

2018 Information Update

Staff

Brenda Leigh	Principal
Debbie Stevenson	Office Manager
Fiona van den Brink	Room 1 Teacher, Yrs 0-1
Rebecca Blatchford	Room 2 Teacher, Yr 2
Lynne Bishop	Room 3 Teacher, Yrs 2-3
Kate Ellery	Room 4 Teacher, Yrs 4-5
Rochelle Bailey	Room 5 Teacher, Yrs 5-6
Mark McKay	Room 5a Teacher, Yrs 6-8
Jo Gibbs	Release Teacher
Sarah Stephens	Teacher Aide
Irene Curtis	Teacher Aide
Odette Wright	Teacher Aide
William Suico	Cleaner
Colin Leigh	Caretaker

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Year 2018 Term Dates

Term 1 -	31 st January - 13 th April
Term 2 -	30 th April - 6 th July
Term 3 -	23 rd July - 28 th September
Term 4 -	15 th October - 17 th December

Pupil Numbers

We currently have a total of **133** pupils and this year welcomed the following new families to our school community:

Avery, Barr, Blackmore, Fernando, Jayet, Judd, Mathews, Radich, Smout and White.



Hot Off the Press:
Our 'Kids' Lit Quiz Team' were 3rd overall out of 43 schools, and 1st in the Small Schools section.



What a superb start we have had to the 2018 school year. The weather has been magical and everything planned has happened, except the Junior Kainui Tabloids which was disappointing.

We have begun the school year with 133 students and six teaching spaces. This has meant that the Activity Centre has been taken over by Mr McKay and his Year 6, 7 and 8 class. They are loving the big space and are certainly more than happy with their classroom.

We have appreciated having our Library back as a **Library** and with the retirement of Mrs Moss, **Miss Bailey** is now the Teacher Librarian.

This year we have welcomed **Mrs Bishop** to the teaching team and the teachers are enjoying working in two teams - a senior and a junior team.

We had a fantastic turn out of families on a brilliant summers evening for our **Annual Family Picnic** and we appreciated the commitment of those families who camped the night in the school grounds.

The **Swimming Pool** has never been so valued by our community. We have had amazing numbers through the pool this season and have appreciated the donations made by those you have benefitted. On several occasions there was standing room only as parents and children alike tried to cool down on our extremely hot summer evenings. Once again it has been the dedicated **Simon Martin** whose total commitment has kept the pool operating. We are most grateful to Simon for the hours he spends keeping our pool up to a high standard.

The Swimming Pool and surrounds were full to capacity on yet another beautiful day for our **Hiwinui School Swimming Sports**. All the children enjoy participating and this year we had a House Relay which was a lot of fun and

certainly fostered the Team Spirit that we are always encouraging.

We have three Houses - Totara, Rimu and Kowhai. All students are placed in a house and if possible we keep families together. The children are creating mascots and chants for their house at present.

Mr McKay took 8 teams down to the **Manawatu/Taranaki AgriKids** event in Wellington and we were really excited that we ended up with three teams in the finals but unfortunately didn't take out the top prizes this year. The children had great parental support in Wellington and really enjoyed their day. We appreciated the work that **Jade Askin** did working at lunchtimes with the children to grow their farming general knowledge.

All three **vegetable gardens** have been extremely productive this year and before the Easter break the senior gardening team harvested their very prolific crop of butternuts. The juniors are still harvesting capsicums and I think the pre-school garden grew the biggest marrows.

We had a 95% turnout of parents at our **Parent, Student, and Teacher Goal Setting Conferences**. These are extremely valuable and certainly allow families and staff to work together for the betterment of the children.

Our **Parent Forum** was well attended and was based around our Inquiry Topic of **Keeping Ourselves Safe**. Constable Cree spoke about the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme and she was followed by Eddie McKay talking about **Cyber Safety** and what we as parents can do to support our children in and around the Cyber World.

A very enthusiastic cricket team participated in a country school cricket competition at Ashurst School. This was a first time for us and we

certainly hope we see **Cricket** getting stronger within the school.

All students have had **Tennis coaching** once a week which they have enjoyed and it has been great to see the confidence that they have developed on the tennis court.

Both the **Kainui Swimming Sports** and also the **Kainui Rippa** competitions have been held and these are just so fantastic for the students as they develop and broaden their friendship within the Cluster of schools.

What fabulous weather which has allowed the children of Hiwinui to begin the year on a real high.

Please could all **SWIMMING POOL KEYS** be returned to the school office by the end of this week – Friday 13th April. Thank you.

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, 2018

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



"Seeds planted today will flourish and blossom tomorrow."