

HINUERA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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March...

20th Friday Matamata Interschool Swimming Sports—Cancelled
27th Friday School Triathlon-Cancelled

April ...

9th Thursday Last Day of Term 1

Although it is an unsettling (and potentially frustrating) time for us all, our school Foundation Values are a great reminder that we can all *Respect* each other, be *Resilient* when things seem to be tough, and take our *Responsibility* to care for others and practice good personal hygiene seriously. Hinni Kid values can help, no matter what we have going on in the life. Have a safe week everyone.

Ngā mihi nui Dean



A special Hinuera welcome to Tahlia Bowden who has recently joined the fantastic crew in Tanekaha—R8

Covid 19 Updates

We have had several updates on the Covid 19 virus go home to our families earlier in the week. If you have not received these via email or newsletter you can access them on the school Facebook page or on the school website under "Our News".

We will continue to keep everyone well informed with the latest updates regarding general guidelines and more specifically those things that affect our school and district.

Meanwhile keep encouraging your children to wash and dry their hands and contain those coughs and sneezes into their elbow. If your child is unwell, be sure to keep them home so that we keep all bugs to a minimum.

Remember also that we have had to either cancel or prevent public access to the following events

- ▶ Interschool Swimming—Cancelled
- ▶ Junior Swimming Showcase
- ▶ School Triathlon—Cancelled
- ▶ Poetry Competition Finals
- ▶ Sausage Sizzles—Cancelled

Sausage Sizzles

Please note that we have cancelled our Friday sausage sizzle for the rest of the term. **There will be no sausage sizzle as of tomorrow** so please send your children to school with their usual lunch. Prepaid money will be carried over to next term. If you would prefer to have a refund, please get in touch with the office.

Senior Swimming Sports

Well done to all those students who participated in the senior swimming sports last Friday. This is always a competitive event where students can really get behind their house teams and encourage them to do their best. We have some great little swimmers in the school and its always good to know that we are supporting both swimming and water safety. A special congratulations to those who won their heats and to those who will be taking home trophies for the year. Of course, not all our students are able to be winners on the day but we do applaud everyone who gave it a go. The following are the place-getters for the Vowels Cup and Stewart Cup.

Vowels Cup

Boys:
1st Lochie Aspinall
2nd Israel Cullen
3rd Shepherd Richards
Girls:
1st Casey Harris
2nd Arna Morton
3rd Lucy O'Reilly

Stewart Cup

Boys:
1st Lochie Aspinall
2nd Shepherd Richards
3rd Haiden Kerr
Girls:
1st Casey Harris
2nd Arna Morton
3rd Keira Walford

School Loop App

Hinuera School have signed up to the School Loop app. An app where you can access events, cancellations, notices, newsletters and make contact with staff. We are in the beginning stages of using this app! So download it and keep an eye on it for more information!

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- ★ Events
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Available on the App Store

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Parent Interviews

It was great to see all the parents coming in last week for their parent interviews. We trust that even though the time was short, you managed to get through the 'important bits' that will set everyone up for a great year of learning.

If you were unable to make it on the day and would still like the opportunity to talk with your child's teacher please phone to arrange a suitable time, after or before school.

Sunhats

We are starting to see the days of blazing sun diminish but we are still very aware that children can get sunburnt when they

are out in the playground at various times during the day. Please make sure your children have a hat available to wear whenever they are outdoors at school. This doesn't need to be a school hat but it does need to have a reasonable brim to it.. No caps please!

If you need to purchase a hat, we have new stocks of bucket hats available at \$10 each from the school office.

All children without hats will be sent to play in shade covered areas of the school.

Incredible Years Parenting Programme

Hinuera School has been involved with the Incredible Years Programme for several years now, with all teacher aides and teaching staff attending various tailor made sessions. A parent focused course, designed for parents of children 3-8 years old is now open for registrations. Evaluations of the programme show that it significantly improves parent/child interactions.

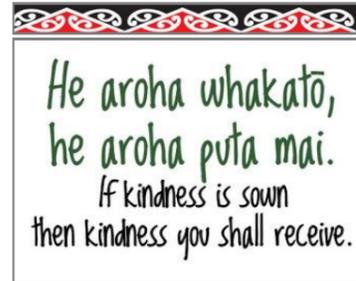
The programme is provided by the Ministry of Education at no cost to the participant and is facilitated by trained group leaders

For more information about the Incredible Years programme contact:

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Website address: www.incredibleyears.com
<http://pb4l.tki.org.nz/Incredible-Years-Parent>

Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheIncredibleYears>



STUDENT WRITING

Kauri - R4 Writing

The Polar Bear has straight legs. It has transparent fur but it looks white because the sun reflects it.

By Angus Fraser



The scared crab scuttled under the rock. The crab is running away from a jellyfish.

By Grace Smith



The fierce man-eating great white shark has big strong pointed teeth and they hunt their enemy.

By Lewis Polaschek



My Favorite Place By Olive Barron—Rata R7



My favorite place is under the leaves of our big Plane tree, sitting there with the cat, dogs and Archie. Archie and I sit there listening to the cicadas chirping, the dogs panting, the cat meowing, the cows mooing and the birds singing. We look at the setting sun. It is pink and red. If we are lucky the fruit on the fruit trees will be ripe. The plums are as sweet as sugar and the apples as red as a fire truck. We can climb the tree and eat the fruit while the breeze blows through our hair. My favorite place is under the leaves of our big Plane tree.

Sea

By Jakaiah Lawrence—Tanekaha R8

I see crashing waves racing each other to shore

Teeny tiny footprints disappearing like magic

I hear people screaming with happiness as they run into the cool water

Seagulls are gliding through the air like jet planes

I feel soft sand eating my feet.

Sharp shells pecking my painful feet.

Waves slapping my face like a whip



Community Notices

School is back!

Now that Christmas is over, the toys have been thrashed or the kids are bored with their toys...check out this months offer to be part of Matamata's Toy Library

New workbench kindly donated by Superior Carpentry/Construction

Great New toys to hire from \$5c to \$4 for two weeks

Join in March with a friend and only pay \$25 each for 12 months!

plus... Receive a \$10 Robert Harris Matamata Voucher when you join!

Standard membership: \$50 for 12 months | \$30 for 6 Months

If your children are getting bored with their toys, or you might be running out of storage for more toys, **don't buy, HIRE!**

We have over 200 quality toys available for hire that will encourage your child's development through play.

MATAMATA Toy Library

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