



Term 1, Week 1

7 February 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

We have had a wonderful start to the year and are so excited by the contribution that our new student leaders are already making within our school.

Lil and Sammi (our Head Students) made us so proud this week when they introduced the EPIC band and thanked these visitors too.

Our House Leaders are planning some awesome events for the term ahead and we can't wait to see what they come up with!

Our PEAK Goal at the moment has a Kaitiaki focus: "We take care of our school". This goal is being extended on each day with our Kaitiaki time where our learners are helping to care for our school environment.

Children across the school are supporting to feed the worm farm, collect the classroom rubbish/recycling, wipe the tables and give the classroom a quick vacuum. We have been delighted with how enthusiastic our learners are about these tasks and how clean our classroom spaces are. We have employed a new cleaner, Steph Syme, who also keeps things looking 'spick and span' across the school too.

A small group of our Enviro Crew headed to the Hiwinui Sunflower Field this morning. They picked lots of sunflowers to sell as part of raising money for Arohanui Hospice. This trip was great enviro learning and also a lovely way for our school to show Awhi. There is still the chance for your child to join



our Enviro Crew and throughout the year there are lots of enviro experiences they can be part of. Pou Heidi is also back teaching Enviro skills on alternate Wednesdays and Poppa Kevin is going to support us with some great practical projects too.



We look forward to seeing lots of parents popping in to our 'Meet the Teacher' Hui on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please also make sure you have saved the date for our community picnic on Friday 21st February.

A huge thank you to the dedicated team of parents that have supported with Hay over the summer break and on Wednesday evening this week. We



appreciate that these hay jobs often are at short notice and are at the end of a busy day at work too. All the funds raised is going towards the purchase of a School Van and this will make a great impact on the opportunities we can provide our learners.

We would still love Hay Volunteers—so please let us know if you need to be added to the messenger group!

Ngā mihi nui, Erin

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL

We are looking for more Year 5 and Year 6 players, to be able to form two netball teams this season. Year 5s will play on Tuesday and Year 6s on Monday. If your child is thinking they might like to have a go, it's a great opportunity to get into this fast moving and fun team sport. The Year 6s will also need a Coach/Manager.

Please see the sign up form on Skool Loop.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thu 20 Feb School Triathlon—11 am

Fri 21 Feb School Picnic, from 5pm

Wed 26 Feb Life Education Starts

Wed 5 Mar Interschool Triathlon

Fri 22 Mar Mt Biggs Tough Kid Challenge

Fri 11 April Term 1 Ends



Buy a Sunflower for a Gold Coin donation today at school! All funds raised will be donated to Arohanui Hospice. A group of our Enviro Crew have been to the Hiwinui Sunflower Field **TODAY** to pick sunflowers.

SUNFLOWERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT 3PM TODAY ON THE DECK!

BURGERS

The Friends of Hiwinui School fundraisers are running our popular Burger Lunches fortnightly on the following Fridays: 14 & 28 Feb; 14 & 28 Mar; 11th April.

A Google form will be available on Monday to order. Paper copies are available from the office on request (orders in by Wednesday 9th Feb please).

We are also seeking a couple of helpers each Friday—one of our team will always be there but extra help would be greatly appreciated. You can sign up on the link that will be available via Facebook/Skool Loop. Thanks!

Our Friends of Hiwinui School Fundraisers are also meeting this Tuesday, 7pm @ Hiwinui School—if you'd like to be involved, please join us!



COMMUNITY NEWS

Hiwinui Playgroup—Playgroup will be at the Hiwinui Sunflower Field, Thursday 13th Feb 9am-11am. Adults \$10, children free. Bring your morning tea, sun hats and sunscreen.

SCHOOL POOL

Thanks to everyone who has been keeping the pool covered and clean over the holidays—you've done an amazing job.

