



**Week 1, Term 1**

**9 February 2024**

### **Kia ora e te whānau**

We were so happy to see all our learners return to school this week. Our classrooms have had a happy and positive vibe as learners settle back into new routines and programmes. Within the playground it's been lovely to see the way our children mix and play with friends from across all levels.

Our very youngest learners are now based in Room 2 with Pou Jo and we welcome Callum, Micah and Laura to our school whanau. Across the school we also have some new families too: Welcome, Nixon, Mia and Will—we are really proud of the way you are settling in.

At our Hui this morning we honoured learners who have received Peak Points this week and all students now have the chance to be part of our 'Ka Pai Kid' artwork competition. Our new artwork will feature on Ka Pai Kid certificates in the weeks to follow. Lots of exciting things are planned for the weeks ahead—attached to this newsletter is an outline of all the sports coming up and teams your child/ children can be involved in too.

### **School Info and Classroom Organisation**

Room 1: Year 1- 2—Whaea Jessica and Pou Holly

Room 2: New Entrants & Year 1—Pou Jo

Room 3: Year 2-3—Pou Kendall

Room 4: Year 4-5—Mr Clement (appointed for Term 1)

Room 5: Year 5-6—Pou Emma

Room 6: Year 7-8—Pou Portia

Classroom Release and Sports Leadership: Pou Allanah

Caretaker: Kevin McCord

### **BOT of Trustees**

Michael Mouat, Matt Avery, Blair Alabaster, Rachel Burton and Portia Clayton (Staff Rep).

Michael Mouat has been elected as our Presiding Member for 2024.

Duncan Baker has made the decision to resign from our BOT.

Personally I would like to thank Duncan for all his support and involvement with our school Board and community over the last eight years—he has been involved in a large range of Board projects and school developments. Duncan's support as I transitioned into this Principal role was highly valued and I know he was a massive support within our community when we sadly lost Brenda.

### **Meet the Teacher Hui**

These are scheduled for **Thursday 15th February** from 3.10pm.

These are 10 min appointment slots. Please book a slot so your child's teacher can learn a little more about your child. We would love you to tell us about their strengths, the support you feel they need most and also the aspirations you have for them. We find these hui really valuable!

Bookings can be made via the BOOKINGS tab on Skool Loop. Then simply select the teacher, and choose a date/ time.

If these times don't work you are welcome to pop into classrooms before school for an informal chat or our Whanau Picnic.

### **Ngā mihi nui, Erin**

**— SAVE THE DATE —**

## **WHANAU PICNIC**

**Friday 23rd February from 5pm**

Great fun for the kids and a chance for families to mix and mingle! You are welcome to bring a tent (or caravan/camper van) if you would love to stay the night.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>15 Feb</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher Hui</b>
<b>23 Feb</b>	Whanau Picnic
1 March	Hiwinui School Triathlon
6 March	Junior Kainui Swimming Sports (Yr 1-4)
13 March	Interschool Triathlon (Yr 5-8)
20 March	Senior Kainui Swimming Sports (Yr 5-8)
25 March	Penhey Cup (Yr 5-8)
29 Mar	Good Friday
1 April	Easter Monday
7 April	Daylight Saving Ends
9 April	Manawatu Striders Schools Road Race (Yr 5-8)
10 April	Kainui Junior Taboids (Yr 1-4)
<b>12 April</b>	<b>Term One Ends</b>



How amazing does the power box across the road from our school look? WOW! Thanks so much to Charlie Askin for brightening up Watershed Road for us. We love your artwork—you are one clever and talented lady!

Is your child thinking of learning an instrument? The piano is a great place to start! Individual weekly piano lessons are available at school during class time each term for \$26 per half hour lesson.

I teach each student creatively according to their own needs and learning style, with an emphasis on enjoying the fun of music, gaining skills on the piano, and building self-esteem through music games and 1:1 learning.

Please feel free to get in touch to discuss any questions or book your child in for lessons.

**Tanya Carter—Private Piano Teacher**  
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## Notice Board

**Hiwinui School Playgroup**—The first playgroup kicks off next Thursday, 15 February in The Leigh Centre, from 9-11am. All preschoolers and their minders welcome. Please check their Facebook page for details.

**I Tri'd the Tri**—Visit [triclub.co.nz](http://triclub.co.nz) to register. Online entries close TONIGHT (Fri 9th). On the day entries accepted. The dates are Mondays, February 12th, 19th, 26th and March 4th and 11th. Full information on their website.

