about the experience as well as their own.



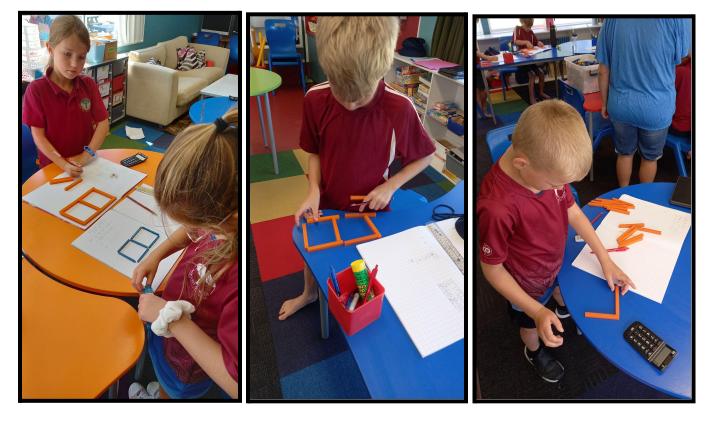




# **Room 4 - Our Middle School**



Our writing programme continues to focus on explanation writing. Today's focus was all about how words change depending on the 'tense' they are written in. Here Hawk, Shanoli and Jack are highlighting all of the sentences written in the present tense.



It's all about algebra during maths right now. The students are investigating patterns made using matches and tiles. The relation between the number of the term of a pattern and the number of matches that that term has, is explored with a view to finding a general rule that can be expressed in several ways.

# Room 5, week 7



Our Year 7s attended an impromptu food technology session last Wednesday. This was due to the road being closed. The team worked together to plan and make chocolate chip biscuits. Results were OK, a bit floury and more sugar needed was the feedback. There will need to be another session we think!

Room 5 Maths students have improved their quick recall of



addition and subtraction basic facts to 20. They have also been working with algebraic equations to identify patterns and relationships. For extended practice students are working on Studyladder and E-ako websites. We help each other to think about and solve story problems.

During the Literacy block Room 5 and Room 4 students have been working together for reading and writing. They have been learning how to write explanations and we are integrating reading with Topic Inquiry. We have been researching key questions about Natural Disasters using School Journals, readers from the resource room and the internet. Students have presented their findings on slides, word documents and posters. We have also been discussing climate change and how it is impacting people, animals and the environment.

# **UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

### Here are some dates that we already know about for term 1 and 2. More will be added as they come to hand.

#### March 2023

	Y4-7 Kindy Crew sessions resume this month for our two teams Thames Valley Swimming- for top area swimmers -TBA
21st	Student Learning Conferences- Goal setting and sharing
22nd	New Date: W.H.O.T Swimming Comp- for top school swimmers
22nd	Keeping Ourselves Safe Whanau Meeting 4:00-5:00pm
29th	Thames Valley Cricket: TBA due to roads
30th	Keeping Ourselves Safe- Constable Brian visits
30th	Paradise Coast Leadership Teams Hikuai and Tairua Schools combine Year 5-7 girls and Year 7 Boys. Developing leadership skills, social connections, sports and community projects.
30th	Room 3 visits Pauanui Preshool

#### April 2023

3rd-6th	Book Week!
5th	Whanau Hui-school vision, Local curriculum and promotion
6th	TOTARA Assembly 2:15pm / Last Day of term 1
7th	Easter Friday

#### Term 2 April 2023

27th EPro 8 Competitions for Year 5&6 and 7&8 teams
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