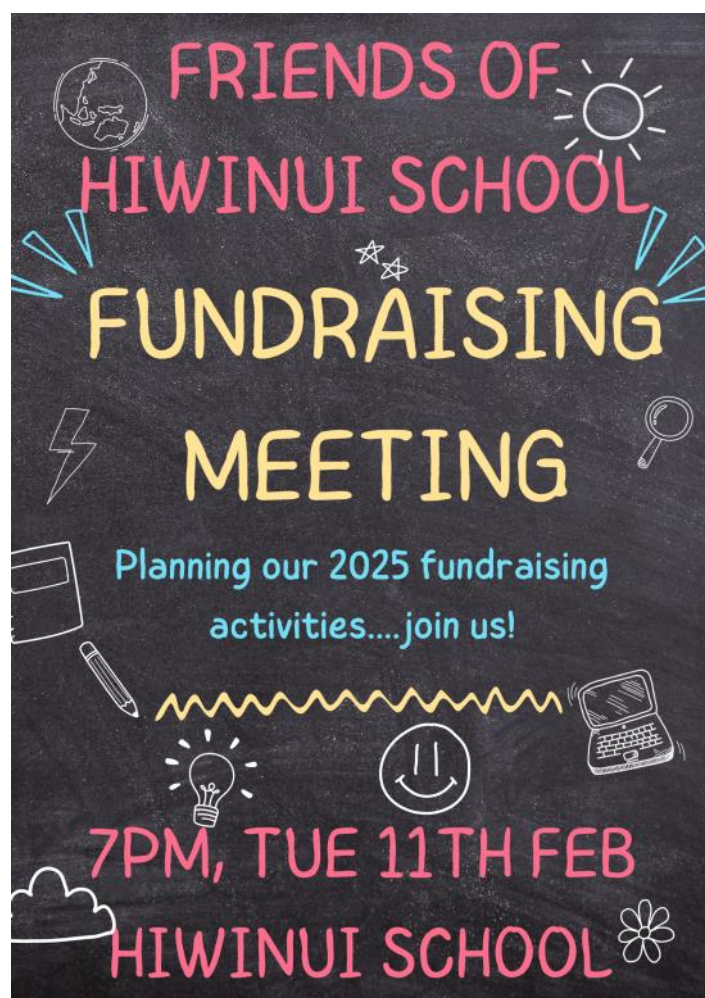


There are **only three keys left** at the office if you would like to purchase one for the season. \$75 for school families, discounted to \$50 if you make yourself available on our pool roster, and \$100 for community members. Proceeds contribute greatly to the upkeep of our pool.

The current roster runs until March 2nd, so we are already preparing for the following weeks.

3-9 March	24-30 March
10-16 March	31 March-6 April
17-23 March	7-11 April

Please let us know by emailing or phoning the office if you are available to help with putting the pool cover on during any of these weeks.



*Regards Erin, Jo, Holly, Emma, Kendall, Dean, Michaela, Jo, Allanah,
Heidi, Kevin, Sarah, Charlotte, Elise, Rachelle & Jacki*

What is Scouting? Scouting is more than just a club; it's a movement that inspires young people to reach their full potential. Through hands-on activities, teamwork, and outdoor adventures, our Scouts develop leadership skills, resilience, and confidence while having a whole lot of fun!



Discover the Adventure with Ashhurst Scout Group!

Are you ready to ignite your child's sense of adventure, build lifelong skills, and make cherished friendships? The Ashhurst Scout Group is here to help your child explore, learn, and grow in an exciting and supportive environment right here in our community!

Who Can Join?

- **Keas (5-8 years):** Fun and discovery for young adventurers.
- **Cubs (8-11 years):** Hands on activities, creativity and teamwork.
- **Scouts (11-14 years):** Outdoor skills and leadership.
- **Venturers (14-18 years):** Independence and challenges.

Get Involved! Join us for a trial session to see what Scouting is all about. Whether your child is new to the idea of Scouting or has always dreamed of being part of the adventure, Ashhurst Scout Group is the perfect place to begin. From building shelters and learning first aid to camping and community projects, our activities teach valuable life lessons while fostering inclusion and support.

Contact Us Today! For more information or to arrange a visit, contact Fantail- Julie Gillam-Hill at ashhurst@group.scouts.nz check or call 0212130326. We can't wait to welcome you to the Scouting family!



WANT TO PLAY CRICKET?

ARE YOU AGED 5-10?

\$20 per term

**SMASH
CRICKET**

MON - PALMY NORTH

TUE - ASHURST

WED - FEILDING & P N

THU - Dvirke & PAHIATUA

FRI - FEILDING

For more info scan QR code





SMASH YARD! CRICKET IS BACK.....

TERM 1 2025

SIGN UP AT SCHOOL
NO COACHES NEEDED
NO MANAGERS NEEDED
\$20 PER PLAYER
6 WEEKS OF GAMES

GIRLS ONLY YEAH! GIRLS
SMASH, SAME TIME & PLACE

YEAR 7&8

TUESDAY, ONGLEY PARK 4-5PM
FRIDAY, KOWHAI PARK 5.15-6.15PM

YEAR 5&6

THURSDAY, ONGLEY PARK 4-5PM
FRIDAY, KOWHAI PARK 5.15-6.15PM



Start your child's musical journey in 2025!

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