

# 2019 Information Update

## Staff

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| <b>Brenda Leigh</b>        | Principal               |
| <b>Debbie Stevenson</b>    | Office Manager          |
| <b>Fiona van den Brink</b> | Room 1 Teacher, Yr 1    |
| <b>Rebecca Blatchford</b>  | Room 2 Teacher, Yr 2    |
| <b>Emma Mitchell</b>       | Room 3 Teacher, Yr 3    |
| <b>Mark McKay</b>          | Room 4 Teacher, Yrs 7-8 |
| <b>Kendall McCourt</b>     | Room 5 Teacher, Yr 4    |
| <b>Holly Brown</b>         | Room 6 Teacher, Yrs 5-6 |
| <b>Rochelle Bailey</b>     | Room 7 Teacher, Yrs 5-6 |
| <b>Kate Ellery</b>         | Release Teacher         |
| <b>Sarah Stephens</b>      | Teacher Aide            |
| <b>Irene Curtis</b>        | Teacher Aide            |
| <b>Novena Jorgensen</b>    | Teacher Aide            |
| <b>Odette Wright</b>       | Teacher Aide            |
| <b>Nish Sharma</b>         | Cleaner                 |
| <b>Colin Leigh</b>         | Caretaker               |

## Board of Trustees

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| <b>Alison Askin</b>        | Treasurer            |
| <b>Fiona van den Brink</b> | Staff Rep            |

## Year 2019 Term Dates

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| Term 1 - | 30 <sup>th</sup> January - 13 <sup>th</sup> April    |
| Term 2 - | 29 <sup>th</sup> April - 5 <sup>th</sup> July        |
| Term 3 - | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - 27 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| Term 4 - | 14 <sup>th</sup> October - 13 <sup>th</sup> December |

## School Roll now 149

Welcome to the following new families: **Alabaster, Borck, Epplert, Nind, Roodt** and **Woodhouse** who have joined us this year.



**Term one** is fast coming to an end and it has been an extremely busy one with lots of action and beautiful summer weather.

We began the year with 148 students and seven classroom teachers. To the teaching staff we have welcomed **Holly Brown** and **Kendall McCourt** to permanent positions and **Emma Mitchell** to a Fixed Term position. **Kate Ellery** is back two days per week releasing teachers.

In week four the **Education Review Team** made their three yearly visit to Hiwinui. The school and B.O.T. are pleased with the positive comments made by the 'Team' and have been deemed "Well-Placed" moving into the future.

A summer highlight was the '**Sounds of Summer**' concert held in the grounds, which for this year replaced our school picnic. A beautiful day brought out lots of people to share fellowship and food with each other while listening to live music. In true Hiwinui fashion the children enjoyed a Lolly Scramble at the end. We appreciated the support and organisation of the M.P.R. (Manawatu Peoples' Radio) who organised the live music and also the artists who painted during the afternoon.

As is always the case with a dry summer, the cry for water is foremost on people's minds. We hope this will be the last year that lack of water is going to affect the school or the pool. For the past eight weeks we have had contractors in **drilling a bore** for us. The drilling process is nearly over and then during the holidays all the old water tanks are to be replaced with three lovely new ones and we will be self-sufficient with water.

The **Swimming Pool** has been well used this summer and once again we have been fortunate to have **Simon Martin** managing it for us. Also to the many families who have covered the pool

in the evenings – thank you. Keeping the cover on at night certainly makes a difference to the temperature of the water. The pool is now closed and we would appreciate the prompt return of pool keys by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April please.

As a Hiwinui Community we were really excited to begin the year with the new electronic **Safety Lights** on all three entrances to the school. While the lights only work for half an hour before school and at the end of the day it is really important to obey the speed signs. The **footpath** that we hope to see finished by the end of April is going to be a real asset to the community and on the completion of the Reid Line footpath another one will begin going north up Watershed Road to the top of the brow. Two really worthwhile projects.

The weather has been perfect for **Summer activities** and the students have enjoyed participating in the Kainui Tabloids, the Kainui Swimming Sports, The Penhey Cup, and the Junior Team's Swimming Demonstration. **Winter Sports** have begun, soccer and rugby are alive and kicking on the back paddock and the Year 3 and 4 Netball Teams have begun competition at Vautier Park on a Thursday. Last Friday it was a pleasure to take our Year 8 students up to walk the **Taranaki Falls Track** on Mount Ruapehu with the other Year 8s from the Kainui Cluster. It was a wonderful day with the students meeting and collaborating with others whom they may attend secondary school with in 2020.

Mr McKay has been working hard with the 10 **AgriKids** Teams who are off to Whanganui to compete in the Regionals this weekend. We wish them the very best and I know that they have worked hard in preparation for the event.

During the last week of term Mrs Brown is taking a team to compete in the Year 5 and 6 **EPro8 Challenge**. Children had to trial for this team and have also spent lunchtimes practicing for the event. This is a Science / Technology competition which is based around problem solving.

Room 5's 'Manhattan Skyline'



### Hiwinui School Vision

At Hiwinui School we will support students to reach their potential with:

- Confidence
- Positive Relationships
- Active Involvement
- Skills for Life Long Learning

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*If you are considering schooling options for your child please contact our Principal, Brenda Leigh.*

At Hiwinui School the values we want to encourage in our students are Respect and Honesty for Self, Others and the Environment



**Hiwinui School**  
**Term 1, 2019**

A semi-rural school with rural values, where children learn in a small and friendly environment.



*"Seeds planted today will flourish and blossom tomorrow."*