



September

10th	Thursday	Hinuera Cross Country
11th	Friday	Gymnastics Showcase
16th	Wednesday	Interscholar Cross Country
22nd	Tuesday	Ag Day

Kia ora Hinuera Whanau.

Great to see the sun out this morning and to have the kids out running around on the field after the rain last week. Thinking of all our farmers with the busy time at the moment, and hoping the sun on your back is an encouragement too.

Best Regards
Dean



A special Hinuera welcome to Casey Prangle Room 2 who recently joined our Hinuera School Family

Ag Day

Ag Day will definitely continue, even if we are still at Covid Level 2. It will be reasonably easy to divide up the field by event, and track group numbers for each area. The only other thing it may change is our ability to involve all our other students in the day, like we are usually able to, but we'll see what happens and cross that bridge if we come to it! So keep up the training with the animals and we're looking forward to a great day.

If you have an entry for Ag Day this year, please be sure to go online and register it so that we can sort out all the background details for the big day. Emails were sent out to all families with the link to the registration forms so check your in-box for this.

If you have cups from last year that need to come back, would you please ensure you make this a priority.

Raffle Tickets

The PTA have recently put together a Father's Day raffle. Each child has been giv-

en 5 raffle tickets to sell at \$2.00 each. If you are not able to, or do not wish to sell these tickets, please send them back to the school office. All tickets will need to be in by Wednesday 2nd September for the draw on Friday. There will be 2 lucky prize winning Dads out there in the community but hopefully all our Dad's will receive acknowledgement from their families for the amazing things they do.

True Colours Day

What a super dress up day we had on Friday. It was so nice to see the explosion of colour in all the classrooms. A special thank you to all those who were able to contribute toward our World Vision sponsorship children and to the Children's Health Trust. In all we raised \$295.00 which will be split between both causes. For those receiving a paper copy of this newsletter, you will have to use your imagination regarding the colour in the following picture although you may see a few crazy wigs and hats there which would give you a clue as to the tone of the day.



Cotter Cup

Sadly it looks like the continual postponements have finished off any chances of holding Cotter Cup tournament day this year. It has just gotten too hard for many of the schools to find room in their calendars to make it work. We'll see how things settle and hope to try and hold some sort

of invitational games at some stage. These are easier to manage, as they don't involve a tournament with continual games and swapping fields etc. We'll update further if we are able to get something confirmed.

Poetry Finals

The senior school recently held their annual poetry finals. Place-getter points from this event go toward the Oral Language Cup presented at the end of the year, so there is always a big incentive to give of your best. The following people are our well deserved winners on the day, although we do commend all those who stepped up and gave it their best shot.



Year 6

Charlotte Bell 1st
Cameron Muller 2nd
Cooper Polaschek 3rd

Olive Tapper Finalist
Jennifer Germann Finalist
Kyle Alexander Finalist
Arna Morton Finalist
Lucy O'Reilly Finalist
Julia Tiddy Finalist

Year 5

Marcus Lind 1st
Emma Lock 2nd equal
Lachlan Neal 2nd equal

Cross Country Event Changes

With Covid Level 2 continuing until at least 6th Sept, we have decided to move our Hinuera School Cross Country to Thursday 10th Sept. This means if we are able to get back to Level 1 before then, it will be much easier to organise. If we're still at Level 2 on 10th September we will still hold the Cross Country that day, and we'll publish organisational details during that week

about spectator sign in areas, which will limit spectator groups to 100. Please note that if Level 2 remains in place through until the planned Interscholar Cross Country dates, it will be postponed, as it will be too hard trying to run a combined school event like this at Level 2.

Scholastic Book-club

Please note that the latest Book-club brochures went out to students today. These are due back by September 11th. As always there is no obligation to purchase.

Hockey Reminder

For all those involved with Saturday Hockey, please note that it has been cancelled for this coming Saturday 29th August.

STUDENT WRITING

Tanekaha R8 have been writing some amazing Tui stories. It's great to see how our students progress over the years.

The Tui is a truly majestic bird, soaring through the sky, aggressively taking territory he wants. The Tui is a military air-force taking down other birds and stealing nectar from others. He's the viz engine racing other birds and taking the first place. He's camouflaged in the tree tops jumping from branch to branch searching for food and hiding from predators that leave nothing but bones. This is why snails, caterpillars and other insects get frightened when they see iridescent green/purplish feathers and a sharp beak pointing straight at them. The bush is a supermarket for Tui only and is restricted

to other animals.

Only once have I seen a Tui ambush a bellbird. It was 2019 and I was in the bush searching for a Tui when I came to a halt and saw a Bellbird. I was making sure nothing would come and kill it but I heard a frightening chirp from the tree tops. It was a territorial chirp from a Tui. Next minute a Tui came soaring down like a shot down airplane, its sharp beak pointing right at the Bellbird. A snap and a crunch and it was all over for the Bellbird just because the Bellbird came into the Tui's territory.



By Leon Spilsbury

"Get out of my tree you horrible little pest" I screeched. "Don't you know I'm a kiwi icon and that means this tree is rightfully mine"! The pesky little bird seemed not to hear. My eyes blazed at the site of the bird. I let out a scream and dived. If the bird won't listen, it will have to feel a world of pain. My talons dig into the now visible glittery feathers as I go down and take the bird with me. I cackled my territorial call as I pinned the bird to the ground. I bristle my iridescent feathers that only I the Tui could possess.

By Julia Tiddy

I'm a Tui. Another word for a Tui is a god. I have white puffy clouds of feathers coming out from my throat that look like white

paint has been flicked at me. I have blue, green, turquoise feathers with a stubby beak. Right now I am relaxing on my Kowhai tree and a pesky sparrow hops on. "GET OFF MY TREE" I scream at him as I come at the ugly little thing with my scaly black feet. "ARGHHH" squeaked the Sparrow as he flew off into the majestic green forest. "Ugh" muttered Tina Tui, "I hate those pesky Sparrows". I mimic the bell bird noise because I'm hungry. The ugly green bird tweets over then I ATTACK IT! "What's for dinner"? Asked my brother. (I was cooking tonight) "Bellbird" I replied.

By Casey Harris



SAUSAGE ROSTER

Thanks to the following Sausage Sizzle volunteers:
28 Aug Rowena Kemp & Kristy Jeynes
4 Sept TBC

Community Notices ...



HAVE YOUR SAY 2

Settlements Plan Change

If you would like to have your say on the proposed settlement plan changes, feel free to pick up a brochure from the school office or visit mpdc.nz/settlements for more information.



FREE EAR CLINIC

Tuesday 15 September	Pohlen House Carpark 58 Rawhiti Ave, Matamata	12 – 1.30 pm
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