



Hiwinui School

Week 5 - Term 4
15th November 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Once again we thank you as our parents for the support that you showed the Hiwinui School Staff during the Strike action on Tuesday. We realise that striking is not going to solve our problems but we just hope that the government is hearing what we are trying to say.

For the teachers of your children it isn't just about pay, it's about class sizes, over-worked teachers and children with needs just not getting the support that they need. An example of this has upset our teachers just last week. As a staff we identified 14 children who we considered would benefit from having the support of a Teacher Aide at some point during their day at Hiwinui School. The staff spent hours putting together the data required and applying for what is called 'In Class Support'. The applications were sent off and we waited. Last week we received notification that only 2 children would be receiving support as the funding requests far outweighed the allocation of money provided by the M.O.E. These are the disappointments we are often receiving.

So many schools throughout New Zealand are struggling to find full-time teachers and relievers. One of the latest phrases in education is 'Split Classes' - this is a term used when a school can't get relievers and the class whose teacher is away gets spread between the other classes. Thankfully we haven't had to do that at Hiwinui. We are forever grateful that we can attract dedicated staff for our children.

'Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award'

On Monday we held a special Assembly for Jade who was presented with the Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award by Clinton Grimstone, Manager of the Westpac Bank.

The Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award, in association with Westpac Bank, recognises young people who have shown promising leadership in their schools. The award is given to one student in each school that participates. The award is both teacher and peer nominated. Jade is a quiet unassuming leader who we were proud to nominate.

Congratulations Jade.

Today **Sarah Stephens** has travelled to Wellington to attend her son Michael's Graduation from Police College. **Congratulations to Michael.** It was an honour to allow Sarah to attend this special family occasion.



'Thomas Borthwick Rosebowl' - Lamb & Kid Championship Day

Last Saturday a small group of students took their lambs to Rongotea to participate in the **Manawatu Oroua Boys & Girls Agricultural Club Championship Day**. They did extremely well and managed to get Runner Up for 'Points on the Day', hence bringing home the Thomas Borthwick Rosebowl. It is the first time since 1963 that Hiwinui has won it. The children who wrote diaries also gathered points for this event.

Congratulations to **Van Campbell** who was 1st in the Year 5 & 6 Lambs Leading and also to **Jake McKenzie** who was 1st in the Year 5 & 6 Lambs Calling; and to **Paige Badger, Jade Askin, Eleanor Askin, Curtis McKenzie, Sophie Long** and **Erin Hansen** who also received placings.

From The BOT ...

As the school year draws to an end we have to farewell some of our current staff and introduce two new team members. During the year Kate Ellery took maternity leave and was due to return June 2019. However Kate has decided to resign from her position at Hiwinui and concentrate on being a full-time Mum. Holly Brown currently fills Kate's position on a fixed term basis and we are excited to announce that Holly will now fill this position as a permanent team member.

Lynne Bishop has been on a fixed term position for 2018. Regretfully Lynne will not be returning to Hiwinui for the 2019 year. We welcome Emma Mitchell for that fixed term position.

Due to Hiwinui's role growth we are eligible for an additional full-time teacher position. This position has been filled by Kendal McCourt and we welcome Kendal to Hiwinui.

Welcome all the new staff to our team and farewell to Kate and Lynne. We thank you for all your hard work and wish you the best of luck.

The Hiwinui B.O.T. sincerely thanks all parents and caregivers for their support during the NZEI strike. Let's hope we can avoid further strikes in the New Year and negotiations are successful.

Kind Regards, Duncan Baker (Chair)

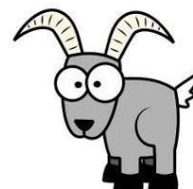


We still have a few things on the boil for Hops & Vines –

- Printed beer or wine glasses \$10 from the office.
- Our Linc Electricial \$350 of electrician's labour is running on the Hiwinui School facebook page (closing 9pm Fri 16 Nov); you could still be in with a bargain there!
- Our NZ Army Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) tender for your child to be uplifted from your home, and driven to school in style securely seated in the gunner's seat of the NZ LAV. Experiences like this are extremely rare unless you enlist! Tender closes Fri 16 Nov, 9:30am with the highest bid winning. If there are two equal bids, Mrs Leigh will do a random draw.

Finally, while we continue to count, we have drawn a line in the sand, with our total funds raised from Hops & Vines '18 hitting **\$15,000 !!** This exceeded our expectations and we're very appreciative of the support we've had throughout. We're looking forward to getting some movement on the 'all-purpose sports pitch'...watch this space.

GOAT POO FOR SALE: \$4 a bag or \$10 for 3 bags
Camp Fundraiser - order and pay at the office



Kapai Kids

Wondering 1: **Ruby Ramson** -
for settling into the class so well.

Terrific 2: **James Mouat** - *for being a reliable, friendly class member whose always trying his best.*

Room 3: **Hope Greenlees** - *for quietly getting on with your work and having a positive attitude towards your learning.*

Room 4: **Olive Look** - *for always being a kind and helpful member of Ruma Whá and showing a great understanding of the water cycle.*

Room 5: **Brooke Rosacker** - *welcome back to Hiwinui School and Room 5. It is great to see your wonderful smile again.*

Room 6: **Erin Hansen** - *for the diligence and enthusiasm that you demonstrate as you strive for excellence.
Keep up the great work Erin.*

NETBALL UNIFORMS
and
ALL CUPS and TROPHIES
need to be returned
to school please, even the lamb and
calf day ones so that they can be
engraved.

CAMP FEES
and all other outstanding
payments **must be paid**
TOMORROW
at the office
(or a screenshot of your
online payment emailed to
office@hiwinui.school.nz)



BOXES / FLAT-PACKS WANTED: for moving house. Please leave at the office or call if you would like them picked up. Thank you.

VITA-BAGS FOR SALE at the Office: \$13 for a set of 4 (camp fundraiser) – only a couple left. Handy re-usable storage bags for your fruit and vegies.

MULCH FOR SALE - \$20 Trailer Load: Call Bunnythorpe Feeds on 3292-960.

HIWINUI PLAYGROUP – Thursday 29th November:

9.30am in the Hiwinui School Activity Centre – all pre-schoolers and their minders welcome. Please bring a gold coin and piece of fruit per child to share. Check us out on facebook.

Cell Phone Swap for Sports Gear

A big THANK YOU to all those who have brought in their old Cell phones over the past year; and Thank You to **The Sustainable Coastlines Charitable Trust** who have swapped the phones for this great sports package from **Rebel Sports**. Please keep these phones coming in as the proceeds are used to help fund the clean-up of our waterways. So everyone’s a winner! There’s a box in the foyer.



Towel Roster – ATKINS family

kindest Regards,

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

Manaakitanga - Kindness
He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai
If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive

<u>Dates to Remember</u> ... <i>this is a guide only - dates may change</i>	
19th – 23rd November	Year 6, 7 and 8 Camp at Mission Bay, Taupo
28 th November	B.O.T. meeting
29 th November	Kainui Senior Students Athletics
5 th December	Year 8’s Day Out
7 th December	Hiwinui Athletics
11th December	Whole School Prize Giving – 6.30pm at Freyberg
14th December	Term 4 ends for all children – 3pm
<u>Term Dates for 2019:</u>	Term 1: 30 th January – 12 th April
	Term 2: 29 th April – 5 th July
	Term 3: 22 nd July – 27 th September
	Term 4: 14 th October - ... December

