



Hikutaia School Newsletter Friday 17th June 2022

Kia ora koutou, Ngā mihi ō te tāu hau Māori - Happy
Maori New Year

The last few weeks of the term are ramping up with lots happening. Our Rippa teams represented the school at the Ngatea competition on Wednesday and competed well. It was exciting to watch some of the games. The energy, skill level and teammanship shone through however none of the three teams we had entered made it into the finals.

Jumping June takes place this week, kids have been practicing their skills for the past few weeks. I would like to thank Sacha Willets and expert in skipping, who is helping out with the Jumping June extravaganza this Friday.

I want to share some exciting news with you. This year we have implemented PR1ME Maths as our major approach to tackle numeracy in the school. This builds consistency across the school and a common language across the year levels as students progress. Our mid term testing shows students are making excellent progress recording some great results. Initial mid-year testing has most of our students soaring. The overall attitude towards math has increased with students saying, "I love math now, it's easy" and "it is easy to understand".

STORMY WEATHER



The recent bad weather has caused some serious damage to school property, namely one of our large trees and a garden shed that was mangled in the wind. Thank

you to the Treeshapes crew, Janella and Colin for their prompt service in helping remove the tree and relieving the danger of any further damage. **Can I also ask if your child is going to be out in the mud and rain, that they bring a change of clothes, thank you.**



CHESS

On Thursday the 23rd we will be hosting the Hauraki regional chess tournament. We have a large number of competitors representing our school and we wish you all the very best in this competition.

MATARIKI

Matariki is a star cluster that appears in the night sky during mid-winter. According to the Maramataka (Maori Calendar). The reappearance of Matariki



brings the old lunar year to a close and marks the beginning of the new year. Hence, Matariki is associated with the Māori New Year. We

as a country get to celebrate Matariki this year with a holiday. During Matariki, it is a time to gather with family and friends to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future.

To celebrate Matariki at school this year, we will come together on Wednesday the 22nd and enjoy a shared hangi lunch. This year it is being prepared by Room 2. Starting at 12 pm, the school will gather in the school hall for talks and a showcase of Matariki work the kids have been doing. Our school kapahaka will also entertain us with a few waiata before lunch is served at around 1.00 pm. All whanau and friends are welcome to join. **Please also note that the school will be closed on Friday the 24th of June.**

Just a reminder we have posted on Hero that we are in need of Kai donations for our Hangi next week. We have broken this into classes and if you are able to help please bring it into school on Monday or Tuesday to the classrooms.

Room 1 - Kumaras',
Room 2 - Potatoes,
Room 3 - Cabbage,
Room 4 - Pumpkin,
Room 5 - Carrots,
Room 6 - Onions and Bread (10).
Meat - 10 chickens.



Mutton - Whaea Corryn (Thank you). If you have any questions please contact the class teacher.

NETBALL SUBS



Just a reminder Netball subs are now required to be paid to School. Invoices have been sent home today to those children who have been playing. The

Subs are as follows: - Mini Ferns & Fun Ferns \$20.00 per player.
Intermediate & Senior Team \$50.00 per player.
Please note that these need to be paid by the 1st July.

WORKING BEE



The Hikutaia School whanau have been so supportive and encouraging when it comes to helping out and mucking in. We need your help, there are a large number of projects that need attention to ensure

we have great facilities for our kids/akonga. If you are free on Sunday the 3rd July for 3 hours starting at 9.30 a.m. come on down to school and lend a hand. Projects to complete:

- Outdoor Basketball hoop to erect
- Playground to repair and prepare for use
- Shade house to be erected and placed in the garden area
- Hall kitchen clean
- Cut down dead trees and clear away mess (thanks Jamie Metekingi)
- Front Garden - planted
- Bark to be spread around gardens

BUS RUN



Until further notice part of the Maratoto bus route will not go ahead. Go Bus has decided it is too dangerous to cross

the Ford on old Maratoto Road when the river is in flood.

Instead, the bus will travel along Old Maratoto road and turn around at Block Road. A site meeting was held last week by the Ministry of Education and Go Bus. We are still waiting to receive in writing from

the Ministry of Education the outcome. Therefore, students will need to get to the Block Road intersection in the morning and to be picked up from here in the afternoon. Thank you for your understanding.



On Tuesday 21st June we welcome Lynne Duffin to Hikutaia School who is our evaluation partner. Lynne is tasked with looking at our school compliance and practices and making sure we have robust teaching and learning practices in place.

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 the School no longer has a mobile hence the importance of either using your hero app or email or phone to advise of absences.



Since our last newsletter we have welcomed three new whanau (families) to our school.

Jeileahna and her brother Kyro and parents Toni & Robert, Noah and his parents Chelsea & William, Xavier & his mum Helen and Aria and her parents Samara & Lucas.

We hope that you will all enjoy your time and association with us here at Hikutaia School.

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.



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KOWHAI AWARD

Congratulations to Antonia for receiving our prestigious Kowhai Award last Friday; for demonstrating the School values and strive for excellence. Well done Antonia and keep up the good work.



Caption of the week:

Special thank you to Matua Bevan for teaching our seniors to run off the shoulder and track the ball.

RIPPA RUGBY COMPETITION



Thank you to all the parents who were able to help with transport, coaching and supporting our group of students on Wednesday in Ngatea. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



PATAKA KAI

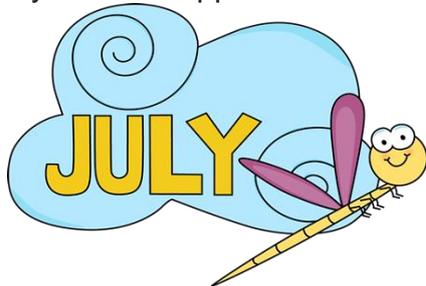


We would like to thank the many people who have kindly donated to our school Pataka Kai cupboard. These items are greatly appreciated.



June

- Friday 17th - Jump Rope
- Tuesday 21st - ERO Visit
- Wednesday 22nd - Matariki Hangi Celebrations
- Thursday 23rd - Chess Comp
- Wednesday 29th - Rippa finals



- Friday 1st - Reports Out
- Sunday 3rd - Working Bee
- Monday 4th - Hero's Day
- Friday 8th - Last Day of Term 2 - Mufti Day - Theme Vocations.
- Monday 25th July - Start of Term 3 - 9.00 a.m.

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The magical MATARIKI GLOW SHOW is coming to a theatre near you, during Term 2 AND the July school holidays. The MATARIKI GLOW SHOW tells the gorgeous story of te kähui whetu ō Matariki (the star cluster/whānau of Matariki) as they gather to light up the skies for Te Tau Hou Māori (Māori New Year). But where is the smallest star Waipuna-a-rangi? Could she be lost in the moana? The show brings this mythical magic to life with its unique puppets, which glow under UV lights in a black box theatre and intrigue tamariki wherever they go.

Delightfully told in te reo Māori and English, the MATARIKI GLOW SHOW educates as it entertains, with its cutting-edge concept, upbeat original soundtrack, and themes of whakawhānaungatanga, friendship and togetherness. The show is touring to 40 venues, from Kaitaia to Invercargill, most locations, staging two different shows - a concise version for ages 5 and under, and a longer version with Q&A for 6-12 year olds. Shows sell out so book your tickets fast!

Thames War memorial Civic Centre July 16
-11.00 a.m. (0-5 year olds) \$16.50 pp plus fees.
1.00 p.m. (6-12 year olds) \$18.50 pp plus fees

Book at www.glowshow.co.nz/bookings or email hell@glowshow.co.nz