



Hikutaia School Newsletter Friday 4th November

Trees for survival

22 students, 2 teachers and 2 parents/helpers planted together a total of 420 native plants



(Harakeke - Flax, Karamu - Coprosma robusta, Ti Kouka-Cabbage Tree) on Clare & Paul Shortt farm. This day was coordinated by Tim Cruickshank (Trees for Survival) and the weather was just right.



End of Year Prizegiving

Many have been wondering what this might look like for Hikutaia School. We have decided to go with a "Prizegiving in the Park" approach. Parents are invited to attend the end of year assembly/prizegiving that will take place on the



school fields under the shade of the trees. Starting at 11am on Monday the 13th of December, parents can arrange themselves on the field on blankets and enjoy the

presentations; after the prizegiving this is an opportunity for parents to enjoy a shared lunch with your child. A free sausage sizzle and juicy for students will be available. A flyer will be shared with you closer to the date highlighting the proceedings for the day.

Yearbook

This year we have been working on how we can show off what we did in 2021. We have managed to display this in the form of a yearbook. The book is at the printers this week and will be ready to go on sale in a week's time. If you would like to purchase a piece of history that showcases all the events, we have done this year then the "Hikutaia School 2021 Yearbook" is a must. The books will be on sale from the office for \$15.00 at the end of the month.

Whanau Survey



From the Whanau survey sent out last week we have had six (6) responses, I can only assume we are doing an

amazing job here at school and everything is perfect.

This is a chance to have your say in what we do here at Hikutaia. There have been some big changes and many more to come as we develop our localised curriculum and rebrand our school. Below is the link again for those who wish to put forward their ideas.

[Whanau Survey](#)

End of year activities

By now most classes would have sent home permission slips for overnight stays and excursions happening at the end of the year. Please make sure you read these properly and reply to requests as soon as you can. This will help with planning and ensure teachers have all the correct information. A reminder if you would like to help with a school camp or activity, you must have had at least one vaccination. Thank you for your support.

I want to end on a positive. Staff are completing the end of year testing on students and I would like to share/brag about how good the results have been, especially around structured literacy. We have seen a tremendous improvement in engagement, and achievement in reading, spelling and writing. There has been excellent progress shown in the junior classes where structured Literacy has been implemented; some students improving by 8 levels in one year. Next year we implement Structured Literacy across the whole school and are excited about seeing the results in our second year.

Covid & Vaccinations.

Below is information in regards to the Covid/Vaccinations & face mask wearing.

This special announcement is related to Covid-19 and vaccinations and what it means for our school. Many of you may have questions about the mandate for schools with regard to vaccinations for staff and parents being at school. I can inform you that Hikutaia School complies with the government's mandate. Below I have added the requirements sent from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health with regard to the Public Health Order and what it means for Hikutaia School staff, parents, and the wider community.

The table below explains the requirements set out by the ministry with regard to being vaccinated.

Type of role	Are they required to be vaccinated under the Public Health Order?
Teachers, teacher aides, principals, administration staff, caretakers, cooks	Yes. These staff are required to be vaccinated as they may have contact with children or students and/or will be present at a time when children and students are also present.

Parents, caregivers or volunteers at an education outside the classroom (EOTC), learning experiences outside the classroom (LEOTC) programme or excursion	Yes. These people are required to be vaccinated because these people are carrying out work (unpaid) at or for a school or hostel and they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present.
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Parents/caregivers dropping off, picking up, or settling children at a school or kura	No. As the Order only applies to workers and volunteers, not people who are visiting the school.
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Parents or caregivers attending meetings or events on site (for example, parent-teacher interviews)	No. As the Order only applies to workers and volunteers, not people who are visiting the school or hostel.
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Type of role	Are they required to be vaccinated under the Public Health Order?
General public using school facilities after hours (for example, playground, school pool)	No. The requirement to be vaccinated only applies to workers and volunteers.

What it means for Hikutaia.

Parents

- Parents who are helping with school camps, transport, assisting in the classroom, helping with school lunches **MUST** have their first vaccination before the 15th of November to be able to still be on-site to help.
- Parents who are visiting the school for meetings, picking up their children, or seeing a teacher **DO NOT** have to be vaccinated.
- We ask that all visitors to the school wear a face covering (**this is an expectation for all alert levels when people are out and about**).

This is a directive set by the government that we must adhere to. If you have any questions about the requirements at school, please contact me and I can clarify for you. Please do not be offended if our staff ask your vaccination status for camps etc. Again I want to thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate through this challenging time.

Hikutaia School Fishing Competition

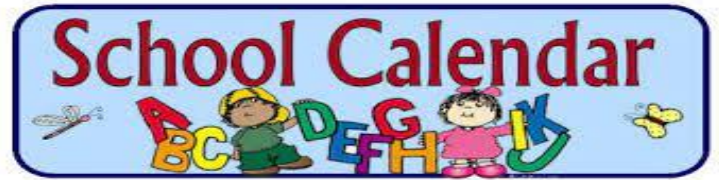


Those wishing to enter the Fishing Competition please click on the link on the School facebook page or the link below. Tickets are purchased online, link below.
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School Uniform

We still have uniforms available for purchase, so if you are wishing to top up for next year please note that the uniform days are **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings only from 9.00 a.m.** and the last day to purchase will be the **3rd December 2021.**

An order has been placed to Kukri and we are expecting the supply to arrive in time for the start of School 2022.



Saturday 27th - Sunday 28th - Hikutaia School Fishing competition.

HERO



It is pleasing to hear that most parents are engaging with HERO and responding to requests from staff where needed and in a timely manner. It is very hard to organise events if we don't get approval or relevant information from parents. Again if you cannot access HERO please let me know and we can help.



A new Kupu hou (Māori Word) to learn at your leisure with your child/ren. It

will carry a classification depending on how it functions within the example sentences provided - have fun.



pahi - bus
I haere mai au mā runga pahi. (I came by bus).
He pōturi te pahi, engari he ngāwari te

utu. (The bus is slow but it's inexpensive).
He tawhito te pahi nei. (This bus is old).



Friday 3rd - Year 8 Celebration Day
Monday 6th - Reports out to parents
Monday 13th - Final Assembly - end of year presentations.
Tuesday 14th - Last Day of Term 4 - 12.00 p.m.
Wednesday 15th - Teacher Only Day.



Tuesday 8th - Start of Term 1 2022

Music Lessons

If you are interested in learning an instrument, we are very lucky to have a parent who runs lessons from school.

Guitar, Drums, Ukulele or Bass.

If you are interested please contact

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Thames Hauraki Ballet Theatre

Presenting “The Kingdom of Snow” & “Kingdom



of Sweets”.

VENUE: Thames Memorial Civic Centre

DATES: Wednesday 1st & Friday 3rd December
- 6.30PM

COSTS: ADULTS \$24, SENIORS/
STUDENTS/CHLD \$12

BOOKINGS: TryBooking.com

<https://www.trybooking.co.nz/IWS>

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Covid restrictions include mask wearing indoors
1 meter spacing (you may sit together in family
groups or “bubbles”).

Contact tracing at the door

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