



Week 3, Term 1

17 February 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are so fortunate with a fine week of weather at school, after our stormy weekend! Learners this week have had lots of stories about fallen trees, power cuts and 'wild weather' related activities. As our teachers design and plan for learning we often use current events as a basis for discussion or as an authentic activity. You will see this happening more and more in our maths programmes where problem solving skills become our focus as we explore real life contexts. This week in maths our Ruahine Rōpū has been exploring estimation skills with problems asking them to calculate 'how many' objects they have. Our Tararua Rōpū has been linking their maths learning to the holidays - graphing holiday destinations, talking about the maths data they can discover as a group and calculating the distances travelled from Hiwinui to many holiday 'hot spots'. Next week teachers will be part of another Maths Professional Development session as we enhance our programmes further.

We have been reviewing the way our Structured Literacy (Code) teaching sessions operate across our school. Teachers are currently gathering assessment data and learning groups are being established to accelerate progress. From our Ruahine Rōpū you will have received an update this week about 'Heart Words' and ways you can support your child with learning these at home. If you do have questions about how you can support your child's learning at home feel free to touch base via Seesaw.

Operating in Covid Red means we are tweaking lots of school systems to ensure that learners still have great opportunities. Our Kainui Cluster events are not able to go ahead in Term 1, however, we will have a Junior Tabloids day at school. As whanau aren't able to be onsite for these sporting events we will look at ways we can photograph and video parts of the day for you. We do really want our learners to be able to continue sharing these experiences with their family and we will do this via Seesaw and Facebook.

We are also in the process of planning how our Goal Setting meetings can happen in Red. We definitely want to connect with families even though we can't easily meet face to face at the moment. Dates and details will be shared ASAP and it is likely an online option will be offered.

Thank you to all those families who have already returned our Digital Tech Student / Whanau Contract. You will notice our expectations are now all linked to our school values and as the year progresses students will be taught about these expectations with an emphasis on cyber safety.

Kapai Kids



Explorers: Oliver—You are showing perseverance in your learning, especially with your swimming! You are also a kind and respectful friend, ka pai!

Terrific 2: Lachie—You are a respectful and enthusiastic learner in Room 2. Keep up the great work! Ka Pai.

Room 3: Jackson—You are a star! You consistently show us what being 'ready for learning' looks like. Your enthusiasm is inspiring.

Ruma Rima Dreamers: Amelia—You have gone above and beyond in helping your friends this week. You show great diligence in your mahi. Miharo, Amelia!

Manawanui: Levi—Levi, what an incredible start to the year you've had. It's wonderful to see your Enthusiasm and Commitment shining through! Keep up the hard work! Ka pai!

Pukeke: Riley—Riley, I appreciate your perseverance and enthusiasm to your mahi. Let's set some awesome goals and knock them out of the park!



Community Notice Board

Accommodation wanted—Seeking a 2-3 bedroom rental property. Any area considered. Please contact the office.

Hiwinui School Playgroup—The next playgroup for 2022 will be held on Thursday, February 24th. Please check their Facebook page for details. All pre-schoolers and their minders welcome.

