



February

12th Friday PTA Barbeque ... All welcome 5.30pm start
 16th Tuesday BOT Meeting 7.30pm
 17th Wednesday PTA Meeting 7pm—Good Merchant Matamata
 22-26 ... Year 5 and 6 students away on at Camp Aongatete



Kia ora Everyone, and a very warm welcome to the 2021 school year at Hinuera. We started our first day assembly with the reminder and challenge "He waka eke noa" – we're all in this canoe together! Hinuera School thrives when we embrace this spirit in our learning community, and it's how we make our mission statement "Learning and Growing" come fully alive. It is also a key driver for our current vision statement, that we are "Building a Strong Future" together. The challenge to pull together and achieve great things is there for all of us in 2021, so I encourage everyone to get involved and see where this year can take us.

Thanks All –Dean



Well our Hinuera family has grown substantially with the start of the school year bringing in 14 new faces. A huge welcome to the following young people ...

Reef Vaughan	Room 7
Kurt Revell	Room 2
Sophia Robinson	Room 4
Scarlett Robinson	Room 2
Thomas Simon	Room 6
Olivia Simon	Room 4
Lincoln Troost	Room 2
Briar Davidson	Room 3
Leyland Davidson	Room 6
Ruby Southcombe	Room 5
Abbey Nathan	Room 2

Charlotte Cullen	Room 2
Gabriel Parore	Room 5
Riki Parore	Room 7

School Calendar

Please find enclosed in this newsletter, a copy of the school calendar for this term. This will help you to know what's going on and give you a chance to forward plan if there are events are able to attend.



Sports Opportunities

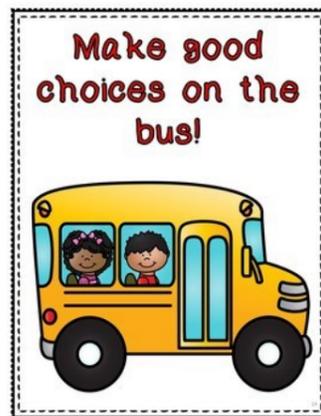
There is a Matamata Friday night cricket programme run by the Northern Districts Association for 5-8 year olds starting up tomorrow night, and a Tuesday after school hockey pre-season training programme run by Waikato Hockey at Mata-

mata College for Y3 and up starting next week. Both these have been advertised on school social media platforms, but if you're interested and can't access info on social media, please contact Mrs Maguire.

Tummy Bug

There is quite a bit of tummy bug circulating amongst our families at the moment. We would asked that you keep children home a full 48 hours after they have stopped vomiting to ensure they are no longer contagious. This is in line with health guidelines that are set down for us. Encourage your children to keep up the good handwashing skills they have learned as part of our Covid world as well.

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. 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 the seat, on the floor, or on your knee when seated.
- * Sit properly. Face the front, with your back against the back of the seat.
- * Use quiet "classroom" voices.
- * Food, drink bottles, pens & pencils stay in your bags.
- * 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, 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. We 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, 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. Please be aware of these issues and make sure your children know that they need to behave appropriately on the buses.

Student Absentees

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** or use the School Loop App to record your absence there.

So there are plenty of options available. Please be sure to use them.



Asthma Inhalers & Meds

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.



Sausage Sizzle

Term 1 pre purchase sausage notice was sent out yesterday. Please check for this in your child's school bag and send it back if you would like to opt in for the term. Return slips must be brought into the office. Be sure to pay your money into the PTA account or send cash along with the slip.

Please note: There will be frozen Juicies available for sale for the next few Fridays, so send your child along with **\$2** if they would like to purchase one at lunchtime.

SAUSAGE ROSTER

The following people have volunteered to do the sausage sizzle for the next 2 weeks. Many thanks.

12 Feb

Jeremy & Debby Cullen

19 Feb

Kristy Jeynes & Rowena Kemp

PTA Meeting

The first PTA meeting for 2021 will kick off at 7pm on Wednesday 17th Feb at the Good Merchant in Matamata. As always we would welcome some new faces to come and join our team. We aim to support the school and community through a variety of activities so come along and share your skills and ideas.

