



# NEWSLETTER



Wow, camp week next week! Always such a great time of the year. I (Dean) will be going on camp with the Y5/6 classrooms, and Jade will lead the school while I'm away. It has been a very hot start to the year – please make sure children always have a named wide brimmed hat with them on every school day.

Thanks everyone Dean.

A special Hinuera welcome to the following student who have recently joined our school ... Tiana Tapega Room 4

## PTA Welcome BBQ

Thanks to all those families who came along to enjoy the annual welcome barbeque. We hope you got the chance to chat to some new families as well as catching up with friends and neighbours. A special thank you to the PTA for providing food and making sure everyone was well catered for.

## Vision Statement Meeting

Thanks to everyone who made it to the Vision Statement revision meeting on Tuesday. We had an exciting and inspiring time gathering collective thoughts on where we are aiming to be as a school in 5-7 years, and this will guide a description of the Hinuera School we are aiming to build together. At the meeting we looked at a draft revised Mission Statement (why we exist), that still includes our key phrase of "Learning and Growing", but gives a stronger sense of direction. The current draft of that is "Hinuera School exists to be a world class learning community, where everyone is learning and growing, in order to become influential citizens in our global community." Our current draft of the revised Vision Statement that has grown out of the consultation in 2018 is "Building a Strong Future". The concept behind this is that as a school we are not going to just let the future happen to us – we are going to strategically build the school that will take us there. The description that is flowing from Tuesday's meeting (to be shared soon), and the strategic plan that we are developing from these statements will guide our work together as we build that future. Exciting times!

## Bus Vests

Just a reminder that all students need to wear bus vests when using our school buses. Always store your bus vest in one particular place in your schoolbag so that it is accessible and easy to find. New vests are currently on sale at the school office for \$8.00 each.

## Camp 2019

Our annual Year 5/6 Camp for 2019 takes place next week at Aongatete Lodge in the Katikati region. Students will enjoy a variety of activities in this beautiful native environment including bush studies, water activities, and a whole host of camp based challenges. Thanks to the school team who keep things humming along while camp is in progress and thanks also to parents and staff who make the commitment to make camp happen.

## Head Lice

We currently have children in the class who are suffering with head lice. Unfortunately this is just one of those things that occurs from time to time. Please make a point of checking your child and treating them as necessary to ensure we get this outbreak under control. We have been advised that if you take your child to the doctor with this problem, they can be given a prescription for a free shampoo treatment so this may be an option you would like to take.

## Car Park Safety (see illustration)

A reminder to all families that drop off or collect children from school to always make safety the number one priority. Students are not permitted to head out the gate until they are accompanied by an adult, and are **never to be crossing the road on their own**. The carpark directly outside the school hall is not a pick-up/drop-off area and the visitor and disability car-parks are for those designated uses only. Please use other parking areas to pick up and drop off. To avoid the congestion at the end of the day, you could try coming around 3.05pm.

## Coming Events

**Feb 18th—22nd**

Years 5 & 6

Camp at Aongatete Lodge

**March 7th**

Parent /Teacher Interviews

**March 8th**

Senior Swimming Sports

**March 15th**

Interschool Swimming Sports

**March 22nd**

Junior Swimming Sports



✗ mark it on your calendar

No parking, drop-offs or pick-ups in this area please.



## North Fuels

North Fuels is a bulk supplier of fuels to rural properties. Users of this product have the opportunity to nominate a school to sponsor resulting in a 1cent per 2 litre donation to the school. This may not seem like a lot but it can very quickly add up. We have been lucky enough to receive \$862.54 from only 2 sponsors at present so please consider nominating Hinuera School if this is an option for you. The website is [www.northfuels.co.nz](http://www.northfuels.co.nz)

## Receipts

Please watch out for receipts being sent home over the next week. These will not only include your stationery purchases but donations made as school fees or camp donations. The latter two items are tax deductible so be sure to keep this in a safe place.

## Swimming Events

Please check the calendar for swimming sports dates. The first event is the senior swimming sports for Year 3-6 students. This is held at the Matamata Pools. Notices for this will be coming out closer to the event. The junior swimming showcase for Year 1-2 are held in our school pool. The interschool swimming sports are at the Matamata Pools and the team to represent the school is selected from results in class swimming sessions and our school event.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our first round of interviews for the year will be on **Thursday 7th March**. These are 10 minute interviews. The main aim of these is for parents to share about their child and what they would like to see achieved in 2019. Teachers will also share their expectations and any insights they already have into student learning with your child/ren. All Rooms 7 & 8 students are asked to attend the interview with their parents.

**Classes will be finishing at lunchtime (12.30pm) on interview day.** Your support with collecting your children at 12.30 is much appreciated. Any children who are not able to be collected will be supervised at school. We are also happy to have any children whose parents are coming for interviews in the afternoon, stay here until your interviews are finished. However, if your interview is after 4pm can we please ask that children are either collected, or go home on the bus as normal, as it is a very long afternoon for children waiting here the whole time. We will be using the same online system for booking interviews. You will need to log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter our school code **msje6**. If you don't have access to a computer please get a friend to help you or ask at the school office.

## Student Writing

After a long relaxing holiday break, it would appear that some of our students are really sparking well. Check out some of the fabulous writing that is emerging from Rm Tanekaha...

### In Our Family by Jessica Alexander—Year 6

*Dad is the flaky bales of wool being unloaded from the greasy presser.*

*He's a stained pair of green Canterbury shorts faded from the sun.*

*He's a bright red cricket ball, gleaming as it races towards a bat.*

*And he is a golden lion, snarling as it searches for it's next prey.*

*Mum is the lukewarm bottles of milk being demolished by greedy lambs.*

*She is the black floral shirt, made with care out of soft warm materials.*

*She's the cold grey hockey stick, showing an eager team how to hit the scratched orange ball.*

*And she's the raging winds smashing into my rainy window, angry at the world.*

*My sister Caitlyn is a dirty shearing shed full of fluffy white sheep.*

*She is an oversized t-shirt, caked in mud.*

*She is a round hockey ball whizzing along the desolate turf as stadium lights illuminate the ground.*

*And she is an enraged grizzly bear baring its sharp teeth angrily*

*That leaves me: And I'm .... Not telling!*

### School by Bella Watkins—Year 5

*I see cheerful children messing about, birds gliding high in the sky, fountains of water firing everywhere and teachers teaching.*

*I hear chatty classmates, birds whistling, yawns beyond compare. Gushes of water here and there. Clickety clack pens get out of hand.*

*I feel the sun boiling on my face, stiff carpet on my cheeks. I feel a solid pen, thick hair, sandpaper leaves, smooth paper.*



## Bulletin Board

### 2019 JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE NOW FOR FREE

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/85185>

ALL KIDS REGISTERED WITH HINUERA RECEIVE A FREE TSHIRT & MOUTHGUARD  
THE FIRST 180 REGISTERED RECEIVE A FREE RUGBY BALL



Te Miro MTB Club  
Saturday Kids Rides

Start - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Finish - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Phone or txt Linley for more information  
0272 363 778

### Matamata Netball Centre

HAVE A GO DAY

For kids years 1,2,3 and 4

Come along and join the fun and play some netball with your friends.

Friday 22nd Feb, 4pm

FREE

At the Netball Courts, Meura Street, Matamata

SEE YOU THERE

### 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 if you can't please phone: Vicki 021 525 970

15 Feb:

Linda Samways & Jacqui Tidley

22 Feb:

Marie Waring & Alice Lock