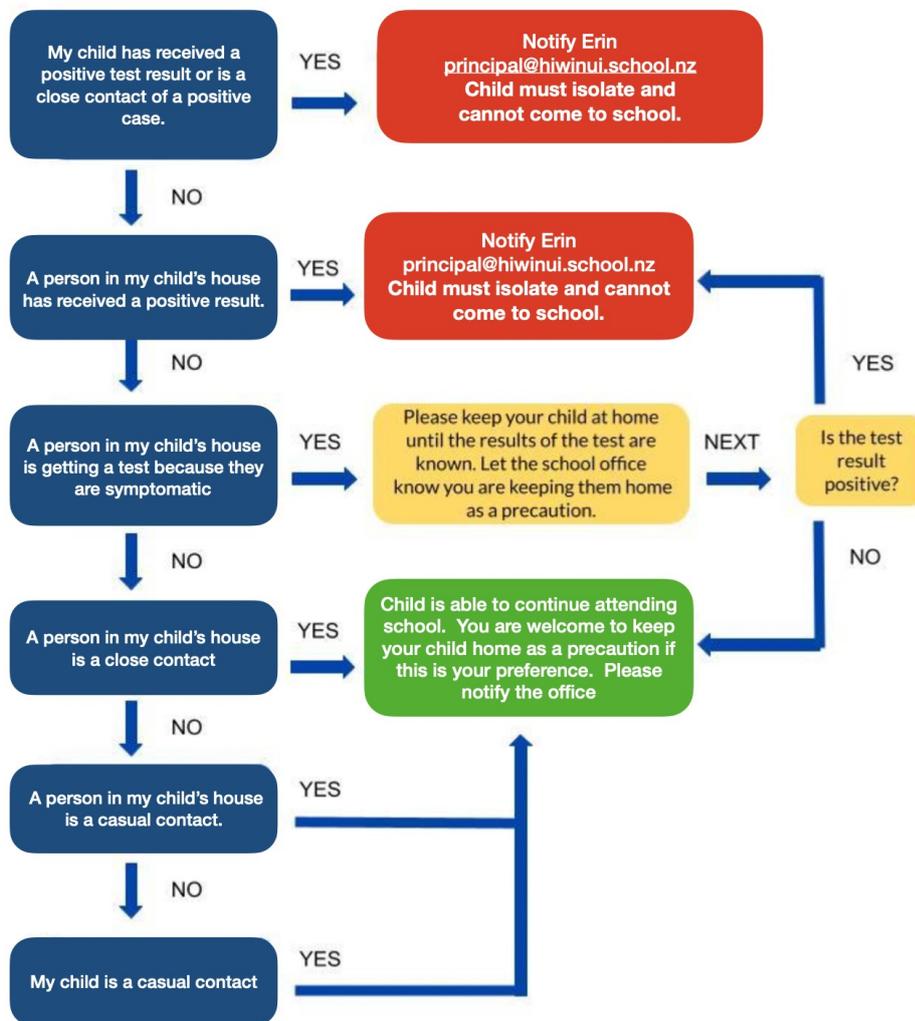
Ashhurst-Pohangina Junior Rugby Football Club are on the hunt for some superstars to join their family friendly rugby club for the 2022 season! You don't need experience just a willingness to have fun, learn new skills, and make new friends (parents too!). They are seeking players for all grades from Under 6s and 7s Ripper through to Under 8s first year tackle right up to Under 13 grades. If this sounds like you then head down to the Registration Day on the 25th February 4.30pm - 6.30pm at the Clubrooms, 2 Lincoln St, Ashhurst. Here you can ask our committee any questions, see what we are all about and register your player. Online registrations are also available at www.sporty.co.nz/aprfcjr Contact Melissa Lindop, Club Convenor at ashhurstjuniorrugby@gmail.com.

As Covid cases continue to rise in NZ we want to reassure you that lots is happening behind the scenes at our school to ensure our systems and processes are robust - with the best interests of students in mind. The health and wellbeing of our students, staff and community is a top priority.

As you may have seen in the media Covid is impacting schools in a range of regions and this has meant that where there are positive Covid cases schools are organised in different ways. At this stage we are operating in Phase 1 and our school is following RED directives and guidelines. As cases increase our Board of Trustees determine when we move to Phase 2 and this is where there is a combination of school based and remote learning (e.g. for those students that are isolating).

Please see the Flowchart so you know who to contact and what happens if there is a positive case within your family or someone in your family is a close / casual contact.

BE SURE TO READ ALL THE OPTIONS SHOWN IN THE BLUE BOXES.



HELP!

We have been approached by a local family to help with clearing some trees from a nearby property, in return for a generous donation to the school. The work will involve gathering up branches into piles for future burning. SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY. Please phone or email the office to express your interest and for more detail, or phone Matt Avery on 027 424 5624.

The current pool roster sees us through until the end of February, so we are once again looking for families to help with covering the pool through to the end of the term. Please phone or email the office (office@hiwinui.school.nz) if you are able to help for a week. Thank you.



Next **Thursday 24th** the Ruahine Rōpu classrooms are having a teddy bear picnic day. We will eat 'picnic style'. Please could children just bring their normal lunches and one teddy bear.

Regards, Erin, Fiona, Rebecca, Holly, Emma, Kendall, Portia, Allanah, Philippa, Sarah, Irene, Novena, Colin, Charlotte, Paula, Jacki & Kathryn

Congratulations!



Congratulations to our new house leaders for 2022.

Kowhai - Caitlin S & Ashlee Y. Deputy - Luke W

Totara - Madey M & Charlotte W. Deputy - Tabitha A

Rata - Keira C & Hadleigh P. Deputy - Lucas A