



December

11th Friday End of Year Assembly

February

4th Thursday Children Begin School



Kia ora Everyone.

So here we are – the last newsletter for the year! After all that has happened it's almost hard to believe we're here!

Thank you and Haere rā to all the families finishing with us this year. You are all valued and appreciated.

Wishing everyone joy and rest over this summer.

Ngā mihi nui – Dean

made online anytime. We would ask that you reference your payments with your child's name. We would also ask that you return the slip at the bottom of the stationery list so that we know exactly what your payment covers. Please Note : The school office will be open from 9.00am—2pm on the 27th & 28th of January for anyone who would like to pick up their stationery early.

End of Year Assembly

It's the big day tomorrow. Here are the details one more time.

- Venue: Matamata Bible Church, 11 Meura Street.
- Deliver children between 7.50-8.40 am
- Those using the school bus into school must register at the office.
- Children need school bags with morning tea and a drink bottle.
- Parents and friends are welcome from 10.15am.
- Assembly starts at 10.30am.
- School is finished after the assembly
- Parents will need to either take their children home or arrange to have them go home with friends.
- Children must leave with a supervising adult.
- No playing outside please.

Hinuera Board Surveys

Thank you to everyone that has participated in survey responses this year. That has included Covid-19 decision making surveys during lockdown, Dean's principal appraisal

responses, the *Rongohia te hau* culture and learning survey in September, and most recently the Hinni Highway and Health Statement survey. Your input on all of these is a wonderful help in planning for our school going forward, and always give us great things to consider. The responses were positive in the recent community survey, with some good ideas added as well. We will consider these as we work on plans for 2021. Thank you again for responses to all these surveys.



Update from the School Board

Thank you to everyone in the school community for working together to get through this year so well. We want to congratulate Emma Lockett for being appointed as a Community of Learning/Kaahui Ako Across School Teacher in 2021. This work will see Emma support other schools in our area with professional growth and achievement. Emma will be doing this

work one day a week, and Lynley Neal will be the teacher in Rimu on those days. Emma and Lynley already have a strong working relationship, so we anticipate a seamless transition to this new arrangement.

STUDENT WORK

The Tangiwai Disaster

By Shepherd Hudson R7

The Tangiwai disaster was caused by a lahar from Mt Ruapehu's crater lake. It travelled down the Whangaehu River and took out the Tangiwai bridge.

On Christmas Eve at 10:21 pm in 1953, family members were coming home for Christmas on the Wellington Auckland express train. The train plunged into the river with 285 people on board the train. Unfortunately 151 people lost their lives.

The Maui Eruption

By Elizabeth Furness R7

Maui Eruption

Hawaii, the place where everyone wants to be for their summer vacation, but a devastating eruption took place on the main island (Maui).



The Devastating Year

In 2018 something terrible happened to the main island of Hawaii (Maui). Everything changed in the morning at 12:55 am on the 3 of may. A volcano started spewing lava and didn't stop until the 4 of September.

Destructive Damage

Sadly over 1,700 people had to evacuate their homes to be safe. Over 700 houses were destroyed. Everyone knew Maui would never look the same.

The Casualties it Caused

Luckily there were no deaths because most people evacuated the island. There were, however 24 injuries.

What Caused the Eruption to Happen?

New magma was injected into the rift zone and the volcano got angry and started smoking, then it erupted.

How long the Eruption went for

Everyone was devastated that the eruption went for three months, remember it started May 3rd and stopped September the 4th.

The Tangiwai Disaster

By Olive Barron

On the 24 of December 10:21pm, 1953 a lahar struck from the Ruapehu crater lake.

A 6 metre high wave of dirt, water, ice, mud, and rocks surged down and into the Whangaehu River crashing into the Tangiwai Railway Bridge

Unfortunately, early the next morning, the Auckland to Wellington express fell into the lahar, carrying 285 people, killing 151, injuring 28 and sweeping 20 people away with that 6 metre high wave

The Staple

By Casey Harris R8

I felt a sharp pain rushing into my sweaty right foot.

"Charlotte, is there something in my foot: I screamed.

Charlotte had a quick look then called Lily over.

"Eww" she gasped. They had horrid looks on their faces. They called Lucy and Mr Mac over. They also had horrid expressions on their faces.

"Wait, what's wrong?" I asked suspiciously.

"Let's get to the office" said Mr Mac. I had a quick look and I was super worried.

Mr Mac showed the office ladies. They also had horrid expressions on their faces.

"Lets numb it with some ice" said Charlotte!

"Good idea" said Mrs Murray. She went and found an ice-block and put it where the staple was sticking out. It numbed it a little. Then Mr Mac decided it was time to pull in out.

"Ahhh!" I screamed in terror. "Wait that didn't hurt" I exclaimed.

Mr Mac is a Hero!



A special Hinuera welcome to Laura Morgan who is our last little person for 2020 to join the happy crew in Room 2 Kowhai.



Stationery 2021

All students have been issued with their class stationery lists for next year. Please hang on to these so that you can refer to them next year as needed. Stationery Pack payments and Camp Donations can be



Community Notices ...

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