



What's Happening?

December

11th Friday

End of Year Assembly

February

4th Thursday

Children Begin School



Hi Folks

It was a very special time on Tuesday to accompany Mrs Maguire and our Y6 students to Matamata Intermediate for the powhiri and orientation morning, including Y6 students meeting their teacher for next year. Our school appreciates the long and positive relationship we have enjoyed with Matamata Intermediate, as the main school we send students to, and it is great to see the wonderful way they welcome and transition our Hinni Kids to their new place of learning.

Just one more newsletter to come after this one, so please check all notices carefully.

Ngā mihi nui – Dean

Athletics Day

This lovely piece of writing by Olive Tapper R8, will give you a good feel for the fun and chaos of athletics day.

The first ring of the bell and we were off.
 Food was urgently munched and sun screen was generously slopped on.
 Vortex and Discus were thrown with mighty heaves.
 Shot puts were put with super strength.
 We jumped, we leaped and we bounded, crossing the finish line victoriously.
 Finally we RELAXED!



A big thank you to those involved in organizing the day. It ran like clockwork. Thanks also to parents who came along as supporters and to the PTA who provided sausages and iceblocks. Finally, a big congratulations to all our top place getters and to all those who gave it a go even if it was hard.

Prose Results

Congratulations to the following senior students who were finalists and place getters in our 2020 prose competition. It's not always easy to make a presentation of this nature so well done young people.

Year 4

1st Jacob Polaschek

2nd Olive Barron

3rd Shay Johnson

Finalist Hamish Alexander

Finalist Austin Arnold

Year 5

1st Zach Lentfer

2nd Emma Lock

3rd Marcus Lind

Finalist Lachlan Neal

Finalist Arley de Jong

Finalist Shepherd Richards

Year 6

1st Charlotte Bell

2nd Kyle Alexander

3rd Cameron Muller

Finalist Lucy O'Reilly

Finalist Olive Tapper



Library Books



All books in by tomorrow please!

We would ask that you have a good look around home for any books that might be sitting in dark forgotten corners. Notices will be sent home for any that are overdue or missing. Thanks for your help with this.

Stationery 2021

Stationery lists for 2021 will be issued to your children at the end of the 2020 year. The pack prices we negotiate for the beginning of the year are exceptionally competitive so we love being able to pass these on to you. For most, it will be a sim-

ple one off payment and the kids will be ready to go for the year! The office will be open on the 27th & 28th Jan for those who would like to collect their packs early. For our new year 5 and 6 students, there is a camp donation which assists in supporting this annual event. The suggested amount for 2021 is \$100.00 per student.

End of Year Assembly

End of Year Assembly is being held on Friday 11 Dec at Matamata Bible Church, 11 Meura Street, Matamata. All children need to be dropped at the venue between 7.50am—8.40am

Buses will be running in the morning to school. A teacher will meet all children who arrive at school before they travel together on one bus to the venue. All other students must be dropped directly to the venue please. If intending to use the bus in the morning, please register this intention at the school office.

Please send children with bags, including morning tea and a drink bottle. Parents and friends of the school are welcomed back to the venue from 10.15am. Assembly starts at 10.30am.

School is finished after the assembly and there are no buses in the afternoon. Parents will need to either take their children home or arrange to have them go home with friends. Please notify the class teacher if your children will be going home with someone other than their parent or caregiver. Please also note that for safety reasons, children will only be allowed out of the assembly venue front door with an adult, and we ask that once you leave, children are not allowed to play outside. That way it is easier for those on door duty to be sure everyone has headed home with the right people. Thanks

Swimming

Swimming has begun again at school so 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.

Hinuera Board Community Consultation

Our School Board will be sending out a survey to all school whanau emails next week, asking for feedback on our review of our local curriculum document (The Hinni Highway), and also on our draft statement regarding our delivery of the Health Curriculum within our school. Keep an eye out for this, and update your email contact with the office if needed. It is always great that we have so many families engage in responding to surveys like this – surveys and ideas really do help in developing a school that we all feel part of, and which caters for all our needs.

SH29 Road Closures.

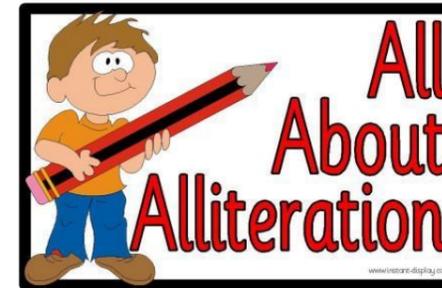
There are a string of road closures coming up for SH29 (between the school and SH1) from Monday 30th November, so please be aware of this for your travel. It will affect several of our buses (Totman/Pond Rd, SH1/Taotaoroa Rd, and Buckland/Town buses) at different stages, and GoBus has sent home newsletters about this. Please go to the school Newsletter page to see the file the roading company sent us if you want the full story.



Some folks will have noticed the mistake in the Term Dates listed in the last newsletter. Here are the correct ones!!



STUDENT WORK



The radiant rascals of **Room Rimu** have written some remarkable sentences to show their understanding of alliteration...

Excited Erica ate Easter Eggs in Egypt.

Erica Jackson

Locky Lion licked lollipops and he leapt from a Lilly pad to London.

Locky Sherwood

Addison ate an apple and the alligator ate asparagus in America.

Addison Park

Flynn found five fat fish on freaky Friday.

Mila Hopkins

ROOM 7—RATA have some more of their amazing descriptive writing to share ...

THE FARM INCIDENT

Drip Drop. ZOOM!!! Rocks flying around corners. I rolled down the giant hill slowly on my rusty old dunger of a dirt bike. ZOOM!!! My dirty old gum boot had put my dirt bike in third gear, I was rolling so

fast. Too fast! I slammed on the brakes! But I kept on going. CRASH!!! I had gone right into the gate and into a muddy puddle. I had to push my dirt bike. As I got closer, I could smell chicken and when I got home mum made burgers.

By Austin Hailwood



THE HARVESTER

The green harvester slowly crawled along the paddock, the wheels making the ground rumble. Slowly flattening the grass on its way. The tyres were now covered to the top in dirt and dust. The harvester now looked like it hadn't been used in a long time.

By Arley de Jong



POHUTUKAWA

We stumble along the path with bees buzzing around our ankles and ice cream smeared all over our chins. It was dusk with just enough light to see the marvelous Pohutukawa tree, delicious smells wafting over to greet our noses with crispy smells of fish n chips filling the air. Time for dinner. We sit awkwardly on the scratchy tussock grass under the Pohutukawa's velvety leaves as they thankfully protect us from the last scorching rays of sunlight as we gobble up our dinner.



By Olive Barron

SAUSAGE ROSTER

Thanks to the following Sausage Sizzle Volunteers:

27 Nov Holly Barron & Alice Lock

04 Dec Vicki Tapper & Rhona Fraser

A special thankyou to all those people who have volunteered an hour or so on Friday to cook sausages. We know the kids really appreciate their Friday treat. We would love to have your help again in 2021 if you are available.

Hinuera School

We are looking forward to continuing to learn alongside whanau and to "Build a Strong Future"

Term Dates 2021

Term 1 4 Feb - 16 April

Term 2 3 May - 9 July

Term 3 26 July - 1 Oct

Term 4 18 Oct - 15 Dec

