



Hikutaia School Newsletter Friday 11th March 2022

Tena koutou katoa,
As you are all aware there have been regular updates of how Covid is affecting our community. It seems to have slowed in the past few days and we have only had one new report to hand.



I thank our staff for continuing on for our Tamariki and enhancing normality during these trying times. Although our numbers are low at school, those who are attending the learning continue along with other fun activities. You will see or have

heard how our students have harvested the potatoes and pumpkins from our school gardens and made roast potatoes and pumpkin soup and our seniors made Pizza yesterday. On top of that we have had David come into our school to show our Tamariki amazing basketball skills. Life at school is continuing as normal as we can. I would encourage you to



start sending your children back to school. We only had 44 out of 131 attend today. There are a few students that have legitimate reasons for being away, however there are many that do not. We

are halfway through the term and students are missing out on valuable teaching and learning time.



Swimming Sports & Triathlon

We have made the decision to postpone

both our Swimming Sports and Triathlon that were to be held this month to a later date in Term 4. Our numbers are terribly low to be able to run these events properly.



The Maratoto, Wharepoa Bus run.

The Maratoto and Wharepoa bus run will start running again on Monday. Same time and pick up spots as usual. Please remember that masks must be worn when traveling on the bus.

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FIRE FIRE FIRE

We have had a complete fire system upgrade totalling close to 90K. This means

we have a new fire system, smoke alarms, lockdown system and intercom installed. Last night, many of you in the community would have heard the fire alarm sounding. Thankfully this was a false alarm. It was good to know that the system works and we have efficient fire crews from Puriri and Paeroa on standby. Thank you to those who made contact and helped out.



HERO – Correspondence



All correspondence will be conducted through three main media platforms this year, Facebook, HERO and email. Therefore, it is important that you have advised us if you have changed your email, phone number and address. If you do not have access to HERO and have issues with it, please contact Karen in the office and she will try to rectify this for you.

Absences



If your child is absent for whatever reason, please ensure you share this with us either by using the Hero app, email the office, or phone 07 862 4708

and state the reason they are absent. If no reason is given they will be coded as Explained but not justified or Truant.

Please note that our School mobile is down at the moment and I apologise ahead of time for any inconvenience this may cause and you will be advised once this matter has been rectified.

Year 7 & 8 – Paeroa College Technology

We wait in anticipation to hear when our students will return to Paeroa College for Primary technology.

Just a reminder when they do return, ALL STUDENTS need to be at School no later than 8.30a.m. on Thursday's and must wear closed in shoes.

Bike Week

We would like to thank the Thames Mountain Bike club for allowing our students the use of their built ramps, seesaw and balance boards last week for our students to develop strength on their bikes.

Thank you to our Whanau for their kind koha and the lunch fundraiser. Together a total of \$200.00 was raised.

BOT Elections

A reminder that the board of trustee elections will take place later this year. If you have ever thought about running as a board rep and having a greater say in what happens at a governance level, then please contact the school for more details.

Uniforms

If you would like to purchase uniforms, please let Karen know at the office. The prices remain the same and payment is directly into the school account. (For our new parents we do not have eftpos). Once payment is received the uniforms will be sent home with children. **Friday's are the only day that NO uniforms are actioned.**



Wednesday 16th – Basketball with David

Wednesday 23rd – Basketball with David

- Year 7 & 8 Immunisation

Friday 26th – Last day for Scholastic Book Club



Thursday 14th – Last day of Term 1 – 3.00p.m.

Spring bulb
SALE
HUGE SAVINGS
FREE DELIVERY

Help us reach our target of \$6,000 to upgrade our outdoor play equipment.
Purchase with confidence from GardenPost who source New Zealand and Holland's top bulbs!

Email: paeroa@playcentre.org.nz for an order form and payment instructions.

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