



Hikutaia School Newsletter Friday 3rd June 2022

Talofa lava,

We are halfway through the term already. The past 5 weeks have flown by, we look forward to the second half of the term and are preparing for a range of activities coming up. Epro8 technology challenge, Chess tournament, Jumping June, and Matariki hangi to name a few. Have a safe and relaxing Queens Birthday weekend, remember there is no school on Monday.

School Zone

On Wednesday we held a zoning meeting for our community. It looks like the school enrolment scheme will be in place at the start of Term 4. More information about this can be found at <https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/schooling-in-nz/enrolment-schemes-zoning/>

3 way Conferences/Whanau hui

I want to thank the many parents that managed to get in and see the teachers. We had close to 80% of our whanau attend the conferences which is an excellent turnout given our current Covid situation. Please make sure you make contact with your child's teacher throughout the term to ensure you know what is happening with your child's learning.

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. There is a site meeting with the Ministry of Education and Go Bus next week to discuss this further and come to some kind of arrangement. You will need to get the students to the Block Road intersection in the morning to be picked up and then collect your child in the afternoon. Thank you for your understanding.

Matariki Hangi

Our annual Matariki Hangi will be prepared on Tuesday the 21st of June and celebrated on Wednesday the 22nd. We need donations of meat and vegetables - kumara, potato, carrots, pumpkin, and cabbage. A message will be sent out with what each class is tasked with bringing. This is a community event and you are most welcome to come in and enjoy the festivities on the day. Our kapahaka group will have a short performance and we will have presentations about what Matariki is and showing off the learning kids have done around Matariki.



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.



Teachers in our school will be attending paid union meetings in the week of June 13th in the run up to the re-negotiation of their collective agreement. The meetings will discuss the teachers' Time 4 Tamariki | Wāwāhi Tahā campaign, which aims to win smaller class sizes, more support for high needs students, better recognition of cultural skills, greater job security for our essential relievers and to fairly value and recognise teachers' work. Our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has scheduled online meetings to minimise disruption to teaching and learning and our school will aim to ensure the least disruption to your children's learning while upholding the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting. Teachers will be discussing many issues of shared interest to principals. Their campaign, [Time 4 Tamariki | Wāwāhi Tahā](#) aims to:

- Address widespread understaffing
- Value and recognise teachers' work
- Enough time for teachers to complete their work during work hours
- Support for teachers working with high needs students
- Recognition of the importance of cultural skills
- Greater support for health & safety in schools
- Job security for relievers



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.

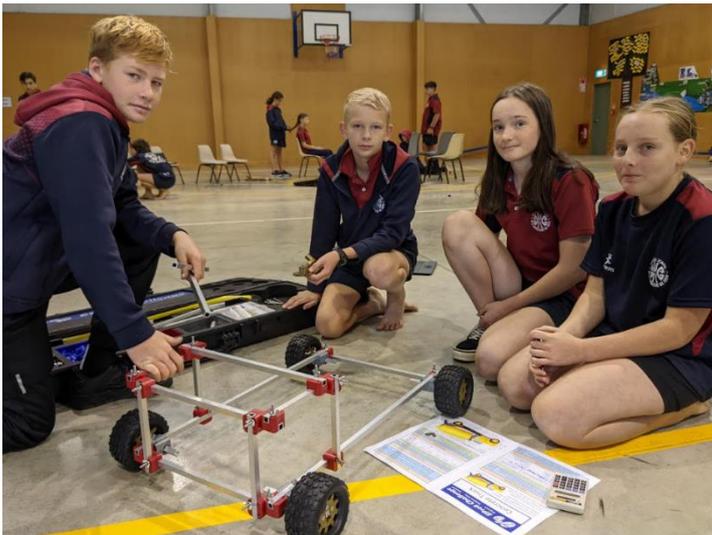
BOT Elections

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.



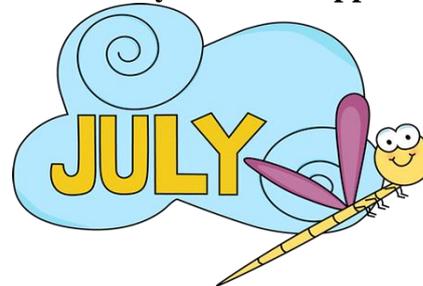
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EPRO8 Challenge



June

- Monday 6th - Queens' Birthday Holiday
- Friday 10th - Rippa Rugby Sessions
- Wednesday 15th - Rippa Rugby Ngatea
- 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.



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 kāhui 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



Vacancy for Administration Assistant
Thursday / Friday
Administration experience preferred but full training
will be given to the successful candidate.
Letters of application to:
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Executive Officer
E-mail: accounts@qfs.school.nz
Applications close at 12noon Tuesday 21st June