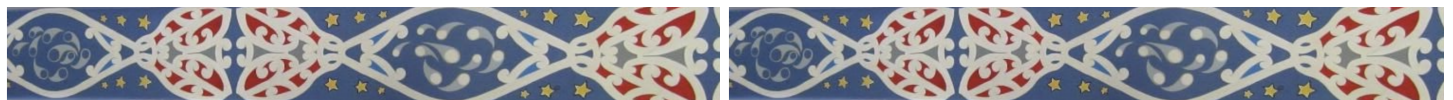


# HIKUIAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



6th March 2023

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## Kia ora from the Principal



Kia ora everyone. Things are in full swing here at school. Rooms 4 and 5 continue to develop their collaborative programme. Both Mark and Denise are cross grouping for literacy in the same space with maths using both spaces and learners attending group sessions for their numeracy stages. This is so that our kids get the targeted learning they need. Writers workshops on Friday have produced some well crafted planning with our first pieces shared at TOTARA assembly last Thursday. Cricket skills for Room 4 with Sport Waikato took place last week. Swimming continues and our swim sports was a successful event with many of you attending and supporting. Te Reo Tuesdays with Matua Brandon have begun and we invite you to join us. Our veggie gardens are in the process of being cleared and fertilised. Room 4 went on a mission to collect pony poo specifically for this! Next week our first collaboration with Tairua begins for our senior girls and the HT Girls leadership group. Lots of learning and lots of fun!  
Ngā mihi, Rachell

## Hikuai School Swimming Sports!

Congratulations to everyone for a great swimming sports. Thank you to our families for coming along to support!



# The Hikuai School Calendar

We have a few 2023 calendars left for sale! Come see us at the office or order and email in.

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



## Our Van Service Term 1 2023

Our van is now full. Thank you to our families who have been prompt with payment. We can fill it up and get going!



**This term** is shaping up to be a fun one with lots of opportunities for our classes.

- **Swimming lessons have started- These skills save lives- BRING YOUR TOGS everyday.**
- **Te Reo sessions with Matua Brandon on Tuesdays.**  
9:00-9:45 kapa haka  
9:45-10:30 Rm 4&5 Te Reo  
11:00-11:30 Rm 3 Te Reo
- **Cricket and hockey skills will be a focus as we prepare for Thames Valley Cricket and the Hockey Big Day Out in March.**
- **We will be putting together our E-Pro 8 teams for the April competitions and upskilling in technology. In Tauranga now!**
- **Life Education visits March 1-3. Harold the Giraffe and Mike will be here to help with healthy minds and bodies learning.**
- **Constable Brian visits in March as part of our keeping ourselves safe learning**
- **Natural Disasters- investigating the impact of water, earth wind and fire.**



## Survey Findings:

We continue to look for the best way to communicate with you this year.

Please let us know how we can better connect with you.



## Room 3

We have been busy building confidence in the pool and had a Pool Party last week to celebrate our successes. We also attended the whole school swimming sports last week which was a special event for us as we did not know what to expect. We have been loving our whole school Kapa Haka practice and feel grateful to have Matua Brandon teach us waiata in our classroom. Harold came to visit us at school and in class, he even sang us a song. Here is what the children had to say about what Harold taught them.

“He taught us about brains” Chloe. “When your brain flips you can't control yourself and go a bit silly. You have to figure out a way to calm down” Addi. “I calm down by going to sleep” Pippa. “I calm down by drawing” Addi. “I just have some music and do exercise and forget that I am angry” Aradhna. “I watch a calming movie like a dragon movie” Hunter. “My idea was to sit on the couch and read a book” Harlow.

It is great to have contact with whanau via Dojo when it is needed, please come see me if you have any issues with this platform of communication and I will help out.

Whaea Laura van Leeuwen and the children

of Room 3.

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# Room 4



Nothing inspires maths quite like chocolate 🍫

This week we are taking a dive into Statistics, with today's session focusing on how to create a strip graph. The students are using M&M's as our data...and potentially a snack by the end of the week 😊

This new learning will then be used to track our rainfall over the course of the year (extremely topical right now) 🌧️




# Room 5



Last Wednesday Year 7 children travelled on the bus to Whangamata Area School for their first Food Technology lesson. They discussed safety in the room and how to work effectively in groups. Children were taught how to use a sharp knife correctly before preparing a fruit platter.



We have brainstormed key questions about natural disasters and started to research on the internet. Children are finding out about cyclones, floods, tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanoes, tornados and fire. They can choose to present their findings as a word document for their Inquiry book, as a slideshow to share with the class or as a poster for the wall. Regan read about floods and slips.



Floods Slips                      Natural Disasters

Floods are the most common and widespread of all weather-related natural disasters. Flooding happens **when water overflows onto land that is normally dry**. This happens during heavy rain, when ocean waves come on shore, when snow melts too fast, when dams break or leaves and trees block drains.

# UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Here are some dates that we already know about for next year. More will be added as they come to hand.

## March 2023

	<b>Y4-7 Kindy Crew sessions resume this month for our two teams</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>Year 7&amp;8 Technology Begins at W.A.S.</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>TOTARA Assembly 2:15pm</b>
<b>6th</b>	<b>W.H.O.T Swimming Comp- for top school swimmers (Postponed new event date TBA)</b>
<b>7th</b>	<b>No Power Day- unplugged learning today- generator to run water/ toilets etc...</b>
<b>16th</b>	<b>Thames Valley Swimming- for top area swimmers</b>
<b>21st</b>	<b>Student Learning Conferences- Goal setting and sharing</b>
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Hockey Big Day Out</b>
<b>23rd-24th</b>	<b>EPro 8 Competitions for Year 5&amp;6 and 7&amp;8 teams</b>
<b>29th</b>	<b>Thames Valley Cricket</b>
<b>30th</b>	<b>Keeping Ourselves Safe- Constable Brian visits</b>

## April 2023

<b>6th</b>	<b>TOTARA Assembly 2:15pm / Last Day of term 1</b>
<b>7th</b>	<b>Easter Friday</b>



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



**DAY  
CAMP**  
MERCURY BAY

**Campers and Teen Leader  
Registrations Open  
Monday 6th March**

☒ **Check our website for your Elective Choices  
before you register...**

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## JOIN THE FUN - ENROL TODAY!

Pauanui  
Pre-School



Pauanui Pre-School is a community based, not for profit early childhood centre that offers a high quality, dynamic programme in a homelike environment for children aged 0 to 6 years.

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE NOW**

We would love to get to know you and your family, please phone or pop into the centre any time and have a chat with our friendly teaching team.



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