

HIKUIAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



13th May 2022



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Kia ora from the Principal



Kia ora everyone and welcome back! This term sees our school continue with our learning theme of "Celebration". We will be finding out more about what we value here in New Zealand, looking at the history behind our public holidays and celebrations along with celebrations from around the world that connect with our families and cultures. We will be celebrating Matariki with you later this term so keep an eye on the events calendar and save the date. As part of our Celebrations theme, planning is about to start for our 125th Jubilee. This event will be held over Labour Weekend this year. If you are interested in being a part of the Jubilee team please contact Michelle.

Ngā mihi, Rachell

THE EASTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER 2022

Well done on a great effort this year! We were able to raise the extra funds we needed for the Junior playground project. The Menz Shed visited this week and took measurements with work starting later this year!



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





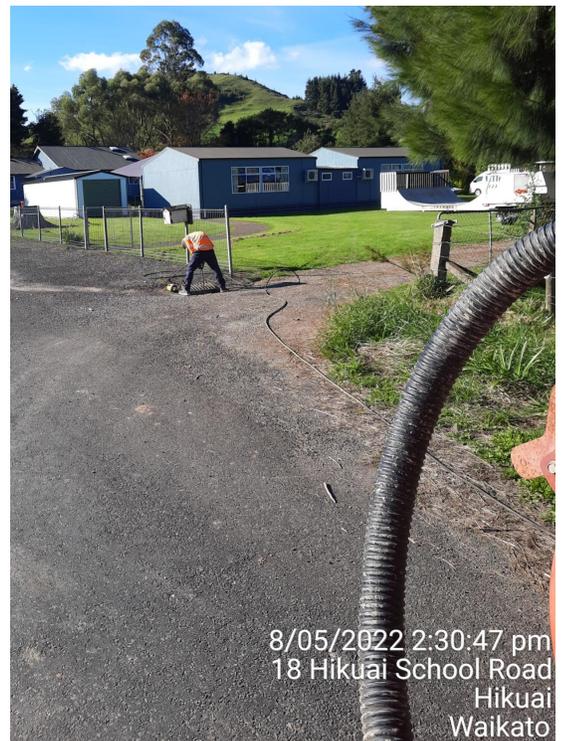
Helping Hands

We would like to thank Shane Blake and Jacob Spokes who completed voluntary work jetting the drainage from Room 3 & 4's downpipes, and repairing the down pipe, as well as clearing the drain for the courtyard's drinking fountain. The fountain was also cleaned and sanitised.

We have not had the additional funds to do this maintenance and their time and efforts were very much appreciated.

The site does have drainage and soakage concerns and the work they completed will help keep us as dry as possible as the wet season approaches.

We would like to thank Veolia for its support



Room 3 - Our Junior School



This week we have welcomed Hunter to Room 3 and he has already been very busy. Here he is making an autumn creature out of natural materials. We all went out for an autumn walk and collected acorns, seed cases, leaves and cones. Back in class, we used our imagination and got creative.



We have been enjoying the weather this week and have been out on the court practising our football skills. This also means we learn how to work in a team, take turns and encourage each other.

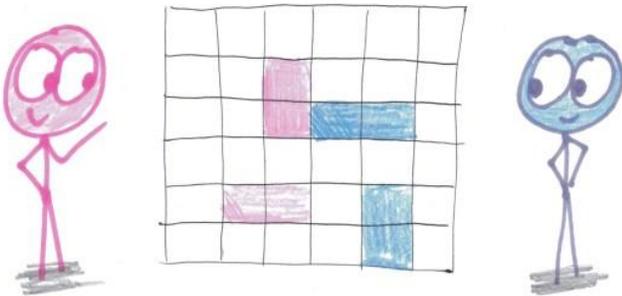


Room 4 - Our Middle School

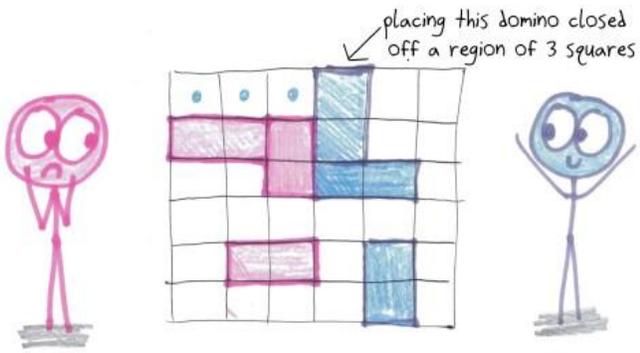


Before each of our daily maths sessions we always 'kick off' with a few warm-up games to get the juices flowing! This week I introduced the students to 'Imparium'. Check out the 'How to Play' below to have a go yourselves at home.

