

HIKUAİ SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



27th May 2022



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Kia ora from the Principal



Kia ora te whanau! I can't believe that we are in Week 4 already. We have been busy preparing for the EPro8 technology competitions, attending National Young Leaders Day, dune planting in Pauanui and finding out about how people celebrate their cultures through festivals and special days. Lots of learning. The junior playground is having a facelift thanks to the generous donations from the community and our fundraising. The Menzshed have been very kind and also generous with their skills and time. We are looking forward to Matariki at the end of June and to our evening with you. Keep the evening of Wednesday 29th June free.

Ngā mihi, Rachell

The Junior Playground Project

Work is underway on our project. The Menzshed have come to the party and provided their expertise building the retaining edge for the playground. Next they will look at the playhouse and sort the posts for the shade sail over the sand pit. Donations and fundraising have provided the materials. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far. It has taken many to make this happen!



Enviro Team Dune Planting Success

Well done to our Enviroteam crew who gave community service and learnt a lot about our dune environment and the species that live there.



Hikuai School 125th Jubilee

We would like to start planning a celebration and need help. Call Michelle and join the Jubilee team.
07 8647818 office@hikuai.school.nz



New School PE Shirts - Update



The final design has been decided upon! Next step is to set up our online shop and take orders. We will set this up with our provider and let you know when you can start ordering.

School Contributions 2022 - Term 2 Reminder

As a Decile 8 school, Hikuai School does not qualify for the government's 'School Donation Scheme' of \$150 dollars per pupil. We ask families to make a 'School Contribution'. Because of the fact that we are unable to enforce the payment, we are often left with a large financial burden which we are forced to attempt to plug with funds from our Operations Grant. **Our school donation for 2021 is set at \$120 per student .**

If you want to pay through the internet the school bank details are:

Account Name: Hikuai School Board of Trustees
Bank: Westpac
Account No: 03 0458 0171426 000

Please identify the payment as School Contribution with your child's name.



Our Van Service Term 2

We are very fortunate to be able to provide this service for our Tairua families. Waitomo has given us some fuel sponsorship this year. This funding, along with a **van fee of \$50 per family each term** will mean that we can keep this service going. Please call or email Michelle to work out a payment plan or you can pay through the internet using the details above. Ref: Van



Room 3 - Our Junior School

Term 2 is a very busy time when alongside the teaching and learning that goes on in Room 3, I have to look inside your child's brain to see what they have taken in!!! Therefore we have been having a testing time which will continue into next week.

We have been discussing all kinds of celebrations and have become interested in the Chinese New Year. There are some Google slideshows being completed and some colourful pictures of chinese dragons being constructed - watch this space.

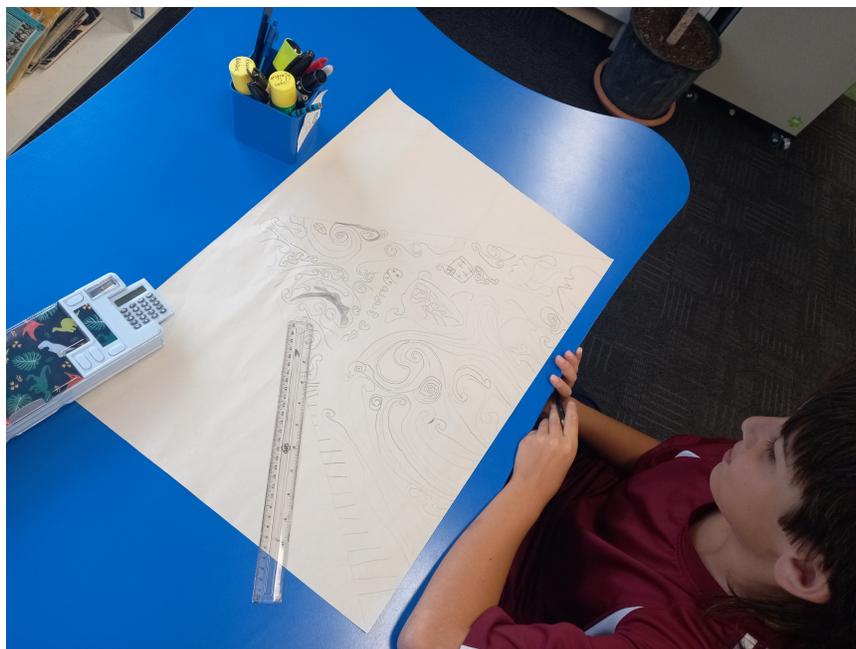
Autumn is a very good time of the year to be creative and we have a tree in class made of bark and leaf rubbings as well as these colourful leaves on the class window which look wonderful when the sun shines through them.



