



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to 2019 at Hinuera School. There are loads of important 'Start of the Year' notices in this newsletter, so please take the time to check these out and follow up on anything needed.

Thanks everyone Dean.

A special Hinuera welcome to the following students who have recently joined our school ...

Mason Lovett	Kowhai	Connor Aspinall	Matai
Lochie Aspinall	Rata	Beau Jamieson	Kowhai
Ainsley McLennan	Kowhai	Chloe Cox	Kowhai



Staffing Update

It is great to be starting the year fully staffed. This year we welcome Adele Hickey to the teaching team to pick up the Reading Recovery Teacher role – Welcome to Team Hinni, Adele. Our congratulations go to Emma Lockett, who has been appointed to one of the Matamata Kaahui Ako/Community of Learning Across School roles – well done Emma! This means Emma continues to teach at Hinuera, but will also be sharing her wonderful skills with the wider Matamata area. We are excited to welcome Carolyn Brakenrig back to the teaching team as Emma's release teacher for the days that Emma has across school commitments. This year Natalie de Jong and Lynley Neal are team teaching in Matai (R5), with Natalie teaching Monday/Tuesday and Friday, and Lynley on Wednesday/Thursday. Great to have the skills of these teachers in our school in 2019, and as a staff we are excited about the opportunities for great learning outcomes for all our students this year.

Absent Students

Please remember to contact the office by 9am if your child will be away from school on any day. You can ring the school number on 07 888 1772 and press 1 as soon as the welcome message starts. That will take you to the absence mailbox. Please leave your child's full name and classroom and reason for absence. If you need to discuss the reasons for the absence, press two and speak to the office. If you prefer email, please email both

carol.murray@hinuera.school.nz & sandy.mclaren@hinuera.school.nz (by 9am)

Alternatively you can text the school on 027 497 6922. We would prefer this number was not used for office voice calls though.

PTA Welcome BBQ

Our PTA Welcome BBQ will be held this Friday, 1st February from 5.30pm, and eating at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to this relaxed night. This year the PTA are fully catering this event, so it is literally a free dinner! If you are planning to come, please go to the school Facebook or Website pages and register there so that we know numbers for catering or alternatively scan the QR Code on the newsletter. Please bring your own plates, cutlery and refreshments. We don't do dishes on the night, so it is appreciated if you can just take these home with you. The pool will be open for a swim, so children can bring their swimming gear. A reminder that there is no glass allowed in the pool area. Teachers will be here to say hello if any family members haven't met them yet.

Bus Safety

Bus safety day is coming up. This is vital for a safe and happy year of bus transport. Below are things our bus children need to remember. Please discuss these with your children.

Before Getting on the Bus ...

- * Put your safety bus vest on.
- * Think carefully about a safe place to wait (where you can be seen, but not too close to the road).
- * If you are bringing a ball to school, it must be in your bag or in a shopping bag. Do not play with it while waiting for the bus.
- * Wait sensibly for the bus.
- * Bag strap on one shoulder so you can take it off easily.

Coming Events

Friday 1st Feb

PTA Welcome BBQ—5.30pm

Wednesday 6th Feb

Waitangi Day—No School

Tuesday 12th Feb

12.40pm - Camp Meeting

Feb 18th—22nd

Years 5 & 6

Camp at Aongatete Lodge



✗ mark it on your calendar

Welcome BBQ QR Code



- * Wait until bus wheels stop completely before you move.

On the Bus ...

- * Put your bag underneath your seat, on the floor, or on your knee, when seated.
- * Sit properly in the seat facing the front, with your back against the back of the seat.
- * Use quiet "classroom" voices.
- * No eating or drinking on the bus.
- * Don't have pencils or similar sharp objects in your hands.
- * Don't put your hands or any other part of your body out the window.
- * Wait until the bus has stopped before you get up to leave the bus.
- * Bag on one shoulder only as you get off.

After getting off the bus

- * Step carefully off the bus and wait in a safe place for it to leave.
- * If you are crossing the road after getting off the bus walk to the back of the bus (do not go behind it) and wait for it to drive far enough away for you to see clearly both ways before crossing.
- * Look and listen carefully before crossing – if you are not sure – WAIT.
- * When you arrive at school, put your bus vest away safely in your bag.

Bus Consequences ... Good behaviour on the bus is very important to us as a school. We do all sorts of things to encourage this, but we also have appropriate actions to discourage bad behaviour. Initially this might be a word of warning from a teacher, but if the behaviour is particularly poor, parents will have a bus behaviour letter sent home. If a child receives three letters in a year, they are not able to travel on the bus for a week, and any further trouble would lead to the possibility of permanent exclusion. The Matamata District Bus Policy also reserves the right for principals to go straight to the step of removing students from the bus for short periods or permanently if there are strong grounds for this (usually the safety of the bus run or other students). Please be aware of these issues and make sure your children know that they need to behave appropriately on the bus.

T-Shirts

We are currently out of school T-Shirts in sizes 6 and 8. We have these on order and will let you know when they arrive.

Waitangi Day

Remember that even though we have only just got going, next Wednesday 6th Feb is a holiday for Waitangi Day. The school will be closed for the day.

Sausage Sizzle

Sausage sizzle is starting this Friday 1st February. Your child was given a pre-order form today so you may need to rummage in the bottom of their school bag to find it or pick up another one from the school office. Children can just order before school on the day if this suits. Sausages are \$2.00 each or \$2.50 for gluten free.

Asthma Inhalers & Medications

Children who need asthma inhalers or other medications at school should have these available at the school office. If you have not provided these we would ask that you please do so. If you have provided a medication in the past, now is a great time to check with the office in case it has expired. Thanks in anticipation.

Swimming

Health and Safety Regulations advise that no children are allowed into the pool while they have sores on their skin—even if they are covered. They also advise that any child who has been away from school with tummy bug symptoms should not swim for 2 days after they return to school. We thank you for assisting us in adhering to these recommendations.

Camp Meeting

There is a general camp meeting at 12.40pm on Tuesday 12th February for **any parents** that may want to come and hear about camp, and have any questions answered. **All camp parents will definitely need to attend** as we will run through specific organisation details with you straight after the general meeting. Camp Newsletter Number 2 will be sent home tomorrow. This includes the Food Donation form, the Student Health Profile, Swimming Consent and Student Camp Permission. The Gear/Equipment list will be sent home Monday 4th February

Bulletin Board

-- TENNIS --



New to the Tirau Club!
Junior tennis. No coaching – this will start again in October.
Starts Tuesday, 12 February from 4 to 5.30 pm.

For school students of all ages who have basic skills and want to learn more about game playing, scoring, court etiquette etc.

Parental involvement is always a bonus – and kids love playing with parents!

Own racquets preferable, but some are available at the club.

**Enquiries to Janet Palmer
027 272 9835 or 07 883 1452**

SAUSAGE ROSTER

We are looking for parents to volunteer to do the Friday Sausage Sizzle. Please consider putting your name forward. If you haven't done it before you will be paired with someone who knows the ropes. It only takes an hour out of your Friday.

**Please phone:
Vicki Tapper 021 525 970**