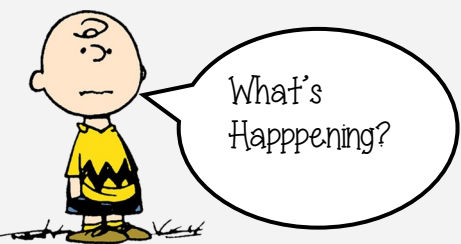


HINUERA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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February...

6th Thursday Waitangi Day
24th Monday Y5/6 School Camp

March...

10th Tuesday Parent Teacher Interviews *(more info to follow)*
12th Thursday Hearing & Vision Checks

*Kia ora Everyone, and welcome to an exciting year of Learning and Growing at Hinuera School. Last year we completed meetings and surveys about our vision for the school, and this resulted in our new vision statement of "Ko te waihanga i te tahi waiheke kaha" - "Building a strong future". As we look forward as a school in 2020, we have so many exciting opportunities to actively build the future we want together through the seven key areas that everyone raised as important for us as a school to really live this new vision. Those areas are continuing from our **Strong Foundation, Community, Collaboration, Embracing Challenge, having a Future Focus, growing our Curiosity, and aiming for Success in multiple ways. So strap yourself in and let's go!***

Ngā mihi nui Dean

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.

Building Project

It is great to see this redevelopment project moving ahead. Kowhai (R2) are currently based in the library and Rimu and Kauri (R3/4) are in the hall. Once their remodelled classrooms are completed, work will commence on Rata and Tanekaha (R7/8). Exciting times. Thank you for your understanding during this time. The short term inconvenience will be worth it.

Bus Safety



On Friday we had our annual bus safety day where children were instructed on the all important safety behaviours and routines regarding using the school bus. This is vital for a safe and happy year of bus transport. Below are many of the things our bus children need to remember. Please discuss these with your children.

Before Getting on the Bus ...

- * If you're bringing a ball to school it must be in your school bag or in a shopping bag. Do not play with it while waiting for or on the bus.
- * Think carefully about a safe place to

wait (where you can be seen, but not too close to the road).

- * Wait sensibly for the bus.
- * Bag strap on one shoulder so you can take it off easily.
- * 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.
- * Food, drink bottles, pens & pencils stay in your bags.
- * Don't have pencils or similar sharp objects in your hands.
- * Hands inside the bus.
- * Wait until the bus has stopped before you get up to leave.
- * 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.

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 notification 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 longer periods off the bus, perhaps even permanently. 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 buses.

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 **888 1772 and press 1** as soon as the welcome message starts. This will take you to the absence mailbox. **Please leave your child's full name and classroom and the reason for the absence.** Alternatively if you need to discuss the reasons for the absence, press 2 and speak to the office staff.

To email your absence send to both sandy.mclaren@hinuera.school.nz and carol.murray@hinuera.school.nz

And if you are still looking for another convenient option text the school phone on **027 497 6922**. We would prefer this number was not used for office voice calls though.

Waitangi Day

Remember that even though we have only just got going, tomorrow, Thursday 6th Feb is a holiday for Waitangi Day. The

school will be closed for the day but **open again on Friday**. It seems that some families are intending to take the Friday off to take a long weekend break. If you are one of these families, we would ask that you please let the school know so that we can record this absence in an appropriate way.

Asthma Inhalers & Medications

Children who need asthma inhalers or other medications at school will need to bring these to the office. If you have provided a medication in the past, now is a great time to check with the office in case it has expired. We do not allow children to self-medicate or to hold medication in their bags for health and safety reasons. Many thanks for your help with this.

Swimming

Just a reminder of the regulations covering the use of the school pool ...

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.

Camp 2020

Our Annual Year 5/6 Camp for 2020 will be in Ohope this year starting on Monday 24th Feb and running for the full week. Students will enjoy a range of activities including... A Kiwi Tracker Walk, Rocky Shore Study, Fishing, Surf Life Saving, Bush Walks and Swimming. Thanks to the team of parents and

teachers who make this all happen for our Hinni kids.

Hearing & Vision Checks

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school on 12 March. The objective of the test is 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
- ▶ If there is a genuine concern, parents and teachers may request a vision or hearing check NB; parents must consent to this

What tests are carried out?

Ears Audiometry (hearing test)
Eyes Long distance vision tests – not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test

The Vision Hearing Technician will:

Notify parents of all test results
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.

Friday Sausage Sizzle

Don't forget if you want to pre-order Friday sausages for the term, you can go onto Facebook and follow the link, or you can come into the office and pick up a form to fill in.

Welcome

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

Erica Jackson	R3
Kayce Prier	R2
Boston Hammond	R2
Hugo Jeynes	R2
Daniel Wheadon	R2
Taylah Thompson	R5
Shiloh Bowden	R7
Lily Cullen	R8
James Bennett-Williamson	R2
Cooper McKee	R5
Callum Nathan	R3
Jayden Walsh	R2
Ashleigh Watkins	R5
Willow Watkins	R7
Anaya Bayly	R4



Community Notices

Homeopathic First Aid Course

Monday from 2 March for 4 weeks 9.30 – 11.30 ...\$60
OR
Monday from 2 March for 4 weeks 7pm - 9pm ...\$60
Tainui Room Memorial Centre
11 Tainui St Matamata

Homeopathy First Aid Course provides an insight into homeopathy, its history and its development. It provides methodology for first-aid and acute prescribing in homeopathy, so that you can use it in everyday situations at home, on the sports field, at work and on holiday – for you, your family and friends. By the end of the course I hope you will be able to treat many acute and first aid situations such as: childhood fevers, vomiting, wounds, coughs, flu, diarrhoea, etc.

Email your notice of interested stating which course you wish to attend. Course material and account details will be sent to you.
synergyhomeopathynz@gmail.com

Look forward to meeting you
Regards Caren McDonald Dip Hom Dip Ed

WALTON PTA PRESENTS...

WALTON ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 2020

Join in the fun with our orienteering event for the whole family!

For more information and entries visit...
www.waltonwac.com
Limited entries - don't miss out!

Piano Tuition

7½ to adult.
Classical to Modern
Preparation for Exams
if Required

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