

Week 6, Term 1 10 March 2023

#### Kia ora e te whānau

Our school week has ended with the happiest Teddy Bears' Picnic and this is a great example of how our House Leaders are passionate about leading fun initiatives. We love the way our senior students support our younger learners—their kindness and encouragement is truly valued. Thirteen student leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference Day last week with Pou Portia. This was a great day learning about the characteristics of what it takes to be a good leader and planning leadership initiatives.



#### **Celebrating Sports**

At our morning Hui we continue to celebrate some of the sporting events that our learners have been participating in. It was wonderful to hear the excitement from 22 of our students who have been participating in 'I Tried the Tri'. We have also listened to sports reports from students who were involved in the Striders Super 7s and also Ashhurst Athletics! On Wednesday this week we had our second week of basketball with Coach Miles and it is wonderful to see every learner trying new skills!

We are incredibly proud of the way our students competed in our School Triathlon. This event is designed as a fun way for all students to give a triathlon race a go and we loved their enthusiasm. A group of Year 5-8 students are representing Hiwinui at the Interschool Triathlon this coming Wednesday (info has been sent home



about this event with an emailed link). Next week we also have a group of Year 1-4 students heading to Newbury School for our Junior Kainui Swimming Sports—this is a new Kainui Event and should be lots of fun. Good luck also to our team of six runners competing in the schools event at the Foxton Fun Run 'Footprints in the Sand' on Sunday. This is great training for the up and coming Striders Road Race too.

You will notice on permission slips that start coming home during the year that we are using our school donations to cover registration and bus transport for these activities. Thank you for promptly paying your school donation.

#### **Authentic Learning**

Our learners in Taurikura have been part of a some great hands on learning with their 'Wonder Project' challenge creating Bottle Rockets. It involves lots of science, technology, maths and problem solving. This learning is in partnership with corporate organisations that bring experts into schools to support learning—our corporate partner for this is WSP.

Ngā mihi nui, **Erin** 

#### **Teacher Strike Action**

As you will have seen in the media, NZ Teachers have voted to go on Strike next Thursday, 16th March.

Our Board has carefully considered the availability of nonunion teaching staff and support staff to cover classrooms. We will only have limited staff available onsite.

If you can make arrangements to keep your child/children at home, we would really appreciate this. However, if your only option is to send your child/children to school on this day we will open with a skeleton staff and provide supervision.

For planning and organisation, please indicate to the office by Wednesday 15th March if your child will be at school on the Strike Day.

#### Kind regards

Duncan Baker—BOT Chair

# KA PAI KIDS

**Pūrerehua:** *Poppy*—You have shown amazing leadership in our class this week, stepping up to help out and look after your new classmates. You are keen to learn and be involved, and this is exciting to see. Keep up the positive, cheery attitude, Poppy!

**Room 2:** *Lily*—You have a 'have a go attitude' towards all of your learning. You always help support others in the class and are such a kind friend. Keep it up, you are a superstar!

Arotahi: *Poppy*—Wow, Poppy you have really got The Writing Bug! You have written some involved and detailed stories over the last couple of weeks. When you are not writing you are quietly supporting your classmates. You are a great role model.

Kaihōpara: Astrid—I love seeing your enthusiasm for learning and how you get excited for your friends and classmates too! You quietly get on with your work and enjoy a challenge. You are such a fun and vibrant part of our class, keep being you!

**Taurikura:** *Lydia*—For an amazing performance in the school triathlon last week, and for being an outstanding scientist and engineer during our Wonder Project work this week. ka pai hoki koe Lydia, good on you!

**Pūkeke:** *Lukas*—You have made an amazing start to our school Lukas. Your digital skills are an asset to our room. We can't wait to see what you can do. Tu meke Lukas.

#### **Bath Towels**

Do you have any good condition spare bath or beach towels that we could have at school? They are so useful to have, just in case a child forgets their swim towel, or needs a clean up after play time! Please drop off to the office. Thank you.

# Well done AgriKids!

Congratulations to the two teams that represented Hiwinui School at the AgriKids competition in Taranaki recently.



school with pride, showed their best manners and perseverance in very cold conditions. Well done Cooper, Ollie, and Logan, and Millar, Alex and Alannah.





### **TEACHER ONLY DAY**





On 24 April (Teacher Only Day), the Y will be running a full day programme, themed "Masterchef and Tech Day". This programme will be run from Park Road, but is open to students from all Y-Kids sites and schools.

Contact parkroad.asc@ycentral.nz or 0223136860

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

16 March—Teacher Strike

17 March—School & Community Picnic

20 March—Penhey Cup, Makino Aquatic Centre

24 March—Mt Biggs Tough Kids

6 April—Term 1 Ends

**7 April**—Good Friday

24 April—Teacher Only Day

25 April—Anzac Day

26 April—Term 2 starts



#### **Community Notice Board**

Hiwinui School Playgroup—The next playgroup will be March 23. Please check their Facebook page for details.

Footprints in the Sand Fun Run—Sunday 12 March, registration at 9am. Half marathon, 10km and 5km distances. foxtonlions.co.nz

Feilding Library Feilding Fun Day—19 March. 10am-1pm at Kowhai Park, Feilding. Games, fun activities, bouncy slide, sausage sizzle, drinks, candy floss. FREE.

Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon—March 21st, Ongley Park, PN. Enter at www.tryathlon.co.nz and be sure to join the Hiwinui School group—our school could be eligible for some fantastic prizes! If you've already entered, please log back in and attach your entry to the school group too!

Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge — Mon 29 & Tues 30 May. Join in on the 1.5km or 3km off road mud run! Have fun and get encouraged to get MUDDY! eventpromotions.co.nz/ junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge

# Friends of Hiwinui School

We had a very successful fundraiser supporting the 4x4 Extreme Buggy Racing - raising \$1,108.84 for our 'end of year activity' funds. Thanks to all the families who supported with baking or pulling a shift on the day. Special thanks go to Caitlin, Hadley, Bella and Lucas, our Year 7/8 helpers on the day. And the biggest thanks to Rachael Venter for her support throughout the day, and the loan of her 'Feeding Out' food truck.



### Easter Raffle

Once again we are having our annual Easter raffle at the end of Term 1. To make this a success yet again, we need donations of Easter or school holiday activities to fill our beautiful baskets. Previous raffles have been filled with Easter eggs, colouring books, family activities, games, and other useful items to keep families busy over the term break.

Donations can be dropped off to the school office. The raffle tickets, supported by Freedom Plus, will be distributed for families to sell in the coming weeks.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Friends of Hiwinui Fundraising Committee



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Txt: 021 490 828

Event Price Start Time
Half Marathon Walk \$40.00 7.00am
Half Marathon Run \$40.00 8.00am
10K Walk or Run \$20.00 9.00am
5K Walk or Run \$10.00 9.30am
5K Primary School Challenge \$5.00 9.30am

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## MANAWATU TOUGH KID® CHALLENGE FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023

Hosted by Mt Biggs School in partnership with Sport Manawatu.

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The course is all off road and includes running, balance obstacles, climbing obstacles, cargo net, tyres and water slide plus other fun obstacles!!

\$7.50 per entry -please enter through your school.

Pre order Lunch Packs \$6 - includes Sausage in a bun, snack pack chips, apple & cookie Kids T shirts \$22.50, Adult T shirts \$25

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