



Hinuera School

Te Kura O Hinuera

ESTABLISHED 1892



16th March 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our Swimming Sports/Showcase will be looking a little different this year. Each class will be offering a Swimming Showcase at school where all are welcome. There will also be Swimming Sports at the Town Pools for Yrs 3 to 6 where vaccinated parents may attend.

The dates and times for the **Swimming Showcase** at school are as follows:

- Tues 22nd March - Kowhai/Rimu – 2.15pm
- Wed 23rd March - Kauri – 2.15pm
- Mon 28th March – Matai – 11am
- Mon 28th March – Pohutukawa – 11.45am
- Mon 28th March – Rata – 1.30pm
- Mon 28th March – Tanekaha – 2.15pm

Our **Senior School Swimming Sports Year 3- 6**, will be held on **Thursday 24th March 2022** at the Town Pools. As there is no Interschool Swimming Sports this year our Senior School Swimming Sports will look a little different. We are encouraging participation and the children giving as many events as possible a go. **Races will be held in Year groups rather than age.**

Due to number restrictions we intend to structure the day as follows:

- Year 3 and 4 will leave school at 9.15am. Upon arrival there will be freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke races as well as a fun race. Year 3 and 4 will return to school by 11.30am. Children will only need to take their togs and drink bottles as they will be having play lunch back at school.
- Year 5 and 6 will leave for the pools at 11.30am. They will be returning to school at approximately 2pm. They will need to bring their packed lunch to the pools with them.
- There will be **no food or drink** for sale at the pools

No students will need to be collected as they will all be returning to school. Students will be seated under the marquee unless they are racing. The students will be racing against others in their year groups. Our aim is to create a supportive and encouraging atmosphere where children cheer one another on and celebrate one another's success for participating. We will use the outdoor pool.

Year 3 and 4 Programme:

- Freestyle
- Backstroke
- Fun Event
- Breaststroke

Year 5 and 6 Programme:

- Stewart Cup (2 length open) (Top swimmers selected for this at school)
- Freestyle
- Backstroke
- Vowles Medley (3 length open) - Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle (Top swimmers selected for this at school)

- Fun event
- Breaststroke

Please ensure your child is appropriately prepared. They will need drink bottles, (Yrs 5 and 6 - lunch suitable to 'graze on'), togs and at least 2 towels, their hat (we will provide sunscreen), a warm top or sweatshirt for in between races and their asthma inhalers (if applicable).

Parents will need to show their vaccine passes. Could parents please view the swimming from the area designated by Bex Kilgour and Jade Silva, as parent seating.

As with any event outside the school there are risks to be aware of, these can be safeguarded against if children remember to sit sensibly in buses, walk at all times around the pools and do not go near pools unless permitted. Please discuss these issues with your children. The school staff will be working hard to make this a safe and happy event.

Please note we are not asking families to return a permission slip, as both the Swimming Showcase and Senior School Swimming Sports are school events, held at the school and local pools and all children will be involved. We ask that you read all health and safety notes above. If your child is not taking part, or has special circumstances for this event that we need to know about, please contact their Class Teacher or the School Office by Monday 21st March 2022.

Looking forward to many great days of splashing and dashing.

Kind regards,

Steve Cordery and Brendon Hart