



## **Hikutaia School Newsletter**

### **Thursday 9th December**

*Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa!*

*Welcome to the last newsletter for 2021. What a year we have had. Looking through the yearbook there are a lot of activities we did manage to hold, however, there are also a lot of things that we had to cancel this year. A very challenging year indeed.*

*We finish next Tuesday at 12.00 pm, but before then we still have a few exciting things happening.*

*All students are away today doing fun activities and most are staying at school tonight. On Monday the 13th we have our final assembly and prizegiving starting at 11.00 a.m. It disappoints me to inform you that we are unable to have parents on site for this event. The Ministry of Education has told schools that with the move to the traffic light system, and being in orange means all non-essential activities that are non-curriculum based should not go ahead. We will however go live and film the prizegiving for parents and whanau to watch from the comfort of their home. I know this will not be the same but we do hope you respect the decision that has been made.*

*We have made many changes this year. A new uniform, construction of new offices and cover over the junior deck, implemented Structured Literacy and experienced tremendous roll growth. Next year we will open a new classroom; move and reopen the library, and create a new staff room space. The junior area deck will be replaced, the swimming pool painted, and the playground made safe. We are also looking at implementing a new Maths approach called PRIME. Lots of new and exciting things to look forward to.*

*I want to wish you all a very safe holiday and a festive new year.*

## **End of Year Prizegiving - Monday 11th**

As you've just read our End of Year Presentation will be Streamed live, in accordance with the Ministry of Education guidelines and



the new traffic light system.

## **Yearbook**

Just a reminder that we have the School Yearbook for sale at \$13.00. Payment to be paid into the school bank account and the book will be sent home.

This is a great opportunity to reflect on the year that we have had with some beautiful photos and images and our final farewell to our Year 8's as they head off to College next year.

## **Reports**

The end of year school reports are now ready to view on hero, there is an option for you to print directly from the hero app or contact your teacher for a paper copy.

If you have any questions regarding the report please contact the School.

**Stationery lists are on our website.**

## **Calf Club Raffle**

We would like to thank Paeroa Farm source for the Calf Cafeteria and Meal which we raffled on the day.

On Monday 29th November this was drawn and the winner was No. 32 Joye Van Hellemond.

Thank you to all those that supported the school by purchasing a ticket.

Funds from this raffle will go towards the payment of our ribbons.

## **School Uniform**

Our uniform shop is closed for the year, and will re-open again on the 2nd & 3rd February 2022

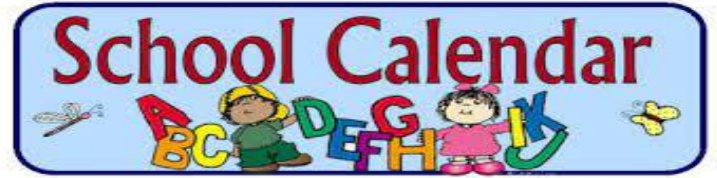
## HERO



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.



Monday 6th - Reports out to parents  
Monday 13th - Final Assembly - end of year presentations. - 11.00 a.m.  
Tuesday 14th - Last Day of Term 4 - 12.00 p.m.  
Wednesday 15th - Teacher Only Day.



Tuesday 1st - Teacher Only Day  
Wednesday 2nd - Uniform for Sale 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.  
Thursday 3rd - Uniform for Sale 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.  
Tuesday 8th - Start of Term 1 2022

*From ALL the staff at Hikutaia School we would like to wish all our students and whanau a very Merry Christmas and New Year, safe journey if travelling and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.*



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