



## Hikutaia School Newsletter Friday 11th February 2022

Tena koutou katoa,

Welcome  
Back to  
School!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. We have had an excellent start to the year with very few disruptions. All students have settled

into their new classes and have been out enjoying the summer weather. I am excited to see some of the learnings in each class and watch our students grow and develop throughout the year. You would have by now read the class outlines for the term and should know what your child will be learning about this term. Our Year 8 leaders will be selected shortly and will undergo a leadership camp and unpack their responsibilities for the year. We also look forward to developing our enviro area further. I would like to welcome two new members to our Team, Whaea Natasha & Whaea Hayley who are our new teacher aides. We hope that you both will enjoy your time here at Hikutaia School.

### New Whanau

I would like to welcome the new whanau to Hikutaia School. I hope your child has settled into the Hikutaia School way and is enjoying the teaching, learning, and fun on offer. Please if



you have any concerns or questions about anything at school don't hesitate to contact me or the staff.

The following new students and their Whanau/Families we welcome: Lani Te Kata, Lucas Kerr, Rylee Thorburn, Mila Howard, Brooklyn Henderson, Raiden & Decius Aitchison, Jed & Jessie Wilton, Skye & Ezra

Thomason, Isla & Quaver-Lee Stainton. We hope that you will enjoy your time here at Hikutaia School.

### HERO

All correspondence will be conducted through three main media platforms this year, Facebook, HERO. and email. 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.

### 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.

### Swimming Pool

Thank you to Royce from Thames Concrete, Ian Brett, and Bevan Robinson who have been slaving away trying to prepare the school pool for our use. They have almost completed the repairs and we will be swimming next week. Look out for notices for when students should bring their togs. With there being a large number of drownings this year, we will not only look at swimming competitively but the emphasis will be placed on water safety and confidence in and around water.

### 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.

### Absences

If your child is absent, please ensure 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 I will code them as Explained but not justified.

## 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.**



## 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 **0800 IMMUNE (466 863)**

Public Health Nurse: Amanda McFarlane  
Phone: 021 759 839



Tuesday 8th - Start of Term 1 2022  
Monday 14th -18th - Zero Waste Week  
Thursday 17th - Year 7 & 8 Paeroa College 8.40 a.m.  
Technology.  
Friday 25th - Immunisation Education Session

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