



Hiwinui School

Week 3 - Term 1
15th February 2018

POOL RULES

All children under the age of 16 **MUST** have a supervising adult with them in the swimming pool area at all times.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At Board Meeting last night a number of items were on the agenda of importance to our community.

The first meeting of each year the Board of Trustees appoint a Chairperson to lead their Board for the coming year. At this meeting Bruce Pearson stood down as Board Chair, but he is going to support Duncan Baker, our newly elected Chairperson, as he learns the ropes of the Chairperson. On behalf of our Hiwinui School Community I would like to thank Bruce for the many years that he has served as our leader and I know that he is going to be extremely supportive of Duncan in his role as B.O.T. member. Bruce has led during the purchase of Lot 9, the development of Lot 9, the negotiations for Room 5 and the subsequent delivery of that classroom, not to mention many other projects including the appointments of five staff. Thank you Bruce, your dedication to Hiwinui School has been fantastic and we look forward to your continued service as a Board member.

Hiwinui School Picnic & Camp Out

TOMORROW - 5pm onwards



You are all warmly invited and encouraged to attend the Annual School Picnic tomorrow at school. This is a time to meet other families and enjoy being part of a wider community. There is no definite starting or finishing time. When you are ready to go you go. The swimming pool will be open and parents/staff will make sure there is always an adult supervising. The P.E. gear will be available and the finale for some will

be the lolly scramble. This is a special time when all school families can get together out on the field and enjoy relaxing while having tea. Bring your own food and drink - either something to cook on the school BBQ, or Fish & Chips, Pizza, left-overs etc. ... Parents and families are also welcome to bring their tents and stay overnight. You just need to provide your own gear (as well as your breakfast) and we will provide a toilet, swimming pool and facilities to boil a jug etc. We'd love to see the paddock full of tents. Let's make the most of the warm weather.

All students under the age of 16 who are camping at school overnight MUST have a supervising adult staying with them overnight.

This week the Ministry of Education has signed off the documentation for our Hiwinui School **Enrolment Zone**. This will take effect as of the 30th April this year. This is the beginning of Term 2. The Enrolment Zone does not affect any pupils currently in the school. If you have forgotten what the Ministry has deemed our zone please check out our school website or ask Debbie in the office. We will keep you informed of this in current newsletters and on facebook.

The Ministry of Education has also agreed to fund new fencing across the front of the school and down Melford Lane. We are extremely grateful for this as we are forever trying to make the Watershed Road area as safe as we possibly can for our students.

Please remember that an area of Watershed Road - approximately a kilometre either side of the school - is an 80k zone and that we expect drivers to slow down to 25k prior to the gate and when turning in. Before the fencing goes in we need to remove the large flaxes at the wooden gate. If you are interested in getting them for planting on your property please see a B.O.T. member or Brenda.

We are finding the little corridor from the Reception Area past the Principal's Office and Sickbay very congested in the morning. We are banning this area to children at all times and would ask that parents take their children to class via the outside, especially while the weather is so beautiful.

The Board of Trustees have appointed Colin Leigh to the position of Maintenance Person one day per fortnight. As a school we are extremely grateful to the Board for this as it is the first time in my time as Principal we have had a Caretaker /Maintenance person. Colin has a teaching and building background so is going to be extremely helpful to us.

As a Health and Safety issue we are extremely diligent at the moment at reinforcing the fact that if students are outside they are **required to wear shoes on their feet and their school sunhat**.

We have also changed the way our playtime and lunchtimes work.

At playtime the children eat *inside* before going to play and the same happens at lunchtime. Eating is supervised by the classroom teachers.

We will begin our Earthquake, Fire and Lockdown drill next week and if you have a child with an issue re this please let their classroom teacher know.

At the beginning of each year we ask that each child bring a can of food to school that can be kept in the classroom so that in the event of an emergency they do have some food. Each class has a supply of can openers and spoons but we ask that parents supply a can of food that you know your child will eat. It will be kept until the end of the year and then as a school we'll make a donation of the food to a charity. Last year's went to 'The Women's Refuge' who were extremely grateful.