Room 4 - Our Middle School

Our Term 2 enquiry focus is 'Let's Celebrate' and the students of Room 4 have been working hard investigating some of the many festivals held around the globe. From the incredible ice sculptures on display at China's Harbin Ice Festival to the lunacy of the Gloucester Cheese Rolling Festival, our students have taken a deep dive into the origins of these incredible celebrations.

With Matariki on the horizon, the Room 4 students have begun learning more about māori art forms and what they represent. These cultural designs are being incorporated into a piece of artwork representative of each child's most precious 'things'. The artwork will make up the focal point of a kite which each student will be constructing using all natural materials. I look forward to sharing pictures of the process from preliminary designs to the finished product.



Room 5 - Our Senior School

Our Year 6 girls came 5th in the EPRO8 challenge at Parawai School today. EPRO8 is an engineering and team problem solving race.

Teams compete to:

- Build large sized structures
- Solve practical problems
- Engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles
- Invent machines that can complete simple tasks
- Undertake unusual and fun experiments
- Construct basic electronic circuits
- Solve interesting problems using practical maths

They worked well as a team and had a great experience!!

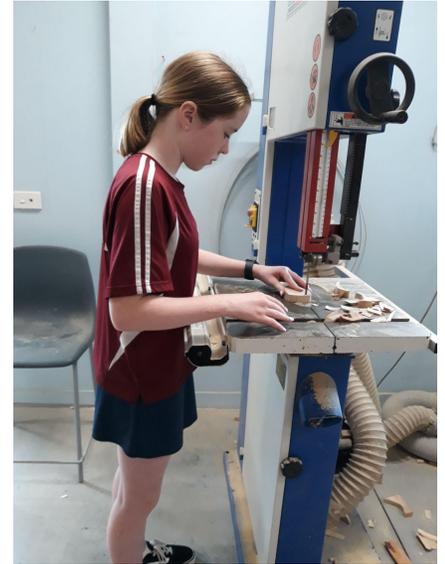


Our Year 7 students have been learning about computer coding at the Whangamata Area School. They have been using Scratch as an online tool and finishing each session with Minecraft as a group activity.



Our Year 8 students have been making hand planes for surfing and signs during the woodwork classes. They have learnt about safety while operating the tools and patience while crafting their designs to the final stage of painting.

Next Wednesday the Year 8 girls will be returning to Food Technology and the Year 7 students will be starting Woodwork.



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Term 2

June 2022:

• 2nd	TOTARA Assembly
• 6th	Queens Birthday
• 24th	Matariki Holiday
27th June-1st July	Matariki Festival Week: TBA
29th	Matariki Night- Save the date!
29th June	Reports ready for collection by parents
30th June	Puriri School visits Hikuai for Matariki celebrations TBA

July 2022

5th July	Mid Year Progress: Learning conferences 1:00 start.
6th July	WHOT Winter Sports Day - Save the date
7th July	Year 7&8 Teen Esteem programme workshop
7th July	TOTARA Assembly at 2:00
8th July	Last day of term 2 - finish at 3:00

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Great skills Chase!

An excellent game was played at the last home game in Tairua by Chase Murphy and the team. Well done on your win!

Hikuai School Hunting Competition 2022

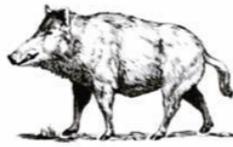
Hikuai School is hoping to hold our annual Pig Hunting Competition again this year on 1st – 3rd July 2022.

We raised almost \$10,000 last year and this year we are hoping to make it bigger and better!

We were wondering if you would like to jump on board with sponsoring our cool event this year to help us raise money for our school.

Contact:

Kristy – 0278414004 kristyralls@gmail.com
Stacey – 0277822394 bot.chair@hikuai.school.nz



HIKUI SCHOOL HUNTING COMPETITION 2022

1 - 3 JULY

Weigh in: 12pm-2pm Sunday 3rd July 2022 at Hikuai School

ENTRIES CLOSE: MIDNIGHT, MONDAY 27TH JUNE

Entry Fee:
Adults - \$50
Kids (Under 12) - \$10

Kids: 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Possum, Magpie, Rabbit & Hare

Adults: Best Hooks, Average Weight, Mystery Weight, Boar - 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Most Possums.

