



Term 4, Week 1

10 October 2025

A Warm Welcome from Your New Principal

WOW! I'm officially here, and I couldn't be more excited to join the Hiwinui School community as your new Principal. It's a genuine privilege to be starting my principalship journey here.

The start of Term 4 has been fantastic! The kindness and caring spirit of the students, which clearly embody our PEAK values, have been immediately apparent. I've genuinely appreciated the warm welcome and small gestures from our students and families, and I'm very grateful to have begun my time here at Hiwinui School. Our classes are currently focused on establishing solid routines and setting key goals and learning priorities for the term ahead.

My Commitment to Our School Values

I'll be spending the next few weeks listening, learning, and getting to know the unique heart and soul of Hiwinui. The school's values will absolutely guide my leadership:

- I'll be a **Pathfinder**, always exploring possibilities and looking for the best ways forward for our students.
- I'm **Energised** and ready to jump in—boots and all—to support learning and student's passions.
- I'll lead with **Awhi**, making sure every decision is made with kindness and care.
- I will be a dedicated **Kaitiaki**, protecting the special and supportive environment of our school.

I'm especially looking forward to our upcoming Pet Day on November 1st. What a fantastic opportunity to meet and connect with many more members of the Hiwinui community!

Term 4 Highlights: Getting Energised!

This term is packed with incredible opportunities to live out our Energised value, particularly for our senior students.

A huge thank you must go to Pou Allannah for co-ordinating our Term 4 sports programmes.

- **Athletics Coaching:** On Mondays for the next two weeks, Kelly Sports will be working with our three senior classes, focusing on athletics coaching.



- **Football Sessions:** On Fridays for the next four weeks, we are lucky to have Central Football here to run football sessions for students in Rooms 3, 4, 5, and 6.
- **Kapa Haka:** Continues on Wednesday with Pou Emma and Pou Holly for those students who have signed up.

These chances to hone skills and work together as a team are invaluable for our learners!

School Band

Our Epic music classes kicked off this week, and I was thrilled to see our school band in action. The talented line-up includes Bensen on drums, Kenzie on



keyboard, Charlie on electric guitar, Lilliann on bass guitar, and Evie, Louka, and Nova as our vocalists. Their original song, based on our school values, was an absolute treat to hear! Our band will be performing two songs at the upcoming Battle of the Bands at Palmerston North Equippers Church. Doors open at 6pm, and all supporters are very welcome to attend!

Plant to Plate Programme

This week, Rachael and the volunteer team from "Plant to Plate" spent the day with Room 5. It was wonderful to observe the students fully engaged in the gardening and cooking sessions. The knowledge they gain about where our food comes from and how to prepare it gives them essential life skills. I was fortunate enough to be invited to share in the high-quality food that was prepared—what a great demonstration of our PEAK Values from Room 5 throughout the day!



Looking Ahead

The final term is always a busy one, full of excellent learning, sports, and those end-of-year celebrations. Let's work together to make it a fantastic finish to 2025!

My door is open. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourselves when you have a moment. I truly believe that when we work together, great things happen for our children and our school environment.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Ngā mihi nui,

Anna Hagan

Principal

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Room 1: *Jackson*, you are so energised for learning and absolutely thriving! I am super proud of all the effort you are putting into your mahi. You have a happy positive attitude that is infectious for everyone to be around. We absolutely love having you in Room 1. Keep reaching your PEAK Jackson!

Room 2: *Maddi*, you are an Energised learner who is always willing to give new things a go. You are helpful, kind and friendly to everyone, and are learning more and more everyday. I am so proud of you. Keep 'Reaching your Peak' Maddi.

Room 3: *Agnieszka*, you have started Term 4 with high energy and are getting stuck into your maths learning with so much enthusiasm! It's so exciting to hear you share your thinking with the class and feeling empowered as you tackle fractions!

Room 4: *Ayva*, all year you have been trying new things and this makes you a terrific Energised Pathfinder! You have learned a lot and you keep improving every single term. You need to be super proud of all you have achieved so far! Ka pai :)

Room 5: *Cam*, you have been such a standout in our class this week. You have been super organised with your learning, listening well, trying new things with a smile, sharing your ideas, locking in on your learning... There have been so many impressive moments. You are outstanding and can be so proud of the way you have been reaching your PEAK.

Room 6: *Emmajane*, I have loved your positive attitude and enthusiasm this week! You are working so hard in all your learning tasks, particularly maths! You made so much progress last term and I can't wait to see you continue with this momentum. I so enjoyed spending time with you at camp too Emma. You pushed your limits and you got involved with every activity 'boots and all'. I can't wait to spend this term with you.

