



# NEWSLETTER

## April

12th Friday Last Day Term 1—Discovery Time Assembly 9am .....

29th Monday Term 2 Begins

## May

8th Wednesday Paid Union Meeting—School Remains Open

17th Friday Cotter Cup Day Sports

✕ mark it on your calendar



It has been a busy and exciting term of Learning and Growing. Please grab the chance to sit with your children and celebrate their Learning Portfolios with them over the holidays. See you all next term!  
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A warm Hinuera welcome to the following students who have recently joined our school.

William Hawke Room 2

Rene van Zuydam Room 2

## Poetry Finals

The poetry finals for Year 4-6 students were held on Thursday 4th April. We all know that public speaking is not always easy, and it was great to see so much skill and confidence on show from our young competitors. The place-getters on the day were as follows...

### Year 6

1st Jessica Alexander

2nd Hayley Morgan

3rd= Zuri Richards/Peyton Aarsen

### Year 5

1st Julia Tiddy

2nd Olive Tapper

3rd Lachlan Morgan

### Year 4

1st Shepherd Richards

2nd Arley de Jong

3rd= Emma Lock/Zach Lentfer

## Gumboot Friday

What a delight it was to see all the children participating in the very first Gumboot Fri-

day. This was a nationwide event designed to raise awareness for the mental health of our young people in New Zealand. It is hoped that money raised can go toward providing free counselling services as required. We are very pleased to report that the school was able to bank \$210.10 toward this worthy cause. Thanks to all those parents that sent along a donation.

## Teacher Paid Union Meeting

People often ask me what a PUM is. Most collective agreements allow for a couple of these a year during work time, to sort out any issues or negotiations. So the Teacher PUM coming up on 8<sup>th</sup> May isn't a strike, although it could lead to one! We've heard that some local schools are closing early for this PUM. **We are not planning to do this.** The Union has timetabled two meeting options (AM and PM), so we're going to shuffle things here and send half to each. Other than that, send your children to **school as normal**. Thanks for your ongoing support for our teachers. The negotiations seem to be dragging out, and we'd love to see them resolved ASAP so we can all get on with life!

## Thanks

A special thanks to Jade Morgan who came in last week, equipped with his chainsaw, and ready to tame the the chaos in the native tree area. It is certainly looking much tidier now with all the smaller unwanted trees out of the way. We are always grateful to parents who give of their time to help us out in a variety of ways.

## School Carpark

**Please remember to keep your speed right down in the carpark area.** The disability

park, visitor park and the general area directly alongside the hall are not for general family parking. Use of this area by families for pick up and drop off creates several risks to children and other vehicles. Please use a park somewhere else for all pick up and drop off times. We will be placing cones in the disability/visitor park area to try and get some improvement in the use of this area.



## Triathlon

Friday 29th saw a host of keen students ready to run, swim and cycle their way to the top spots in the annual Triathlon/Duathlon. The event went smoothly with only a few scrapes and bruises along the way. It was debateable as to who was having the most fun, the parents or the children. It's so great to see our parents encouraging kids to go fast or even just to keep going. We applaud all those children who took part!

## Sausage Sizzle Term 2

For those people keen to pre-order sausages for the term, please note that the order form was sent home yesterday. This can be brought back to school on Friday or during the first week of Term 2.

## Beeswax Wraps

During "Discovery Time", the Enviro Warriors decided to make Beeswax Wraps which they have sold to their families, friends and staff. In total they received \$119.00 from sales. It was decided that this money would be put towards the

sponsorship of the Hinuera School World Vision children. We are currently sponsoring Michael from Luguru in Tanzania and Poneu from Cambodia. The school receives updates on these children through the World Vision programme which are then passed on to our students. It's great for our young people to reach out and know they are helping others.

## School Holiday Activities

School holidays are here again. Check out some of the fun ideas put out by the Ministry of Education to keep your children entertained and to provide opportunities for some valuable family time:

- \* let your child build a tent or hut using old sheets, blankets and odds and ends from around the house
- \* get the whole family out into the fresh air – it could be a bike ride, a trip to the beach, or a visit to a park or reserve in your area that you've never been to before
- \* plan an "expedition" – take the bus or the train, and get them to map out a walking adventure. You could even take a snack and have a picnic. Young children will love dressing up in character for their adventure
- \* get messy – check out the [messy play ideas on the Ministry's website](#), use a tarpaulin, water and dish-washing liquid and make a "slip'n'slide" down a hill, or start a vege garden
- \* visit your marae or family you haven't seen for a while. School holidays are a great time to talk to your kids about where they are from and who they are
- \* take part in some of the free school holiday activities that libraries, local councils, and even shopping centres offer
- \* think about the projects your child has been doing at school. You may find some activities, events or exhibitions in your area that will help your child to get a better understanding of what they've been learning at school. Or your child may have been on a school trip and want to go back and share it with you
- \* have your kids find some music and make up a

dance, or find a favourite story and make up a play. Maybe they can invite some family or friends over for the performance.

## BOT Elections

BOT Elections will be happening next term. **Does the school have your correct postal address? Please check at the office if you are in doubt as we may need to post out election data to you at the appropriate time.**

## ANZAC Day

With ANZAC day falling in the holidays this year, the school has taken the opportunity to commemorate this in a small way at our morning assembly. Please note we have RSA Poppies available at the office for anyone who may like to purchase one for a gold coin. As always there is no obligation to do so.

## Bus Vests

We were very grateful to Bridge It NZ who kindly delivered a wonderful supply of bus vests for our students today. We all know how important it is to keep our children safe on the roads and the bus vests have become a priority for our school. We offer a huge thanks and look forward to making other links with Bridge It NZ in the future.



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We would also like to congratulate: Chloe Cox who sold the most tickets. She has also been rewarded with a little Easter treat!

## Easter Raffle

Thank You ... Thank You ...

You have all been so generous with your donations. Thank you also for the time you have put into selling tickets on behalf of the school. Your efforts have raised just over \$1000. The raffle was drawn on Wednesday 10th April and we are pleased to announce the lucky winners are:

1st Prize: Kelvin Boyte

2nd Prize: Marlene Sherwood

3rd Prize: G. Waring

4th Prize: Gerard O'Neill

I'm sure this bountiful haul of chocolate will be shared far and wide by all the winners. So much deliciousness.



## Bulletin Board

HAPPINESS IS ...  
NOT HAVING TO  
SET THE ALARM  
FOR THE NEXT DAY

## \*\* LOST \*\*

1 PAIR OF PINK "NEW BALANCE"  
SHOES SIZE 8

1 PAIR OF PINK FARM OVERALL  
LEGGINGS

IF YOUR CHILD HAS BROUGHT  
THESE HOME BY MISTAKE, COULD  
YOU PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE SO THAT WE CAN  
GET THEM BACK TO THEIR  
RIGHTFUL OWNERS.