Food - provided for all entrants
Raffles - on the day (bring cash)
For Sale - soft drinks and chips

How to Enter:
Email or Call/Text:

Kristy - 027 8414 004
kristyralls@gmail.com

Stacey - 027 7822 394
staceyleeclarke49@gmail.com



Check our Facebook and Instagram pages for further details to enter online

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\$10,000+
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Attendance and School

The New Zealand Ministry of Education (2021) states that “student attendance and engagement are critical factors relating to student achievement”.

This is also our experience at Hikuai School.

The Ministry of Education (2020) defines ‘regular attendance’ as “students attending school for more than **90%** of available half-days”.

A **90% attendance rate** still might mean a student is missing school for an average of one day each fortnight.

We believe that this is too much as we want to support our students to be successful in their learning through the TOTARA VALUES of: TRUSTWORTHY, ORGANISED, THOUGHTFUL, AMBITIOUS, RESPECTFUL/ RESILIENT and AWARE.

Hikuai School monthly attendance averages to date:

2021- 2022	Dec	Feb	March	April
Attendance YTD %	87.2	79.2	76	77

COVID 19 has impacted our attendance rates as we work through isolation and recovery. However for some individual students in our school, the ‘habit of attendance’ seems not to be well established. These students’ absences are usually explained, and therefore appear to be supported, by their parents and caregivers.

Regular school attendance is an important life skill that will help your child achieve success at school, set them up well for college and tertiary courses, and keep a job. Absences can be a sign that a child is losing interest, struggling with their school work, or facing some other difficulty.

What can parents and caregivers do?

Prioritise school attendance:

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school on time everyday and make that the expectation.
- Help your young person maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night’s sleep. Limiting ‘screen time’ in the evenings can [help young people sleep better](#).
- Encourage them to get their lunch ready and pack their bag each evening if things are a bit rushed in your house in the morning.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Book family trips and holidays only on weekends or during term breaks (these are always ‘unjustified’ absences from school if they happen on school days).
- We are being particularly cautious with COVID-19 - but don’t keep your child home unless they are sick.

Communicate with the school:

- If your son or daughter is going to be absent, please ring the school and leave your child’s name, class and the reason for the absence. This needs to be done each day they are absent.
- If your son/daughter is absent for an extended period of three days or longer for medical reasons, a doctor’s certificate is required.
- Make contact with your child’s teacher if you notice sudden changes in behaviour as these could be tied to something going on at school.
- Let our teachers know if there is something happening at home, or with your child's health, if this might impact their attendance.
- Contact us if there is a concern in a particular learning area.

Why is this important? Having all of our students attend every day, on time, and ready to learn helps us in ensuring that your child reaches their full potential. We greatly value our partnership with our students’ whānau in keeping young people engaged in their education.



Wild Food Extravaganza

LAKES RESORT, PAUANUI

5
PM
UNTIL
LATE

TICKETS \$85 PP, INCLUDES
DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT &
DRINK ON ARRIVAL

DRESS TO IMPRESS

Proceeds to Tairua Junior Sport

25
JUN
2022



Menu

CHIROZO STICKS, SMOKED
FISH PATE, SPICY NUTS

Mains

ROASTED & PULLED PORK
SLOW ROASTED LAMB
VENISON STEAKS
ROAST DUCK
SMOKED FISH PIES
STEAMED MUSSELS
CREAMED PAUA

PORT GRAVY, MUSTARD,
AIOLI SAUCES

SMASHED POTATOES
CREAMED GREENS
BEET & PECAN SALAD

Dessert

WINTER FRUIT CRUMBLE
BROWNIE
FUDGE BALLS



Edventure Young Explorers Camp.
July 18th - 22nd, 8-13yr olds, \$525

OSCAR Available

We have an awesome week planned that includes rock climbing, archery, target shooting, bush walks, orienteering, team building and confidence activities.

**A typical "Kiwi Outdoors" camp with an emphasis on mountain safety and bush survival skills. Planned and run by local teacher Todd Burton and based at Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre, this one's going to be awesome!
drop off / pick up Hamilton, Tauranga, or at the venue.**

More info and to book now visit www.edventure.co.nz, phone 02102241576 or email mark@edventure.co.nz

See you on your next EDVENTURE

