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Newsletter Monday 25th May 2020

Talofa lava,

I want to start this week by saying how inspiring it was to see the students back at school last week and to just get on with getting on. Despite the obvious changes at school, the students have adapted well and are have enjoyed being back with their friends, playing, running, learning, and having fun at school. Well done to all the parents who managed to only come into school when it was absolutely necessary, and lastly to the staff who have adjusted their thinking and practice to suit the new changes. The students are very lucky to have such dedicated staff and devoted parents at Hikutaia School - We truly are a community that is equipping children for the future.

Communication - Communication is essential for all of us. Without effective communication we tend to miss out on important events. With the current Covid - 19 situation, it is crucial we all take on board the messages that are being conveyed. With this in mind, I would like to remind you about our communication sources. To communicate with our community and to send out up to date information about coming events and inform you of what is happening at school and in the classroom we use Facebook, Seesaw, and Skool Loop. The newsletter will be sent out every second Monday, this will be emailed to all parents unless you have requested a paper copy. Further information about the school can be found on the school's website.

The boys in Room 4 share their favourite books

Room 3 have special numbers to sit on to help with distancing.



For the calendars - Please set aside the 24th and 25th June these are the days that have been scheduled for the Teacher-Parent-Student conferences. More information will come out in the coming weeks.

Chickens - Room three put forward a proposal to the Board of Trustees last Tuesday requesting to have chickens on site. This is part of our Enviro School initiative, their proposal was successful. They are now busy planning and preparing a suitable area to house the chickens. Look out for fresh eggs in the school Pataka Kai.

Technology for the seniors will restart this Thursday. A reminder that students need to wear enclosed shoes and to be at school before 8:45 am so they do not miss the bus.



Next Monday the school will be closed due to Queen's Birthday. Enjoy the long weekend.

Welcome – we would like to welcome the following students and their parents to Hikutaia School.

Noah King and Jaydon Morley both have older siblings here at school. They join Mrs. Cameron's class Room 3. We would also like to welcome Beau Brown and his parents Sarah and Hayden. Beau has turned 5 years old and join's Room 3. We hope that all of you will enjoy your time and association with Hikutaia School.

Re-Cycling – Classes are collecting re-cycleable items for their wearable arts projects e.g. old CD's, plastic, paper, etc... anything that can be made to be worn.. If you have any of these items around the house please send to school with your child.



Wanted - Plastic Bottle caps for Room 3. We are making a display to go on the wall, outside our classroom from bottle caps. Please send along to school please.

Head Students 2020 – This year the head students selected are responsible for leadership in the following areas: Representing our school on special occasions and events, welcoming our visitors into the school and to speak on behalf of the school students. Congratulations to the following students in no particular order: Abigail Cox, Harry Campbell-Spinks, Cooper Morrison, Brodie Robinson and Kaeden Torstonson. We look forward to your commitment in being responsible leaders for Hikutaia School.

School Pepaha

Ka tangi te titi	The Titi is calling
Ka tangi te kaka	The Kaka is calling
Ka tangi hoki ahau	And I wish to call
Tihei mauri ora	Behold there is life
Ko Whaka Moehau te maunga	Whaka Moehau is our mountain
Ko Hikutaia te awa	Hikutaia is our river
Ko Tikapa te moana	Tikapa is our sea
Ko Hikutaia te marae	Hikutaia is our Marae
Ko Ngati pu te iwi	Ngati Pu is our iwi
Ko Hikutaia te kura	Hikutaia is our School
Ko _(insert name)_ ahau	I am
Nō reira	Therefore
Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa	Greetings, greetings, greetings to you all.