

Hinuera School News ...

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What a great night last Friday for the Welcome BBQ. The rain certainly didn't dampen the atmosphere, and I got the feeling that having the chance to swim in the rain was actually pretty cool for the kids! The sense of shared community that pervades our school is the main thing that drives all the other wonderful things that happen here, so thanks to you all for the many ways you contribute to this.

Best Regards – Dean.



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

Bentley Witheford Room 2

Camp Next Week

Our annual Y5/6 camp for 2018 takes place next week at Ohope Beach. Students will cover surf safety, rocky shore and environmental protection (kiwi re-establishment) topics, as well as completing awesome activities like waka-ama. I (Dean) generally join the staff team leading camp for the week, so Jade Butler will lead the school in my absence. Thanks to the whole staff team, who always do such a great job keeping things running well while the rest of us are away on camp, and thanks also to the parents and other staff that make the commitment to make camp happen. It is a wonderful week and you are truly appreciated.

here, as we are zoned. As many of you know, this isn't the case, as you yourselves have enrolled from outside the zone. The only times I have ever needed to say no to an out of zone enrolment is when out of zone families with older children apply to enrol, and these classes are already full. That is when the zone works for us, as it avoids your children having to endure overcrowded classes and the poorer learning environment it would create. But in the 5 years that we have enforced an enrolment zone, I have never needed to say no to the new entrant 5 year old enrolments. We have taken them all, and it has always worked out pretty much spot on. So please do keep the positive message out there, that we are open and looking for 5 year old enrolments. This keeps our student roll strong and assures the number of classes we operate can remain into the future. Although new entrant numbers through the first half of this year are strong, pre-enrolments for the 12 months from July 2018 seem quite light, so your help with finding those that would love to join us would be much appreciated. Thanks All!



Bus Lists

Just a reminder to please cross your child's name off the bus lists in the library if you are picking them up. We simply require an initial on the appropriate day against your child's name. This means the bus duty teachers are not scouting around the school hunting for children that have already gone home with a parent. As you

can imagine, this can be a little frustrating when you have buses running to a timetable. You are also welcome to phone the school office and let them know you will be picking up your child so that we can record this for you. Thanks for your help.

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 along with a reason for their absence. If you prefer email, please **email both** carol.murray@hinuera.school.nz sandy.mclaren@hinuera.school.nz Alternatively you can text the school on **027 497 6922**. We would prefer this number was not used for office voice calls though.



Many children come home with some type of homework, like reading, learning how to spell new words, practising basic maths facts, or even projects to be completed over a longer period of time. It is useful to know how to support your child to do their homework, but not do it for them. Here are some Ministry guidelines for you to consider ...

How can I help my child with homework?

If your child does bring work home here are some tips to help them:

- ▶ let them have a bit of time to unwind after school - they will have been working all day
- ▶ give them a snack and drink - their brains work better with fuel

- ▶ make sure they have a suitable environment to work in. Let them choose a comfortable space, clear away any distractions and keep siblings away from them
- ▶ decide together how long their homework will take
- ▶ make sure they have everything they need before they start - a set of fun stationery just for homework can be a great motivator.

What if they get stuck?

Help your child problem-solve by explaining or showing them the steps to complete a task. Let them do the steps though.

- ▶ make up a similar question or task as an example. Show them how to work through it and then get them to have a go at their homework task
- ▶ try giving clues rather than the answer, but be aware of frustration levels - both theirs and yours
- ▶ keep the clues simple - remind them of all the other times they have been able to work things out
- ▶ ideally homework will be connected to something they've already learned, so encourage them to think back and start from what they can do.

Don't help them too much, for example, explain where and how to find information, rather than giving it to them. Have fun and enjoy sharing in your child's learning.



Receipts

All receipts for school and camp donations have now been issued. Please make sure these are retrieved from your child's school bag as these amounts are tax deductible. If you haven't received your receipt, please get in touch with the school office.

Student Writing

Room 6 are getting off to a fine start with their writing. If they are this good at the beginning of the year, imagine how amazing their writing will be at the end of the year! Fantastic

My Mum is a meerkat that lives in the zoo
My Dad is a big tough bear that's really hungry

My brother is as fast as a cheetah in a cheetah race.

My sister is a monkey that swings in the trees.

I am a lion leaping in the jungle.



By Jacob Kerr—Rm 6

People think that I am smart and good at cricket.

I am the owner of my dog Cara.

I love my animals and my family.

I am sad, happy and scared of rats, spiders and cockroaches.

I have got a cow.

I want to see dancing dogs.

I live in Matamata.

My last name is Lock.

My first name is Emma.

By Emma Lock—Rm 6

My Mum is a soft sweet pear
My Dad is a strong superior drone
My brother is a shiny orange car
My sister is a smiley fidget box
My Poppa is an old fast pinching machine
My north island cousin is a pretty pink princess
My number 1 south island cousin is a big tall giraffe
My number 2 south island cousin is a nutty little nut.

My number 3 south island cousin is a fired up bull.

Well me ... I am a super fast lightning bolt!



By Lucy O'Reilly—Rm 6

People think that I am smart, good at ballet and tall.

I love my brothers, Pixi, Mum & Dad.

I am funny, nervous and playful.

I don't like wasps, stingless honey bees and lasagne.

I have experienced the sky tower.

I want to see Lego and Disneyland, Oslo.

I live at Taihoa South Road.

By Jennifer Germann—Rm 6

Friday Sausage Sizzle

Friday sausage sizzles are up and running again. If you have not pre-ordered you can bring your \$2 to the office on the day. Helpers for the next few weeks are....

Friday 16th February

Jacqui Tiddy and Christine Anderton

Friday 23rd February

Alice Lock and Vicki Tapper

If you can't make it please arrange a replacement or phone Vicki 021 525 970

GIRLS ONLY WORLD CUP FESTIVAL

Calling all girls!

This is a great opportunity to give football a go...and have some fun while you're at it. We'll have prizes for the best dressed and loudest teams on the day along with plenty of giveaways!

Enter teams from your school in the two age groups, as below. Smaller schools are encouraged to join together to field teams.

This tournament for the district's primary schools is part of the New Zealand-wide Girl's and Women's Football Week promotion.

MATAMATA

Friday March 2, 2018

Matamata Domain

From 9.30am to 12.30pm



Other details

Registration Schools to confirm team entries to Scott Parsonage by February 23. Entry Free. Teams of up to 8 players with 5 on the field at any one time.

For Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 teams.

Contact Scott Parsonage on scott.pl@walbop.co.nz #GETIN for 2018

SOCCER:

Sign up now for the Waikato Football Academy's term 1 programme. Six sessions beginning on Tuesday February 27 at the Matamata Domain. Cost: \$80. This offers great pre-season work for footballers, as well as excellent cross training for children involved in other winter sports.

Register via the link at: <http://www.matamataswifts.com/juniors/wfa/>. Contact waikatofootballacademy@gmail.com for more information.