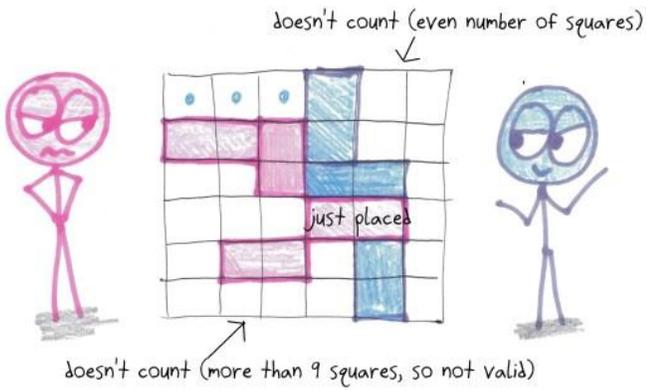
You begin with a 6 by 6 grid. Players take turns filling in pairs of adjacent squares, as if covering them with a domino.



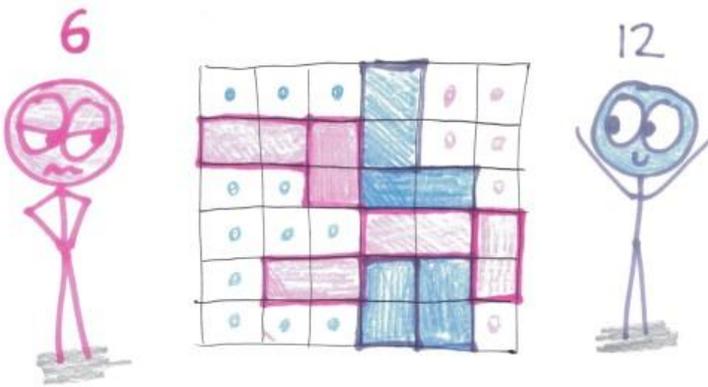
These covered squares belong to nobody. Rather, you are fighting for control of the *other* squares, which you claim **when your domino completes a fence closing off a region with an odd number of squares.**



Close off 2, 4, 6, or 8 squares? That's useless. Close off 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9? You can claim them. (More than that, though, and it doesn't count.)



The winner is whoever claims more squares by the end.



Room 5 - Our Senior School

NYLD: National Young Leaders Day 2022

Room 5 attended National Young Leaders Day this week. Travelling to Hamilton early Thursday morning for the day.

“Leaders are often made, not simply born”

The National Young Leaders Days (NYLD) are the largest and longest running leadership events for primary and intermediate school students. These large scale annual events aim to develop student leadership. Since 2001, more than 110,000 students have been empowered to fulfil their dreams and become great leaders at a National Young Leaders Day in New Zealand. NYLD events are also held in Australia and Singapore.

The objectives of NYLD are

- Inspiration
- Connection
- Student empowerment
- Promoting positivity
- Motivation
- Education



The team meeting
William Pike: New Zealand explorer and amputee.



Speaking to Brooke Neal N.Z Hockey Olympian and chatting with Georgia Lines: N.Z Music artist who also performed at the event!



UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Term 2

May 2022:

• 12th	Room 5: NYLD trip to Hamilton for leadership learning.
• 13th	Pauanui dune planting Year 5-8 Enviroteam

June 2022:

• 6th	Queens Birthday
• 24th	Matariki Holiday
27-1st July	Matariki Festival Week: TBA

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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:

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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.

Parenting From Greatness Programme

It is still a bit of a wobbly time out there isn't it? Quite possibly this might be having a huge impact on the dynamics and relationships INSIDE but also OUTSIDE of your home.

If I could take a screenshot of your life right now, would you say you are living and parenting in a way that makes you truly excited and gives you a sense of freedom? Are you parenting with joy?

In other words... Are you Parenting from what I like to call 'Greatness'?

