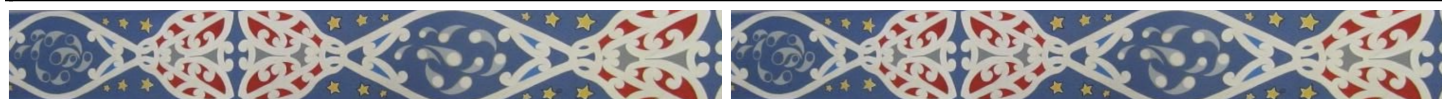


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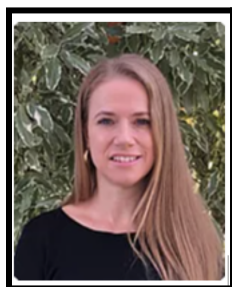


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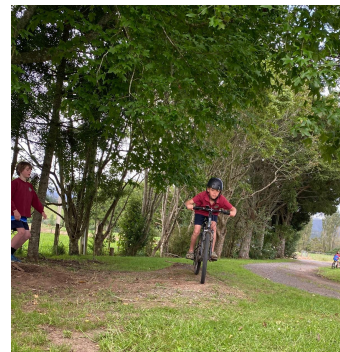
Kia ora from the Principal



Kia ora everyone. Welcome to our first official newsletter for term 1. This newsletter is a week late going out due to cyclone school closure. We know things have been tough for some of our families and if there is anything we can do, please ask. At school, we have been busy getting to know our new classes and setting up our learning programmes. We are excited about working together, Rooms 4 and 5 are developing programmes with Mark, Denise and Theresa working together for small groups and independent tasks. They have started this for maths and will incorporate literacy sessions in the following weeks. I am running writers workshops on Friday with Mark, developing vocabulary, conjunctions, sentence openers and punctuation through creative writing. We have started our sports skills with swim training each day, indoor hockey when it rains and non stop cricket introducing bowling and bat skills. New projects include: a bike track with jumps, Te Reo Tuesdays with Matua Brandon and EPro 8 teams for Year 5-8. Room 3 has a garden project in mind and are hoping to work with Bunnings on this and some woodworking benches for technology learning. We are a smaller school this year and that means more opportunity than ever to be a part of the action. We are setting up learning sessions with Tairua and Opoutere schools and our local kindys, so that our kids get to know and share with others. Lots of learning and lots of fun!

Ngā mihi, Rachell

The Hikuai School Bike Track Team!



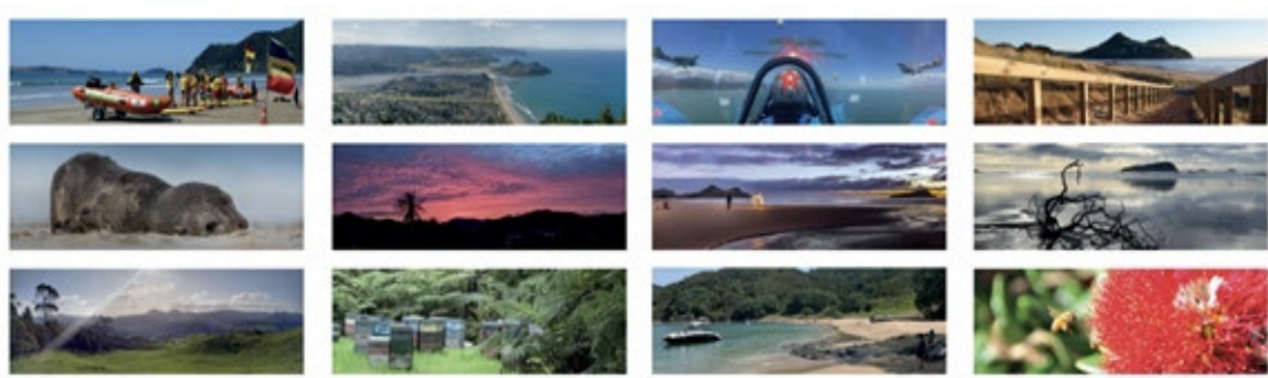
Great to see our designers and engineers working on ramps, angles and trajectory today. Future focused learning!

The Hikuai School Calendar

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

An or is attached to the bottom of the newsletter for you.

