



End of Term 1 - Reflections 12 April 2022

A huge amount has happened this term and I thought it might be nice to reflect on what we have accomplished here at Hinuera School.

I went for a bit of a stroll through our Facebook page, classrooms and today I can hear bells ringing as it is Wheels Day, there certainly is a lot of excitement around. Classroom walls are smothered in beautiful art work and there is a real buzz at the end of the term in and around classes. If you haven't yet been in, I really would encourage you to pop in at the beginning of next term to check out your child's class. Our talented team have continued to create exciting ways for our Hinni Kids to get involved and show off their learning.

A lot of what is obvious as I looked back over the term is how we have navigated Covid as a community. Continuous notifications and sharing of information, somewhat dominated a huge portion of the term. The intention was to keep you up to date and feeling informed with the changing mandates.

Although we felt a level of distance from one another we have never been far away with updates, newsletter and Seesaw posts from teachers. Some of our usual events have not happened and we anticipate these taking place later this year.

The flexibility and adaptability that families have had to reflect has been phenomenal. This might have been through supporting Hybrid Learning, completing home packs, and even coming and going from school depending on how things have played out in each of our households. It has meant an inevitable level of disruption.

One thing is for certain, our thanks for your continued support. We really have appreciated the communication.

We have since been able to...

- ✓ Celebrate our swimming showcase here at school and take the year 3-6's to the town pools which was a highlight.
- ✓ Des Hunt, published author came and shared his writing passion with our year 3-6's.
- ✓ Wheels Day was a lovely way to end the term with courses set out for some fun.
- ✓ Wairere Toi have continued with lessons on Tuesday's for all classes.
- ✓ Otago Maths Challenges for years 5 and 6 was undertaken

Community spirit has been celebrated by...

- ✓ The fence being finished off and painted
- ✓ Senior playground re barked
- ✓ The big dirt pile removed and front of school tidied up
- ✓ PTA Sausage sizzle and Juicies
- ✓ Donation of sports shelters
- ✓ Winning sports gear from Westpac and iSPORT

Over the break we have a number of smaller property projects underway with the steps outside Kowhai and Rimu being tidied up, school rooves are being sprayed and gutters and the shade sail over the senior playground is being cleaned. All important jobs to maintain a lovely place to come to each day. We also welcome Anny Mitchell (caretaker and cleaner) back after her time away down south.

Looking ahead we have much to look forward to and during our Teacher Only Day this Thursday, we are excited to plan learning that is going to be hands on and engaging. We will share with you next term what this will look like, so that you can talk about this at home.

Thank you to the Board of Trustees for their continued support, and the PTA for their work behind scenes.

We would like to wish you all a safe Easter and relaxing holiday period. Please remember, if you need anything, feel free to email and I will endeavour to touch base when I can. See you all back on Monday 2nd May.

Bex Kilgour

