



Hikutaia School Newsletter Friday 24th February 2022

Tena koutou katoa,
It is pleasing to see so many students at school going about their normal day, learning and having fun. For everyone at Hikutaia School trying to relieve anxiety is a high priority that means keeping things as normal as we can. With Covid in our community, I feel it is just a matter of time before we see our first case. The government has now moved the country to PHASE 3. This means "only **household contacts** of a case must isolate. All other contacts should continue to monitor for symptoms. If any arise, they should stay home from school and get a test."

I have been isolating all week as I have symptoms and am waiting for the results of a covid test. We also have two teachers who are at home sick. One has tested positive for Covid so is isolating for 10 days. Our thoughts are with Nikki and her whanau. If your children are sick or showing symptoms, please keep them at home and get tested if necessary.

Swimming

The pool is finally up and running. With the hot weather lingering, classes are taking full advantage of the pool. The pool is also open for lunchtime swims. The school swimming sports date has been set for **Thursday 10th of March**. The school triathlon is set for **Friday 18th March**.

Last week we had the final sign-off for the building projects that were happening last year. The pics attached show the cover over the junior deck, the new office build and sickbay including the new toilet and staffroom.





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

Reporting

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If your child is absent for whatever reason, please ensure you share this with us **either by using the Hero app,**

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.



COVID-19

Last year we were issued with a "public health toolkit for primary schools". This document gives us checklists and actions for school should students and whanau contract Covid or Omicron. In every case, we will be guided by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. The below flow chart should guide you through the process that will be taken should any cases be reported at school. In the meantime, we are doing everything we can to keep the students and staff safe while at school, this includes well-ventilated classrooms, wearing masks for Year 4 and up students, and maintaining cleaning and hygiene practices.



Year 7 & 8 – Paeroa College Technology

This morning we received a phone call reminding our Year 7 & 8 students the requirement to wear a face mask on the bus and on Paeroa college grounds and closed in shoes.

I have received exemption cards from one student in regards to face mask, and have informed the college of this. If there are other exemptions, please send the paper work into the school office so it can be shared with Paeroa College accordingly.

However, further notification has just come to hand from Paeroa College and they have decided to paused Primary Technology until they can navigate through the current Covid situation they have at their Kura.

Bike Week 28.2. to 4.3.2022

We will have amazing bike skills equipment on site for all of next week.

Thames Mountain Bike Club have built ramps, seesaw and balance boards for developing strength on bikes.

We will be the first school in Thames Coromandel area to have the opportunity to use it.

Please bring a gold coin donation to support the maintenance and building of more fabulous gear.

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.**

RURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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School Based Immunisations

Dear Parents / Caregivers,
Public health nurses will be delivering two school-based immunisation programmes in your child's school during 2022.

Year 7 Students

These students will be offered the Boostrix vaccine which is a booster for their early childhood immunisations of tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). Information about the year 7 programme will be given to students at school. This session includes the Ministry of Health video on Year 7 immunisations which is designed specifically for this age group.

- **Friday 25 February 2022 – 9.30 am**

Year 8 Students

The year 8 immunisation for HPV (Human Papillomavirus) which can develop into cervical cancer and other HPV related cancers will be undertaken in two doses during 2022. Information will be given to the students about the HPV programme at school. This includes viewing the Ministry of Health video on protection against HPV and is for the Year 8 age group.

Friday 25 February 2022 – 10.00 am



Parents/Caregivers attendance at these sessions is welcome as per school COVID requirements.

Your child will be given a consent form to bring home for you to choose whether to have your child immunised by the Public Health Nurses at school.

- Information on the immunisations is included on the consent form which will be given to your son / daughter at the information session.
- Please complete the consent form, answer all the questions, and return the form to school.

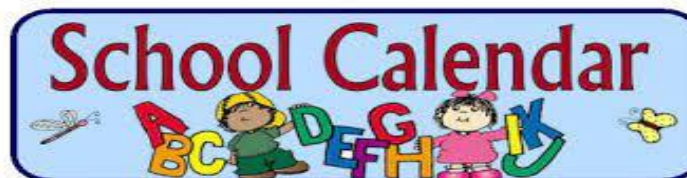
- If your child is not being vaccinated at school, you still need to fill in the section with your child's name and details on it.

For further information on these vaccines phone

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McFarlane Phone: 021 759 839



Friday 25th - Immunisation Education Session



Thursday 10th – Swimming Sports

Friday 18th – Triathlon

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