- **Scholastic Book Club** orders need to be in by 2nd March. Payment can be made at the office via cash, eftpos, or cheque made out to Scholastic

Kapai Kids

Wondering 1: **Torrin Orbell** -
*"I can try new things with a smile.
I give things a go."*

Terrific 2: **Taj Cowan** - *you are a wonderful friend in
Room 2. You help support us with our learning.*

Room 3: **Caitlin Steffert** - *for being a caring person
and helping others with their learning.*

Room 4: **Olive Look** - *you are a kind and caring member
of Room 4. Everyone loves your infectious smile and your
generous actions. Thank you!*

Room 5: **Brooke Rosacker** - *you have had such a
positive and focused start to the year, keep it up!*

Room 6: **Erin Hansen** - *for the dedication
and reliability that you bring to the
role of bell ringer.*



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

16 th February	Hiwinui School Family Picnic at school any time after 5pm
2 nd March	Hiwinui School Swimming Sports – all children – 1pm start
5 th & 6 th March	Parent / Teacher / Student – goal setting meetings
7 th March	Kainui Junior Tabloids at Mt Biggs – Years 1 – 3
15 th March	Parents' Forum
16 th March	Kainui Swimming Sports – Years 4 – 8
30 th March	Good Friday – School is closed
2 nd & 3 rd April	Easter break - School closed
13 th April	Parents Assembly – Term 1 ends

NETBALL COACHES

will be required
for Years 1 - 8
teams this year
for netball to go
ahead.

If interested
please see Kate
(Room 4)



Community Notice Board

I TRI'D THE TRIES KIDS TRIATHLON:

for 4-12 year olds; sponsored by Crankit Cycles. More info at www.triclub.co.nz Please see Debbie or Brenda if you would like to carpool.

FEILDING JUNIOR CRICKET:

SuperStar Cricket for 6-10 year olds at Kowhai Park in Feilding - Tuesdays from 3.45pm - 5pm.
For more information check them out on facebook.com/FeildingJCC

PROEX SOLUTIONS LTD – DIGGER HIRE:

1.7 tonne Digger with tilt bucket available for daily hire - Ph: Pearse McGougan - 0275-128-692

JUNIOR TOUGH GAL & GUY CHALLENGE:

Friday 3rd August in Palmerston North - for more information go to www.eventpromotions.co.nz

HIWINUI PLAYGROUPO – Thursday 22nd February:

Next Thursday at Hiwinui School in the Activity Centre. All pre-schoolers and their minders welcome. Please bring a gold coin per child and a piece of fruit to share.

Please see the **Community Noticeboard** on the deck for more information...

NOTICE OF UPCOMING COSTS

Please note accounts will be sent home in due course but advance payments are welcome

SCHOOL DONATION - The Board of Trustees have set the School Donation at \$95 per student for the 2018 year. We have looked into the Labour Government's proposed initiatives to publicly fund each child for \$150 if the schools don't ask families for donations. At this stage the change of Act has not happened and therefore the current policy around donations remains the same until such time as the Government passes a change in policy - therefore, based on this information the Hiwinui School Board of Trustees finds it necessary to ask for a donation of \$95 per child.

TECHNOLOGY FEES - \$50 payable for all Year 7 and 8 students. This covers the cost of the bus to and from Monrad Intermediate as well as all materials used during the year. 'Thank you' to the Board who have subsidised almost half of the costs.

SENIOR CAMP COSTS - Parents and caregivers of all Year 6, 7 and 8 children are advised that the cost for the annual camp in November is generally around \$300. It could be more or it could be less, but please start saving now. You can make advanced payments at the office if you like. Please see Debbie.

Towel Roster – PALMER family

kindest Regards,

Pool Cover: 19th - 25th – MATSAS family

Brenda, Debbie, Sarah, Fiona, Kate, Jo, Irene, Mark, Rebecca, Rochelle, William, Odette, Lynne and Colin

“Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te, Rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu.”
Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth
for future generations.