I wouldn't be surprised after the last two years if your answer was a 'no'. Or a 'not quite'. Or a 'well things are okayyyyy'. Do you feel totally swamped by the responsibilities, just trying to make it through another day and getting to the end of it feeling exhausted, overwhelmed, depleted, and just over it?

I get you. I was once there and it wasn't that long ago. I have two boys aged 9 and 13 and I am in a completely different place to where I thought I would be when I first went into this journey!

In my early years, I found being a parent hard....I wasn't happy, my kids weren't happy and neither was their Dad! We just didn't know how to relate to ourselves or each other very well. We were just doing the old parenting stuff, the old way or reacting to that old way which wasn't helpful either! I had a car crash entry into becoming a parent which I have no problem sharing because it birthed in me the desire to support others in their journey. I had to dig deep to change the way I parented and the beginning of that change was when I finally put up my hand and asked for help! I began working with my own parent mentor and arrived at a very different place in my parenting journey. One where I learned how to Parent from 'Greatness' which truly is an evolution in the way we raise our children.

My boys are getting older now and I tell you things are totally different in my world as a Parent. To be able to navigate the last couple of years with a sense of ease and grace is no mean feat and I know without a doubt that it is because I invested in the way I parent.

When I say, change your parenting - Change your life, I'm not joking!

So what do I mean when I say Parenting From Greatness?

In short - *It is an evolution in the way we raise our kids where all parents and children see themselves and each other as powerful.*

Isn't that what we truly want? So we can deepen our relationships, Parent from a place of compassion for ourselves and others, and no longer be controlled by the negative emotions and 'old stuff' that doesn't serve us or our families.

In June a brand new program is launching to help you do just that!

This program is born from a vision I have, one that lifts parents out of the control and fear that dominated the way most of us were parented. One that is outside of the cycles of the past where so often we as parents find ourselves unconsciously repeating the way our parents parented us or reacting strongly to it.

I'm talking about a new way of parenting where you learn how to connect with your intuition, with your own inner knowing which tells you exactly what to do because only you know what is right for you and your family. Learning the ability to move past what you don't want once you know what is getting in your way. Uncovering what you do want, learning how to focus on it and how to actually create it!

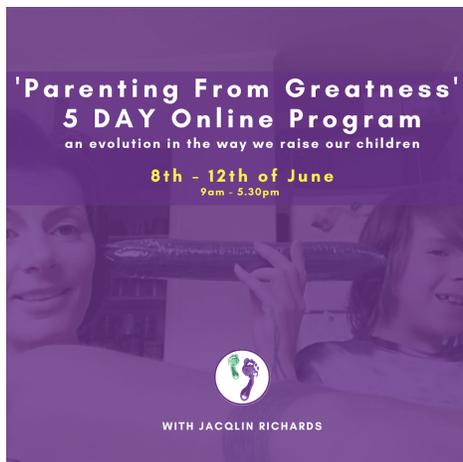
PROGRAM INFO:

From the 8th until the 12th of June I will be hosting the Parenting From Greatness program for the very first time, LIVE online via Zoom. You don't even have to leave your house to access this incredible Program. It will be a jam-packed 5 days of learning, embodying, applying, and experiencing the shizzle out of a new way of parenting! Are you ready?

You can find more information about the program and reserve your spot, RIGHT HERE >>>

<https://ypjprograms.com/parenting-from-greatness>

I am offering a once-off, absolutely crazy, ridiculous, discount as a celebration of this work going live, so don't miss out as I definitely won't ever offer it for this price again. [Find out more here.](#)



\$2000 REWARD

“BRING BUZZ BACK”



Buzz is a beloved family pet. We are hoping someone has seen him OR knows of his whereabouts. There has been a sighting of him—see below details. ***No questions asked.***

- **Last seen** by owner Weds 13 April around 6pm; at Racecourse Road property — Cambridge
- **Sighted** Friday 15 April; on Peake Road property – Cambridge
- **Description of Buzz:** brown and white, smooth coated, Jack Russell/Corgi cross, neutered male, 10 yo, short legs, docked tail, gentle, happy nature, no collar but is micro-chipped, flop over ears (not upright), little white stripe on head, could be hurt.

Pls text only as phone message service is faulty at present...24/7

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Any information is appreciated!