

# Hiwinui Community Committee

Kia ora and welcome to our Hiwinui Community Committee update for the term. We want to let you know the work being done to progress our community objectives.

**Our vision**—Hiwinui is a safe, walkable, socially connected and environmentally conscious community where sustainable future growth and development reflect the character of our rural environment.

**Committee Member Farewells**—We thank and farewell our former Chair, Greg Barratt, who led the Committee for the past two and a half years. Greg has progressed important initiatives such as our signs and local roading upgrades. Greg is always the first to muck in at working bees and has been a positive and progressive Chair. Thanks Greg!

We also farewell Clare Ridler and Pam Eastcott, who helped progress our various initiatives over the years and have been fantastic on our committee.

**New Committee**—The remainder of our Committee were re-elected, and we welcome Rod Smillie and Blair Alabaster, elected as our Board Chair.

**New Liaison Councillor**—A warm welcome to Councillor Fiona Underwood as our MDC Liaison Councillor, and we look forward to working together.



**Save the Date—Sunday 19 March 2023**—The committee are planning a community event, more details to follow in the New Year.

**Hiwinui Pathways**—You will see our path network growing over the coming months—we are thankful to the MDC for funding this. The new pathway will commence at the

school and run south towards Ashhurst Road for approximately 350m to the vicinity of the proposed Origin Homes subdivision.

**Hiwinui Plan Review**—Thanks to all who attended our July planning session. Our Plan has now been updated and is available via the MDC website.

**Get in touch**—We welcome community ideas and questions and look forward to hearing from you.

**Email:** [help@hiwinui.org.nz](mailto:help@hiwinui.org.nz)

**Facebook:** send us a PM (Hiwinui Community)

**Contact one of our committee members:**

**Your 2023 Hiwinui Community Committee:**

Blair Alabaster (Chair)

Tracey Mouat (Secretary)

Erin Wheeler (Principal)

Duncan Baker (BoT Chair)

Richard Fernando



Rod Smillie

Phil Pirie

Sean Hurley

Richard Ramson

**From MDC:**

Councillor Fiona Underwood & Janine Hawthorn (Community Wellbeing Manager)

*Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas & New Year*



**Kia ora o te whānau and Hiwinui Community**

2022 has been a wonderful year—full of lots of opportunities and experiences for our learners.

We started the year with so many Covid restrictions and masks had to be worn in our learning spaces but then as the year went on, normality returned. Events started happening again and there are definitely so many highlights from the year to share.

**A few of our favourite things have included:**

**Just recently:**

- The fire engine arriving for our Water Day ... the waterslide was loved and everyone happily got soaked
- Our Country Kids Disco
- Raffle for a Ride was such a success and reflected the strength of our community support
- Year 5-6 Camp to Makahika: the experiences included a challenging High Ropes Course, flying fox, day tramp and a night in the bush huts
- Year 7-8 Camp to El Rancho: raft building, rock climbing, soft archery, tubing, go karts and horse riding were a few favourite activities
- The Year 4—Trip to the City: including Aerial Yoga, McDonalds for lunch and a creative afternoon at Splatter
- The Christmas Big Day Out at the Esplande for our junior learners—including a visit from Santa



**Sporting opportunities:**

- Our Tuesday Run club was launched and we took away amazing placings at the Striders Road Race
- Netball Teams, Summer Soccer Teams and Summer Touch Teams



- Triathlons
- Jumping June—raising over \$3k for the Heart Foundation
- Cross Country on the Pirie Property—we loved those hills!
- Lots of swimming (thanks to having an amazing heated pool)



#### **Enviro:**

- Enviro Trip to Kitchener Park
- Development of class gardens
- Our new greenhouse

#### **Kainui Events:**

- Year 8—City Trip
- Kapa Haka—we started a new Kapa Haka group led by Pou Portia
- Music and Movement at the Civic Centre
- The Mrs Leigh Memorial Netball Tournament
- The Football Tournament at the Ashhurst Domain
- Junior Athletics day at Newbury school (we won nearly every relay!)



#### **Community Involvement:**

- Lamb and calf day was an incredible highlight for so many. Some of our learners describe Christmas Day as the best day and Lamb and Calf day being the second best.
- Our working bees have been fab and we are highly appreciative of all the work with the hay, the firewood, our pool seating, mulching the septic area and most recently the silage
- Our students organised a mini plant sale
- Fundraising sausage sizzles for lunch ... every Friday in Terms 2 and 3
- The Clothing Swap



All these experiences have occurred alongside an incredible amount of teaching and learning that has happened on a daily basis. We are so grateful for our wonderful teaching and support staff team. It has been an action packed year and we are really proud of our learners achievement and academic progress. A big thank you to our previous Board of Trustees and our new Board of Trustees too—thank you for valuing all the opportunities we give our learners and governing our school with dedication and enthusiasm.

As the school year finishes we farewell Mrs Blatchford and celebrate all the wonderful things she has done at our school and the way she has beautifully supported our Year 2 learners. Becks is a talented teacher and raising learner achievement in Literacy has always been her passion. We also farewell Ms Rachel—she has been our New Entrant/ Year 1 teacher since May of this year. Our learners have enjoyed having her in our Ruahine Rōpū. We wish Becks and Rachel all the very best.

In 2023 we welcome back Pou Holly and look forward to her teaching in classrooms across our school. We also welcome two new teachers to our team. Jo Johnston who will be teaching in our Year 1-2 class and Jono Clement who will be teaching in our Year 5-6 class. They are both experienced teachers and we believe they have some great strengths that will enhance our kura!

School starts for 2023 on Wednesday 1st February!

Wishing all our Hiwinui Community a very happy Christmas!

*Ngā mihi nui,*

*Erin Wheeler*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**SCHOOL OFFICE OPENS 30TH JAN**

**Wednesday 1 February**—Start of Term 1, 2023

**Monday 6 February**—Waitangi Day

**Tuesday 7 & Wednesday 8 February**—meet the Teachers, from 3.30pm by appointment

**Friday 17 February**—School Picnic

**Sunday 19 March**—SAVE THE DATE—Community Event

*Regards, Erin, Fiona, Rebecca, Holly, Emma, Kendall, Portia, Rachel, Philippa, Allannah, Sarah, Novena, Colin, Charlotte, Paula, Elise, Rachelle & Jacki*