Principal: *Charlie A*, thank you for your Awhi in helping to make me feel welcome here at Hiwinui School. Your daily check ins to see if I am having a great day. Your knowledge of technology to help set up the new desktop screens in the Principals office. I was also impressed to see your Energised learning in action in your school band practice as you prepare for Battle of the Bands next week.

LA Elise: *Olivia H*, you working so hard in our maths group and are super enthusiastic. I love the way you support others and always have a fabulous attitude! Thanks for being a great human.

HIWINUI PLAYGROUP

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 23 October from 9am, in The Leigh Centre. All pre-schoolers and their carers welcome.

UPCOMING TEACHERS' STRIKE

The NZEI Teachers Union has informed us about the impact of its rolling regional full strikes, as they affect our school, during the week 20th October (Week 3 of Term 4). The union has advised our board that its member teachers at our school will be taking full strike action on Thursday 23rd of October. The board has carefully considered the availability of non-union teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide normal instruction during the strike so the school will officially be closed on Thursday 23rd of October.

We know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike. Please be assured that student safety is our main concern. Thank you for your understanding. Please contact Anna Hagan if you have any queries relating to the impact the industrial actions noted above.

*Matt Avery, Presiding Member
Hiwinui School Board of Trustees*

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<i>Weds 15 Oct</i>	Epic Battle of the Bands, 6pm
<i>Tues 21 Oct</i>	Year 7/8 Bike Trip to Linton
<i>29-31 Oct</i>	Year 5/6 Camp
<i>Sat 1 Nov</i>	Lamb, Calf & Pet Day, incl Pre-Loved Clothing Sale
<i>Thur 6 Nov</i>	School Athletics
<i>Fri 7 Nov</i>	Gumboot Day
<i>Thur 13 Nov</i>	Kainui Senior Athletics
<i>Tues 18 Nov</i>	Kainui Junior Athletics
<i>Wed 26 Nov</i>	Year 8 Kainui Catch Up
<i>Mon 15 Dec</i>	End of Term 4
<i>Mon 2 Feb</i>	START OF TERM 1, 2026

Friends of Hiwinui School Presents:

Pre Loved Sale



on Kids Clothing, Books & Toys



We will be running a 'pre-loved' sale at Lamb & Calf Day on Saturday 1 November. This is a great chance to clean out the cupboards and get yourself a bargain!

We will be collecting good quality second hand items from Monday 20th—Friday 31st October.

Clothing, books and toys welcome for ages 0-13 years.



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Kia ora e te whānau,

Lamb and Calf day will be held on Saturday, 1st November and the theme is 'In the Garden'.

Preparing for and creating the indoor exhibits is such an exciting time. This year's home creation is a desktop planter. The planter should be a sensible size to sit on a desk.

The student's planter will be judged on the following criteria:

- Creativity - is it eye-catching?
- Sustainability - how have recycled or upcycled materials been used?
- Practicality - does it actually hold soil and a plant, herb, succulent or cacti?
- Innovation - does this planter have a special feature? e.g. self watering



The majority of the creation should be completed by the child with some support from an adult.

We would love to have these back at school on **Thursday 30th October**.

NB: Children on Year 5/6 camp are welcome to bring these in by Tuesday 28th October.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Ngā mihi nui for your continued support,

Hiwinui Teachers



CHAMPIONSHIP DAY 2025

The inter-school Ag Day competition where children compete for points towards the Craig Cup and B&A Cup.

Your school is already gaining points through your school Ag Day.

Participations and any placing at Championship Day contribute to the cup points. Every child who enters a calf, lamb or goat at their school is eligible to come to this day.

Saturday 8th Of November

**Te Kawau Memorial Grounds
Wear St Rongotea**

**Lamb, Calf & Kid Goats
Judging starts
10am Sharp**

**4 Judging Rings
Year 0-2 Year 3-4
Year 5-6 Year 7-8**

**No Cost
Register Online**

**Ice Cream
Truck
Sausage Sizzle
Hot Drinks**

**If you have any questions Contact
secretary@lambandcalf.co.nz**

Follow the link to register



ASHHURST ATHLETIC & HARRIER CLUB

2025 / 2026 Season


Join the fun this summer!



 **Where: Lincoln Park, Ashhurst**

 **When: Tuesdays**

 **5:30pm – Ages 3-6**

 **5:45pm – Ages 7-14**

 **6:15pm – Ages 15+**

Season Dates

7th October – 16th December

27th January – 31st March

Fun, inclusive & family-friendly athletics

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