



Hiwinui School

Week 2 - Term 3
2nd August 2018



Please keep sick children
at home until they are better.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



While Sophie Long informed the Parents' Assembly at the end of Term 1, of the safe arrival of her little sister **Emma Rose**, we are thrilled to be able to congratulate Clare and Richard on her safe arrival and welcome her into our school family.

It was extremely pleasing to be able to hold **Parent Interviews** with the sun shining into the classrooms and children being able to play outside while waiting for family members. Thank you parents for your attendance - the education of your children is a three way scenario - the child, the family and the teacher.

The staff always appreciate your open and honest discussions and it was lovely to hear how thrilled teachers are when they are thanked for the time and effort that they put into the students' learning by you the parents.

Thank you, families, for supporting your children and our dedicated staff who work hard to raise the achievement of the students at Hiwinui School.

PRIMARY TEACHER STRIKE - Wednesday 15th August 2018 unless current negotiations are successful

We're really mindful of the pressures any industrial action puts on families to arrange childcare. However, this is the first time we've voted for strike action since 1994 (for pay parity), and we hope that our communities understand why we're doing it this time - it's for their kids. As teachers we are really worried about the lack of extra learning support available to children who need it, and the teacher recruitment and retention crisis that could see class sizes blow out very soon. It's already extremely hard and sometimes impossible to find relievers when teachers are sick, or they move to another school or as getting more common, a new career. Something has to change, and soon. The career teachers of the 'Baby Boomer' era are now moving towards retirement and when that happens we are going to find it really difficult to staff our schools and the retention of new teachers is disappointing mainly due to work load and pay.

While negotiations are underway I am afraid the possibility of strike action is looking almost inevitable. Please make sure that you have made arrangements' for your children on the 15th August.

WHAT ARE WE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- More teachers - so your kids can get more attention
- More resources / staff to support children with additional learning needs
- A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage - so that your children will have a teacher in the future



SKOOL LOOP: We have had some fantastic feedback about Skool Loop - the App which can be downloaded. You get instant information and Posts are uploaded immediately to your Home Screen as they are posted.

Never a week goes by in which I don't get told of a near miss at the school gate. This week's involved a family turning right out of the car park only to have two speeding cars travelling south nearly hit them. They were not school families, so how are we going to get our message across to the wider community? Please be aware that sun strike is also a danger for the next few months. **Slow down and drive to the conditions.**



KAINUI NETBALL TOURNAMENT - Monday 6th August:

We have three teams entered in the tournament and the players are to arrive at school with their uniforms on ready to go. Thank you to those parents who have offered transport, your support is much appreciated.



CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAMME:

4.00-5.00pm Wednesdays at Feilding & District Art Centre – for 7 to 13 year olds. \$8 per session – materials supplied. Phone 3232-323.

KAIRANGA LEOS – (ages 12-18 years):

“We do cool activities and learn fun stuff – fireworks, archery, robots...” Next activity is Laser Tag – Sunday 12th August (FREE). We meet on the second Sunday of each month from 1pm-4pm at Kairanga Hall and also do fun service projects in our communities. Ph Carol 3546-651

CYBER-SAFETY PRESENTATION – 7pm TONIGHT:

PNGHS invites you to a presentation on the issues and dangers associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet. This presentation will support any parent wanting to develop resilience in their child and to empower them in today's hyper-connected world. Hosted by NZ Cyber Security expert John Parsons. Everyone welcome – Huia Centre, PNGHS.

- Educating young people to understand the value of identity is the first step to using ICT safely.
- Educating young people to respect and protect friends and family identity is the second step.

GRANTS APPLICATION WORKSHOP: Wednesday 15th August – 6.30pm-9.00pm:

Helen King – Grants Advisor and Educator, invites you to an introductory workshop focusing on making successful grant applications – a good grounding for those new to the process and a fresh perspective to 'old hands': \$25 per person. To be held at The Little Vixen Studio in Ashhurst. Contact Helen at gingerchopper@gmail.com or 0279-184-855.

BOOK FOR SALE : 'On The Free Range Robotic Dairy Farm – MIDNIGHT MOOVERS' :

Amy Gemmell (Flynn, Hadley and Ronan's mum) has written a children's book, illustrated by professional cartoonist Rick Menard. There is a sample copy in the office if you would like to look at it before ordering. One copy is \$13, two or more copies \$12 each. GST invoice can be requested. Please email your order to Amy's email robotfarmnz@gmail.com. A percentage of the sales profit will be donated to Hiwinui School near the end of the year.



HIWINUI PLAYGROUP – Thursday 9th August :

9.30am – 11.30am in the Hiwinui School Activity Centre. All pre-schoolers and their minders welcome. Please bring a gold coin and piece of fruit to share per child. Visit them on facebook.

Kapai Kids

Wondering 1: **Nova Middleton** -
"I am learning lots about numbers to ten".

Terrific 2: **Emmie Pearson** - *you are a friendly, caring and helpful class member.*

Room 3: **Hadleigh Pryde** - *for always striving to be the best 'me' you can be. You are a great role model for Room Three. Ka pai.*

Room 4: **Tabitha Askin** - *for settling so well into Term 3 and being a self-motivated learner.*

Room 5: **Fletcher Edwards** - *you have developed great confidence in yourself as a learner and this is showing through in your excellent progress.*

Room 6: **Brooke Wilson** - *you are a caring and considerate member of our class and always willing to help others.*
Thanks Brooke.

**NO
HOT LUNCHES**
tomorrow

'MOVIE-NIGHT' FUNDRAISER – Thursday 23rd August



Hiwinui School is hosting a private screening of **'BOOK CLUB'** at the Focal Point Cinema in Feilding to raise funds for an All-Weather Sports Turf at school. Tickets are available at the office for \$22 (CASH only) and include a movie ticket and drink combination. The movie begins at 8:30 pm. All parents, caregivers and friends welcome.

Friday Sausage Sizzle - \$1.50 each - CAMP Fundraiser



ALL orders must be in the office by 9am please. No IOUs. Child's Name and Room Number must be clearly written on the outside of the envelope or wrap, with the correct change secured inside. *Eftpos is available at the office.* This is a fundraiser for the Years 6, 7 and 8 camp in November.

Towel Roster - VENTER family

NO EGGS



PLEASE

kindest Regards,

Brenda, Debbie, Sarah, Fiona, Jo, Irene, Mark, Rebecca, Rochelle, Odette, Lynne, Colin and Holly.

- **\$chool Banking** - Wednesday mornings before school, in Brenda's office - new accounts welcome. Open an account for your child and teach them the important life-skill of saving for the future. (*This may reflect on the retirement home you end up in !*)

Dates to Remember ... *this is a guide only - dates may change*

2nd August Parent Interviews

6th August Kainui netball tournament

8th August B.O.T. meeting

10th August Mathex

15th August **Be prepared that all New Zealand Primary Teachers may be on strike this day. Therefore the school would be closed.**

20th August Kainui Soccer

30th August Open Classrooms

3rd September Kainui Basketball

5th September HPV Vaccinations

12th September Kainui Junior Folk Dance

12th September B.O.T. meeting

25th September Whole School Photos

28th September Parents Assembly / Last day of Term 3

DOUGHBOYS PIES

Camp Fundraiser

... coming soon ...



Ehara taku toa I te toa. Takitahi engari he toa takimano.
My strength is not that of an individual but that of the collective.

ABSENCES - Please remember to contact the office by 9am if your children are going to be away from school for any reason - this includes those participating in the 'Tough Guy / Tough Gal' Challenge tomorrow.