

HINUERA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK

I want to say a huge thank you to the entire Hinuera School community for the careful and caring way you have worked with staff to have the school open again this week. Your children have been amazing and managed things very well all week. A reminder that the overriding principles for Alert Level 2 are:

- to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place
- to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school or early learning centre is infected
- understand that Level 2 is not business as usual

Your help with getting students in and out the gate effectively, and signing in if you are onsite, have been a great help with this.

Ngā mihi nui
Dean McDonnell



A special Hinuera welcome to the following students, some of who recently joined our team :

Tabitha Richards	R2
Daisy McGurk	R2
Brendan Fockens	R5

Book Club

Quite a few of our families ordered books through Scholastic prior to lock-down. Scholastic managed to get a few books through but not all of them so orders are incomplete at this stage. As soon as the remainder arrive we

will send them home with students. There will no doubt be a new catalogue out soon as well. With libraries being slow to open you might like the chance to build up your own little book collection at home. Watch out for this brochure in the next few weeks.

Sausage Sizzle

There will be no sausage sizzle this term so please continue to provide your children with their regular healthy lunchbox goodies. For those people who had prepaid for last term, we are aware that there were three weeks of lock down included in the pre-paid period. If you are wanting a refund on these weeks, please email the school office: office@hinuera.school.nz or alternatively we will carry this amount over to the next round of sausage sizzles when we are all clear to operate this again.

Winter Sports

Please note that we are unsure about what will happen with winter sports under the new restrictions. We will keep you all updated as we receive information on this.

Named Clothing

With the air chilling down substantially, students are arriving at school with a few extra layers on which is good to see. We are still lucky enough however to get some lovely warm patches during the day where children are shedding sweatshirts etc. Could you please ensure that clothing is named so that when it gets left in the cloak-bay or out on the field, that we can quickly return it to its rightful owner. Many thanks for your help with this.

Term Dates

Although we had some changes to our school term dates during lock down, we have now switched back to our normal timetable so the following dates apply.

T2	Last Day	3 July
T3	First Day	20 July
	Last Day	25 September
T4	First Day	12 October
	Last Day	11 December

Queen's Birthday Weekend

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 1 June as this is a public holiday. All going well, we might get the chance to stretch our legs and travel a little further afield rather than just sticking to our own back yards.

Name Change

Please note that Mrs Butler has had a name change and will now be known as Ms Silva.

Junior Block Project

We expect to have handover for these classes next Tuesday, so we will be completing classroom moves next Wednesday for the classes currently in the hall/library, and also for R7/8 moving to the hall for their building refit work to begin. Thank you for your patience with this.



STUDENT WRITING

We were lucky during lock down to have a whole host of pictures and writing sent through to our teachers from the various school families. It is always so inspiring to see examples of what our young people can achieve as they learn and grow. Being back at school has been socially exciting for our students but they also continue to flourish in their academic journey. Here are some more fine examples for you to enjoy....

By Tilly Hopkins—R6



Finding heaps of ants to put in my ant garden. So much dirt. Some of Dad's wood and a square for keeping ants safe.

I am making a miniature music room to show Dad how I want it to look. I will have my ukulele and book stand ready ... ready to make music.



By Hadassah Richards—R6

Matches ready
Bonfire burning
Marshmallows cooking ready for me to eat
Marshmallows gooey, squishy
Flames flying up to the stars
Moon shining
Drinking hot chocolate
Sitting by the hot fire
Making myself warm
Looking around at the flames in the darkness.



Room 8, Tanekaha have been talking about memories including some of those that we might carry with us as a result of the Covid experience...

By Lily Cullen

Warm:
Going on long walks with Dad in the morning.
Long Ago:
Having yummy dinners at restaurants
Sad:
Not seeing family and friends

Happy:
Playing last card every night with my family
Precious:
Baking treats with Mum and Nana.

By Austin Hailwood

Warm:
Spending more time with my Dad
Sad:
Not being able to see my friends
Long Ago:
Finding a t-shirt from when I was 6
Happy:
Doing runs with my Mum
Precious:
Watching my kittens playfight



Think left and think right
and think low
and think high.
Oh, the things you can
think up
if only you
TRY!
-Dr Seuss

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Gym Club



If there are any children interested in gymnastics.
Please email us for any info:
matamatagymclub@gmail.com
We have our first start date:
Wednesday 27th May 2020