



NEWSLETTER

March

29th Friday Triathlon/Duathlon - Starting 1pm
29th Friday School Assembly 9am - Swimming Awards - Parents Welcome

April

12th Friday Last Day Term 1
29th Monday Term 2 Begins

✕ mark it on your calendar



It has been a sad couple of weeks for our country since the last newsletter, and our hearts go out to all families affected by the events in Christchurch. As a school community we have embraced the concept that who you are as a person, is just as important as the academic things you might learn at Hinuera School. I think it is wonderful that 'Respect', as a foundation value of the school, is engraved in stone on our beautiful sculpture as you enter our school grounds, but it is even more important that we hold values like respect, kindness and empathy in our hearts as daily realities of how we interact with others. It is one of the great joys of my life to be in the classrooms and playground at Hinuera School, and see the very real ways that our students live these realities – yes, like all of us, there are times when they may get the odd thing wrong with this, and they need to Learn and Grow from those experiences. But the general tone of our environment is one of care and acceptance of others, and you should all be very proud of your children for the way they adopt family and school values into their lives and create the environment that we all enjoy at Hinuera. Let's keep sharing that joy with our wider community – we all need love and care continually in our lives.
Dean.

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

School Emergency/Lockdown Procedure

With the recent sad events in our country, it is timely to reassure you all that our school has wide ranging emergency and lockdown procedures in place. If we ever have a severe weather event and could only release students direct to families from classrooms, we would post details of this online if we are able. Teachers record each release of students, and who collected them. If in Lockdown we would post information as able, but would encourage all families to follow Emergency Services directions. A Code Blue Lockdown relates to things like a chemical spill or similar in our area that could endanger people (including fumes), and a Code Red Lockdown would relate to a safety issue on the school site. We have had a Code Red Lockdown in 2017, when suspects trying to evade police, fled across the school grounds. The police said they were very pleased to see that we observed what was happening, went into Lockdown on our own initiative, and that it had worked so well. It is likely that we will start completing lockdown trials in a similar way to the current fire/earthquake trials, but we are letting the recent events settle some more before working through this with students.

School Terms 2019

Term 1: 28 January—12 April
Term 2: 29 April—5 July
Term 3: 22 July—27 September
Term 4: 14 October—13 December

Swimming Sports

Well our swimming competitions are done and dusted for 2019.

The junior swimming event was a great chance for our little people to show off their water skills and confidence. Thanks to all the parents who turned up to support them.

The Interschool Swimming Sports were also a fun and challenging event. We have some outstanding senior swimmers. Our students can be very proud of their achievements both in the pool, and as good representatives of Hinni kid values and sportsmanship.



There will be certificates awarded to place-getters of the Junior & Interschool Swimming Sports at the assembly on Friday 29th at 9.am for any parents who would like to attend.

School Carpark

This is a further request to anyone using the school car park area. **Please remember to keep your speed right down in this 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

There was a notice sent home yesterday giving details on our school duathlon and triathlon which is to be held tomorrow. If you don't have this, please do a quick search of the school bag to see if you can locate it. This event is set to start at 1pm so come along, cheer loudly and encourage all our students to give of their very best.

BOT Elections

BOT Elections will be happening next term. For those people who are considering putting their name forward, you may like to attend the next BOT meeting just to gauge what happens and to see if this is a role you could see yourself in. The next BOT meeting will be on Wednesday May 1st at 7pm in the school staffroom. Nominations for the BOT will open on 8 May and will close on 24 May. Watch out for more information on this through the school newsletter.

In preparation for the elections, the school database will need to be brought up to date with current addresses of all caregivers. **If you have changed address and not passed this information onto the school office, could you please do so** or you may just like to check that we have the right one on file.

For those people with children in Year 6, please be aware that you will be eligible to

vote in the Intermediate school elections as well, so you will receive any relevant information from them also.

Discovery Time

Over the past few weeks, all students have been able to choose an exciting activity to be involved in from morning tea until lunchtime on Thursdays. These are hosted primarily by the class teachers, along with Jade and Dean. Activities/Groups are Free Play, Enviro Warriors, Eat Your Art Out, Swimming Club, Printmaking, Coding, Go Cart Construction, Outdoor Pursuits & Mindful Colouring. These groups are further proof that school is a great place to learn and grow in. Check out some of the recent Discovery Time snaps...



****Easter Raffle**** **We Would Love More Chocolate!!**

A big thank you to all those people who have donated chocolate treats for our Easter raffle. Please keep bringing these in as we hope to have several prizes to give away when the raffle is drawn on 10th April. **Ticket sales seem to be going well and we encourage any family who would like more tickets to pop into the office and get some.** We already have a couple of students looking at the "top sales spot" for this raffle. At just \$1 each, people are pretty happy to support the school. All tickets need to be returned by **Friday 5th April.**



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**
29th March
Donna Begovich & Philippa Turner
5th April
Phil Sherwood & Holly Barron

Bulletin Board



Check out the fun April holiday activities hosted by Starfish.
Go to: www.starfishservices.org.nz

Spanish Lessons for Kids

at Hinuera Playcentre

Mondays

For more information please

Call Mariana 0210582731



Piano Tuition

7½ to adult.

Classical to Modern
Preparation for Exams
if Required

Contact Charmaine Donaldson
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