**Weetbix Kids Tryathlon**—March 2024. Entries are open now! Please remember to select Hiwinui School when you enter. The more students we have “tagged” to our school, the greater our chance of winning valuable prizes!  
[www.tryathlon.co.nz](http://www.tryathlon.co.nz)

**Herb Farm Kids Market**—Sunday 24 March—please see advertisement in the digital copy of this newsletter.

## Pool cover duty roster

Thank you to those who have been putting the pool cover on each night. We are extremely grateful as having the pool covered allows it to be efficiently heated. We have a new roster ready to fill, from 26 February. Please call into the office, or email [office@hiwinui.school.nz](mailto:office@hiwinui.school.nz), and choose your week from the following. Thank you!

Monday to Sunday at 8pm each night.



### DATES

26 Feb-3 March	18-24 March
4-10 March	25-31 March
11-17 March	1-7 April

## Book Club

Book Club Issue 1 is now out please place your orders before **9am, Friday 23 February.**  
[www.scholastic.co.nz/parents](http://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents)



THIS IS  
**EPIC!**

Want to learn an instrument, play in a band, and perform on the big stage? Join Epic Music Academy: a one-of-a-kind music tuition programme run each week at your school!

**DRUMS**  
Age 7+

**KEYBOARD**  
Age 7+

**GUITAR**  
Age 8+

**FOUNDATIONS**  
Ages 5-6

**EPIC LESSONS:**  
 These are our popular 25-30 minute group lessons with 2-4 students, run during the school day, in school grounds. Students are given their own tuition book which tracks their progress. They also earn a new coloured wristband after passing each test.

**MUSIC FOUNDATIONS:**  
 This is our group lessons for years 1 & 2 only. In this programme, they get a taste of a range of instruments while still learning the basics of rhythm, harmony, melody, playing together in a group, and how to read music.

**SIGN UP HERE!**

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*Regards, Erin, Emma, Jo, Jessica, Holly, Kendall, Jono, Portia, Allanah, Heidi,  
 Kevin, Sarah, Charlotte, Elise, Rachele & Jacki*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Colouring Comp & Structured Free Time	Flamingo Hearts & Structured Free Time	Valentines Cards & Structured Free Time	Paper Bag Hearts & Structured Free Time	Cup towers & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Cupid Says	Game: Noodle Tag	Game: Rob the Nest	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Wacky Relays
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yogurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sausage Rolls & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Slice & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Shapes and crackers & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Blindfolded Explorers	Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: 4 Corner Dodgeball	Game: Turkey Tag
	<b>SPORT</b> Os & Xs	<b>COOKING</b> Marshmallow Pops	<b>CRAFT</b> Flower Bouquets	<b>GAME</b> Who do you Love	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Heart Slime
3:45 - 4:30 pm					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:40 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragon's Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects

# I Tri'd the Tri Series

## KIDS TRIATHLON

For Kids 4-12 Years



Manawatu & TRC  
Toyota



Register at  
[www.triclub.co.nz](http://www.triclub.co.nz)

# FOR THE KIDS

Netball Manawatu have an exciting Yr 7 Transition competition running for Term 1 2024.

This is a great 8-week programme which is open to ALL yr 7 students next year whether they have played any version of netball or not. It is also a great introduction to 7-aside netball for any Yr 7 students who have played 6-aside netball this year to learn the basics of 7v7 before the Yr 7/8 Competition starts in Term 2.

Individual registrations are being taken by Netball Manawatu, NOT via school. Please see the link below.

**Yr 7 Transition (7v7)**

**8 Weeks Thursdays from 4.30pm Starts Feb 22nd**

**Teaching the fundamental skills of 7v7 netball**

**\$50 per child register as an individual (link is below)**

**Be ready & confident for our 2024 Yr 7/8 Season**

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/274251>

# FOR THE PARENTS

This one is for the Parent Coaches!

If you're thinking you might be willing to help coach a netball team in 2024, here's an awesome opportunity to gain some additional knowledge and coaching tips!

**Coaching For Success!**

**\*Yr 7 Transitional Program\***

**8 Weeks Thursdays from 4.30pm Starts Feb 22nd**

**AWESOME Opportunity for Coaches to Grow Confidence & Knowledge!**

**Keep a eye out on the Netball Manawatu Website & Facebook page January 2024!**





*THE herb farm* 

# *Kids Market*



*We are hosting our next Kids Market at The Herb Farm!*

Children will set up their own stalls and sell the beautiful wares they have made/planted/created and sell them at prices they have set themselves (CASH ONLY)

Is your child a keen DIY-er who would love to sell their handmade goods at our Market?

We please ask that it is only items that children have crafted themselves, please no sale of secondhand items, adult crafted items or purchased products for resale. This is about the kids having their turn in the spotlight, and sharing what they have lovingly created.



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