

Hinuera School News ...

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March		
16th	Friday	Senior Swimming Sports 11am—Town Pools
22nd	Thursday	Junior Swimming Showcase 1.30pm
23rd	Friday	Interschool Swimming Sports
April		
6th	Friday	School Triathlon
9th	Monday	PTA AGM 7.30pm—Staffroom

Autumn is definitely here, and with it the annual warm clothing problem, as children turn up at school wearing a top that they remove during the day, as the temperature warms up. So just a friendly reminder to name all student property, particularly tops/jackets that are often removed, as they are generally our most common "found property item" (they lost it – we found it!). Even better, buy the marker pen and get them to name it themselves, and chat about the school value of Responsibility while they do it!

Regards – Dean.



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

Emerald Arnold—Room 2
Deacon Burcher—Room 2

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all those parents who attended interviews last week. We trust you found it helpful to discuss ways to support your children in their learning this year. If you were unable to attend but would value the chance to meet with the class teacher, please arrange a time with them individually.

Easter Break

It almost feels like we are back to the old 3 term school year with an Easter break during the term! This is because Easter falls early this year. For some reason the days a school is closed for over Easter has never been changed since the 4 term year was introduced in the 1990s, so the old Easter Tuesday School Holiday pops up again! It has always surprised me that Easter Tuesday as a school holiday wasn't scrapped

with the 4 term year, but as it is, the Ministry of Education have still "Gazetted" it as a compulsory closed day for 2018, so apologies to any working families who this causes issues for. Hoping you are able to find an easy solution for childcare if needed.

School Terms

Term 1	30 Jan	Friday 13 April
Term 2	Mon 30 April	Friday 6 July
Term 3	Mon 23 July	Friday 28 Sept
Term 4	Mon 15 Oct	Friday 14 Dec

Easter Break:
Friday 30th March—Tuesday 3rd April

Sports Events

Please check the calendar carefully, as there are several sports events over the next couple of weeks, including swimming and triathlon events.

Pre-Enrolments

We have strong student numbers through the school and good full classes, but I want to ask for parent help in keeping the message out there that we are fully open for 5 year old enrolments. I have picked up comments from chatting to people in the wider community that they think they can't enrol here, as we have a zone. 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!

Absentees

Please notify the office by 9am if your child will be away from school. We need to know your child's name, class and **reason for being away**. It is a Ministry requirement that a reason is provided for each absence. If we cannot establish this, the system defaults to truant so please ensure the office is kept informed.

Phone 07 888 1772 and press 1 to record an absence.

Or Email (please email both)
carol.murray@hinuera.school.nz
sandy.mclaren@hinuera.school.nz

Or Text 027 497 6922

Internet Payments

Many of our parents are choosing to make payments for student activities and donations through the internet banking system. If you would prefer to do this, please bank money into the following account number.

123438-0020413-00

Please reference with your child's name and an indication of what the money is for.

All money for PTA (eg sausage sizzle) must be paid into account number.

123438-0031673-00

Of course we are more than happy to receive cash or cheques at the office but

unfortunately we do not have eftpos facilities.

Swimming Sports

Don't forget that Senior Swimming Sports are on at the town pools tomorrow for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students. We will be leaving from school at 10.45am for an 11am start. Children will need a packed lunch and a large bottle of water.

The Junior Swimming Showcase will be held on Thursday 22nd March at the school pool. This is for Year 1 & 2 students. Events will begin at 1.30pm.

Student Writing

Summer holidays seem like a long time ago now that we are settled back into school life but pieces of writing like these will keep those happy memories alive and well.

Surfing

By Harry Redshaw—Rm 7

Swimming in the sea.
Under the cooling waves.
Really fun all holiday.
Flaming sausages on the grill.
In my bed for a
New day ready to
Go.



Rotorua

By Brayden Edmonds—Rm 7

*Raining slippery road
Open land in the grassy mountains.
Tumbling ball rolling down the hill.
Open green river rippling fast.
Really smelly water.
Unusual roads up the bumpy hill.
Amazing day at Rotorua.*

Fishing

By Tommy Parsons—Rm 7

Fish biting the juicy bait.
I cast out my long rod line.
Sand squishes between my toes.
Hands smell like stinky fish.
I dive into the freezing water collecting oysters.
Now it is time to go back to our cosy home.
Get back and cuddle my squishy lovely Guinea pig.

Room 4 have been doing some descriptive sentences about swimming. What fabulous little writers they are ...

I am snorkelling in the wavy water like a race car

By Charlie Redshaw

I am thundering across the see through water like a rocket.

By Cain Logie

I am diving through the shiny blue water like a dolphin.

By Sarie Morton

I am zooming through the greeny blue water like a whale.

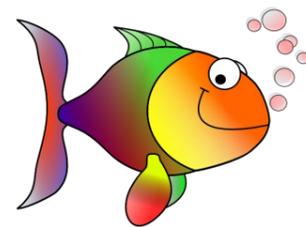
By Brooklyn Brewster

I am whizzing through the icy water like a race car

By Lukas Robinson

I am blowing bubbles in the shiny water like a jellyfish.

By Liam Eason



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 March

Jess Lovett & Kristy Jaynes

Friday 23rd March

Clayton Main & Karen Lind

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

Hinuera Church Services ...

Last Sunday of every month!
All Hinuera school families are welcome. We would love everyone to come along and enjoy the church. People will not be asked to do anything, just please come along. 11.15am start



2018 JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATION

PLEASE GET YOUR KIDS REGISTERED ONLINE NOW

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/60359>

HINUERA RUGBY & SPORTS INC



MATAMATA REPS GYMNASTICS AGM

22nd March 7.30pm
Upstairs at Headon Stadium
(Western Street Matamata)

We are hoping to double our Committee numbers this year so please come along and be part of our group.

Any enquiries to Katrina Morton
021 0251 6625.