



# NEWSLETTER

## August

13 Tuesday Bookclub Orders Due In

## September

6 Friday Hinuera School Cross Country

20 Friday Interschool Cross Country

24 Tuesday Ag Day

✕ mark it on your calendar



*I have just come back from walking through every classroom, and what a joy it is on a cold Thursday morning, to see and feel the buzz of learning in our school community! What amazing tamariki you all have! Sending our best wishes for a positive time to all our farming families during the spring, with the new arrivals, and sometimes challenging weather. Kia kaha! Dean*

*A special Hinuera welcome to Gemma Adams R2 who has recently joined our Hinni family.*



## Lost Property

Just a pre-warning that the lost property from last Term will be going off to the Op-Shop in the next couple of weeks. Please make a point of having a look through it before this, or encourage your children to have a good look through when it is put out on display for them.

## Raffle Winner

If you didn't catch up through our facebook page, we were excited to present Kaye Maree Griffiths with our Timeout Raffle Prize. We hope the whole family enjoyed all the little treats tucked away in that box of goodies. Thanks to all those people who supported this raffle. The money received will be put toward the purchase of some new library books.

## Ag Day Update

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we have had to exclude the calves from our Ag

Day event again this year. This is due to the possible risks involved with the M. Bovis outbreak.

For those who were able to bring animals last year, you will know that having Lambs and Goats only, still makes for a fabulous day so be sure to choose an animal and be in to enjoy all the fun and competition that the day brings. Remember animals must be born after 1st July. If you are having trouble finding an animal, contact the office at school and we may be able to help.

## Room 4 Request

If anyone has any spare wool or newspapers at home, and you would be happy to donate it to the school, please drop it off to Room 4. They are planning to use this during Discovery Time. Many thanks.

## Reading

Some kids refuse to read, others won't stop - not even at the dinner table! Author Jeff Kinney says that sometimes adults focus so much on getting kids to read they forget about the fun. But kids who are having fun will read. Here are some suggestions to get them started ...

**Go Graphic.** There are many high-quality graphic novels that draw in readers through illustrations, short-form text, and engrossing story lines.

**Seek out Sports.** For kids who'd rather be physically active than read a book, consider books about teams or by athletes, such as *You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!* Or *Hothead* or other books about sports.

**Think Big Print.** The *Here's Hank series by Henry Winkler* features a dyslexic hero and a large, easy-to-read typeface.

**Let them Follow their Interests.** You may not love *Captain Underpants*, but if that's what your kid wants to read, put aside your judgment for the greater good.

**Find Characters who Reflect your Kid's Experience.** Kids like to see themselves in the stories they read. Look for books with characters and situations that mirror their experience -- for example, kids who live on a farm or who love dogs. Whatever helps kids identify with the story will keep them more engaged.

**Look for Different Reading Opportunities.** Reading is valuable no matter what the format: Pokemon cards, product labels, game manuals, recipes. Mix in shorter-form material with longer stuff.

**Get Techy.** Ebooks and storybook apps that offer some multimedia along with the narrative can be entertaining and educational and may draw in kids who are turned off by text alone. Use them alongside traditional reading.

**Fact-Check.** With their amazing stats, incredible images, short-form text, and start-anywhere formats, books of facts such as *Guinness World Records and Ripley's Believe It or Not* entice kids who'd rather not tackle longer stories.

**Take Turns.** With a book your kid has chosen, take turns reading a page (or two) to each other. Ask questions along the way.



## Learning Portfolios

We would just like to remind our parents that there are still a number of learning portfolios that haven't been paid for this year. These are the folders that come home to you each term displaying examples of your child's great work. They are yours to keep at the end of the year. Please check at the office if you are unsure if you have paid for one this year. They are \$5.00 each.

## Netsafe

Netsafe have recently launched a great new resource for parents and whānau, offering practical tips and tools to help you talk to your children about online safety. It includes: *starter tips, information to enhance digital parenting knowledge, details about online risks children may face and advice about how you can help children.*

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Online-Safety-Parent-Toolkit-R2.pdf>

## Bus Vests

If your child uses the school bus, please ensure they have a bus vest to use each day. Children need to remember the vest goes *off the back and into the pack* after use. This ensures they are always on hand when required. If your child has lost their vest or needs a bigger size you are welcome to buy one independently or you can purchase one from school for \$5.00.

## Compliments and Concerns

Our new BOT have made a great start, and at last night's meeting we reviewed our school Governance Policy. It covers things like roles, meetings and planning for success. It also covers how we handle concerns. If you ever have these, we encourage

everyone to work with us to resolve them. The first thing I always like to remind our community is that we all thrive in a positive environment, and so passing on compliments is always appreciated. Class concerns are best addressed with class teachers in the first instance, and if needed, team leaders like Miss Whaley and Mrs Maguire are always happy to assist. Mrs Butler and myself (Mr Mac) are always happy to be involved to work through class concerns if needed as well, and we are also involved when it is a more general concern. If any community member ever feels that their concerns have not been dealt with satisfactorily, they are able to state this in writing, and at that point it is treated as a complaint to be resolved. Our aim is to have Hinuera School as a place that everyone loves being a part of, so obviously we're always aiming to resolve concerns at that level. If BOT members become aware of concerns, they will generally encourage community members to share these with staff directly, as the most appropriate way to get the right outcome. Thank you for your continued support with this whole area.

## Bookclub

The latest bookclub brochure is now available but will not be sent home with each student on this occasion. If you would like one please send your child in to pick one up from the office counter. Orders are due in by 13 August.

## STUDENT WRITING

The sky is blue because the water in the clouds spread their water colour around the sky.

The sky is blue because all the sky kids made a big painting but they sometimes can't finish it.

The sky is blue because all the adults are inside working hard so God made the sky blue so adults would spend time with their kids.

The sky is blue because everyone wears blue so God made the sky blue to fit in.

By Lachlan Neal Rm 6

## SAUSAGE ROSTER

Thanks to the following parents who have volunteered to do sausage sizzle over the next couple of weeks. If you can't make it, please try to find a replacement or phone: Vicki 021 525 970

**2 August** Kristy Jeynes/Alice Lock

**9 August** Holly Barron/Adrienne Polaschek

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."*  
Leo Buscaglia



## Incredible Years

To all parents of children 3 to 8 years. The **Incredible Years Parenting Programme** is coming to your area – and it's **FREE!** The Incredible Years is an exciting and interactive programme which parents have found very helpful in working with their children. During the group you will have the opportunity to learn about, practice and refine skills that will help you to reduce your child's challenging behaviours, increase the behaviours you would like to see more of and give you more opportunities to enjoy spending time with your children.

**Where: Central Kids, 4-6 Glenshea Street, Putaruru**

**Starts: Thursday, 15 August 6.30pm – 9pm (14 weeks)**

If you are interested and would like to enrol please contact us.

**Positive Families:** Ruth Palliser – 021 848 521 [ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz)

## Free Ear Clinic

Matamata	Friday, 2 August	Firth Primary School, Station Road	9.30 – 2.00pm
	Friday, 6 September	Matamata Primary School Broadway	

## Bulletin Board