



# NEWSLETTER

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## March

18th	Monday	Interschool Swimming Sports at the Matamata Town Pools
22nd	Friday	Junior Swimming Sports—at school
25th	Monday	Final day for Bookclub Orders to be in.
26th	Tuesday	Hearing & Vision Testing



*It has been a tough week in our area, with accidents and incidents affecting many of our lives on a daily basis. The fact that 'Respect' is generally mentioned as the first of our foundation values is no accident. It is a regular reminder of the need in life to share respect and kind words whenever we can, because the strong relationships this builds becomes the strength we all need when the tough times come along. Receiving this respect and encouragement from so many of you while I have served the Hinuera community as a teacher and principal is one of the greatest joys of my life, and I thank you for it. I encourage everyone to proactively look for ways to speak a kind word to people in the next few days, whom you might not usually think of doing this for. It can often be the strength they need.*  
Dean.

A warm Hinuera welcome to the following student who has recently joined our school.  
Isabella Cullen Room 2

## Senior Swimming Sports

Well done to all those students who participated in the senior swimming sports last Friday. Luckily we got most of the races completed before the heavens opened up and made for a bit of a hectic and wet finish for all, including spectators. We have some great swimmers in the school and its always good to know that we are encouraging and supporting swimming and water

safety for all our students. A special congratulations to those who won their heats and to those who will be taking home trophies for their fine effort.



## Inter-School Swimming Sports

**Interschool swimming sports have been rescheduled to happen on Monday 18 March.** The school sends a selection of capable senior competitors to race against others from surrounding district primary schools. We wish them the very best and trust they will represent the school well, both in sportsmanship and general conduct.

## Friday Funeral Changes

Our hearts go out to the Crabb family and all the local families affected by the death of Matamata College student Billy Crabb. Although some local schools directly affected by this are closing early tomorrow for the funeral to be held at the Hinuera Rugby Club, **our school will remain open as normal.** We will adjust our lunch break to 12 noon -1pm, so that we are back in class before the funeral starts. There may also be more traffic around the school at 3pm, so school families are asked to take care with this.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all those parents who attended the parent interviews last week. It is so valuable for both parents and teachers to get together at the start of the

year. Being able to set goals, discuss concerns and establish a good working relationship, sets the year up for a positive start. If you were not able to make it, but would like to set up an alternative time with the classroom teacher, please contact them directly or leave a message at the office to set this up.

## Teacher Union Meetings

There are nationwide teacher Paid Union Meetings next week (Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March for our area). **Hinuera School remains open all day.** The teacher union has organised all meetings to have two sessions, so we can send half the teachers to each and leave the school open. Obviously there will be programme changes for your children, but staff will be working to make this as seamless as possible, and a good learning experience regarding 'Resilience'! We continue to appreciate the support and goodwill expressed by so many of you in relation to the negotiations/issues – fingers crossed it is all sorted soon.

## Bus List Reminder

We really need to emphasise the importance of signing your child off the bus if they will not be using it at the end of the day. If your child normally goes home on the bus, but has gone home with you, we have no way of knowing except if you initial the bus list to show that you have picked them up. (NB This must be an initial and not just

a tick please) Students and buses are being held up at the end of the day as we search for missing children, who are often safely home with a parent. Please help us to keep this system running smoothly to ensure everyone is safe. Many thanks.

Also for those of you who use the Buckland bus please note that this departs from the school at 3.50pm unless there are hold-ups.

## School Banking

Where have all our bankers gone ?? If you are part of the ASB banking programme we would love to see you bringing in your banking on a regular basis. Simply drop it into the school office and we will see to it that it gets delivered to the bank. If you would like to be part of the banking scheme, pop into the office and pick up an application form.

## \*\*Easter Raffle\*\*

We will be running an Easter raffle over the next few weeks as a school fundraiser. We are looking for donations of delicious chocolate goodies and the odd furry bunny (of the soft toy variety) to make these prizes irresistible. Donations can be left at the school office. Students will be issued with a book of ten tickets to sell. For those super keen sales people, there are off course plenty more tickets available to be sold.



## Scholastic Bookclub

For those keen readers, you will be eager to search through the latest Scholastic Bookclub catalogue that went home yesterday. If you did not receive your copy, you can pick one up at the school office. Orders will need to be back by 25th March or you can, off course, order yourself through the online system.

## Hearing & Vision Checks

Vision Hearing Technicians will be visiting on **Tues 26th March** to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

### Which children are routinely checked?

- \* Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check
- \* Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- \* New Immigrants
- \* All Year 7 student's vision only

If there is a genuine concern, parents and teachers may request a vision or hearing check NB; parents must consent to this

### The Vision Hearing Technician will:

- \* Notify parents of all test results
- \* Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)

The Vision Hearing Technician will obtain personal details from the school ie; names, date of birth.

If the technician needs to contact parents or caregivers following the visit, addresses and phone numbers will also be required.

If any parents/caregivers **do not** want their child to be checked, or their child is currently under specialist care for a vision or hearing defect, they should let the school know.

## STUDENT WRITING

Room 4 Kauri have been writing about the beach. We have some great little writers at Hinuera School !

*The sea is glowing. The sand is very hot! The sea is freezing cold! I can hear the seagulls. I can see the blue shimmering sea. The waves are smashing down. The golden sand is shimmering. My favourite part is surfing and tanning.*

By Ruby Heyns

*At the beach I can hear very noisy splashing on the golden sand and the very wavy bumpy shimmering blue water. The water feels freezing as an ice pool. When we stay in the water for a long time it starts to warm up.*

By Kyle Bussey



## SAUSAGE ROSTER

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

**15th March**

Lyn & Basil Treymane

**22nd March**

Adrienne Polaschek & Naretta Aspinall

## Bulletin Board

### Piako Triathlon

When Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

What Swim Bike Run

Where Morrinsville Rec Grounds

Time from 8am

Age: 6 years to 14 years

Adults events to.

Enter with Lou Beer on 0272265297

Or [www.sportwaikato.org.nz](http://www.sportwaikato.org.nz)

Or email Lou [piakotriathlon@gmail.com](mailto:piakotriathlon@gmail.com)



### Spanish Lessons for Kids

at Hinuera Playcentre

Mondays

For more information please

Call Mariana 0210582731



### 2019 JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Junior football registration is now open. Matamata Swifts FC runs boys, mixed and girls only teams.

Visit:

<http://www.matamataswifts.com/juniors/> for more information on the 2019 season, including how to sign up to play.

Grading will be held on Sunday March 17 at the Matamata Domain.

Contact

[admin@matamataswifts.com](mailto:admin@matamataswifts.com) if you have any questions.