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 begin on Tuesdays.**
- **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 March competitions and upskilling in technology.**
- **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.

School information and events will be sent home via:

Email: Michelle and I will send home information relating to health and safety, learning and community events.

Class Dojo- Class story and school story. This is a great everyday tool to share classroom and school learning and news. Dojo lets us know who is viewing information.

Facebook- A copy of the information will be posted on the school facebook and on the Tairua/ Pauanui Noticeboard.

School Newsletter- Weeks 4,6,8,10. Usually on a **Monday** by email unless you have requested a hard copy.

If you would like to receive a hard copy newsletter please email Michelle and we can make that happen.

Room 3

Kia Ora Everyone. Room 3 has spent the last few weeks settling well into the new school year with me as their new Teacher and their new classroom environment. We have been establishing routines and a learning culture together with the use of our School Totara Values. The children have been busy creating beautiful art to make the learning environment their own and have already presented a piece to the whole school at Hui. We have been exploring in class games and resources together to make sure we can work independently when more formal targeted learning workshops begin. We have been swimming daily and enjoying fitness on the court first thing. A big focus is placed on crossing the midline in fitness and building confidence and having fun in the water.

We have started to explore our class garden and are planning a tidy up and next steps in planting. Whanau, please contact me if you are a keen gardener / cook wanting to join us on this journey in some way. The children have taken me for a tour around the school where we were fortunate to stop and watch a herd of cows being shifted on the road. The children and I are wondering how old the two Totara Trees are by Room 5. Is there anyone in the community that might be able to help us figure it out?

Thank you everyone for making me feel welcome as a newbie. I am grateful to be a part of the learning community at Hikuai School.

Whaea Laura van Leeuwen

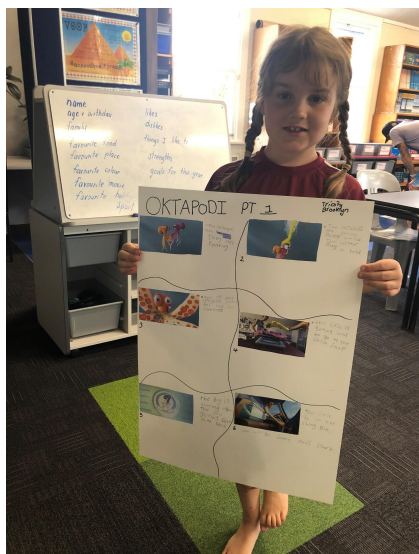
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Rooms 4 and 5

Rooms 4 and 5 are combining forces this year to further target small groups for literacy and maths. We are also extending our literacy skills on Fridays with writers workshops focusing on V.C.O.P. : Vocabulary, Conjunctions, Openers and Punctuation. We want to grow our knowledge and use of these tools to make us successful writers!

Spelling sessions are a part of our learning too along with reading groups.



Art projects on Fridays have begun with the study of artist Kandinsky. We are learning about colour, texture and form.

Both classes are swimming everyday and include survival skills in our programme. Come in and see us learn!



We have been working on our Room 5 Waka. We are leaving spaces for children who are absent today.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

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

February 2023

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| | School swimming programme daily sessions. |
| 17th | Staff and Board Only Day- Treaty of Waitangi Workshop postponed due to cyclone |
| 23rd- 24th | Room 5 Pinnacles Walk- Postponed due to hut closures |
| 27th | Hikuai School Swimming Sports |
| 28th | Room 4 Cricket Skills Session |

March 2023

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| | Y4-7 Kindy Crew sessions resume this month for our two teams |
| 1st-3rd | Life Education sessions with Mike and Harold the giraffe |
| 1st | Year 7&8 Technology Begins at W.A.S. |
| 2nd | TOTARA Assembly 2:15pm |
| 6th | W.H.O.T Swimming Comp- for top school swimmers |
| 16th | Thames Valley Swimming- for top area swimmers |
| 21st | Student Learning Conferences- Goal setting and sharing |
| 22nd | Hockey Big Day Out |
| 23rd-24th | EPro 8 Competitions for Year 5&6 and 7&8 teams |
| 29th | Thames Valley Cricket |
| 30th | Keeping Ourselves Safe- Constable Brian visits |

April 2023

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