Term 4, week 10 12 December 2025

Kia ora koutou

Meri Kirihimete ki a koe me tō whānau, seasons greeting to you all. It's hard to believe this is my last newsletter for 2025. Here is a small whakataukī that resonates with me when I see what we have achieved this term as a collective. He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

What an amazing group of students, families and community we have here at Hiwinui School. I have really enjoyed my first term as your Principal/Tumuaki. The team here are just amazing, showing initiative when needed, mucking in and supporting others when required and so kind and caring towards others. I am very grateful for the opportunity I have been given to lead Hiwinui School.

Monday will be our last day together for 2025. We will be finishing at 12:30pm. During the morning sessions students will transition into their new classroom spaces with their teachers for 2026. We are lucky to have Mrs Freeman and Mātua Dan onsite on Monday to meet our tamariki and be welcomed into our school at our morning hui.

I want to give another big shout out to the team of parents who came out on their Saturday to get all the little jobs done at our working bee. A big thanks to Matt and Ben for the organisation behind the scenes that went on to get the day off to a great start. We got so many jobs completed and I and our staff, including Kevin, are truly grateful for all you achieved. Community spirit is what makes a rural school survive and thrive.

Our two prizegivings were a wonderful reflection of our students' achievements and their teacher's dedication. It was so nice to see our students sharing their musical talents and receiving awards of effort and attainment. To our year 8s and our leaving families—all the best for the next chapter. We wish you all the best for 2026.

To all our returning families I can't wait to see what 2026 has to offer us. I am looking forward to working alongside our old and new staff and taking Hiwinui School on its next journey as leader.

Have a safe and happy school holidays.

Ngā mihi nui, Anna Hagan, Principal









So many tasks taken care of at the working bee!



Congratulations to the Year 3/4 netball team, Hiwinui Lightning, who got through the season UNBEATEN! What a team of superstars you are!



The Year 5/6 Summer Soccer team, Hiwinui Rebels, came away with "Champions" ribbons this season! Well done on placing first in your grade!

YOUR 2026 STUDENT LEADERS

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Head Students: Ruby & Sam



Librarian: Payton



Kaitiaki Leader: Cooper



Kowhai House Leaders: Louka & Oliver



Totara House Leaders:Ben & Harry



Rata House Leaders: Zoe & Frank

TERM ONE START 2026

Have a safe and happy summer holiday break—we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2 February!

SPORTS GEAR BAGS AND PURPLE TOPS

As the year comes to an end and sports competitions are wrapping up could we please ask coaches to kindly return any gear bags they have, and students to return their purple sports tops, clean and in a named bag.

Thanks to all those who have helped manage and coach teams this season—we couldn't take part in these competitions without your support!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

 Mon 15 Dec
 End of Term 4, 12.30pm

 Mon 2 Feb
 START OF TERM 1, 2026

Thurs 2 Apr Teacher Only Day—School Closed Tues 2 Jun Teacher Only Day—School Closed

SWIMMING POOL OPEN!

The pool is open and keys are available from the school office. School families may hire a key for the season for \$75. Non-school families, \$100. Eftpos is available. When using the school pool, don't forget to sign the log book, kept in the school desk!

HIWINUI PLAYGROUP

Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy playgroup during the year. Playgroup provides an opportunity for the kids to get familiar with Hiwinui School and initiate friendships, and for parents to get to know one another too. We will kick off in the first week of term, Thursday 5 February from 9am, in The Leigh Centre.

EPIC PARENTS 🜈 GROUP

Thanks to our incredible school families that initiated the Hiwinui Epic Parents Facebook group. This group has been instrumental in sharing information of upcoming fundraising events, most importantly the regular hay jobs that contribute generously to our fundraising efforts. If you are not part of this group, please email jacki@hiwinui.school.nz so she can add you to the chat. We love new families getting involved—these fundraisers are a lot of fun, a great workout, and a fantastic way to get to know your school community.

NEW EVENTS TOPS & SUNHATS

We are excited to announce that from next year our slightly redesigned purple Events Tops and our Hiwinui School Sun Hats will be available for purchase from NZ Uniforms in Palmerston North.

Events Tops: \$40Sun Hats: \$19

We wanted to make it easier for families to purchase uniform items, and NZ Uniforms offers both in-store stock and the option to purchase online.

All students will be required to own their own Events Top by Term 2, 2026. If you have already purchased a Hiwinui Events Top, please don't worry, these are still acceptable. Details to follow regarding stock availability, and how to order.



Feilding Tennis Club.

Junior Coaching Programme. Term 1 2026.

Our Junior Coaching Programme is designed for kids aged 5–13 who are keen to learn tennis. The programme covers basic techniques, scoring systems, and simple tactics – all taught in a fun, supportive environment.

Most importantly, the sessions include plenty of fun games to keep kids engaged and enjoying their tennis journey.

The JCP will run on Friday's for 8 weeks.
Starting Friday 13th February.
This is held at the Feilding Tennis Club, 151 South Street. We will have rackets for the kids to use if required.

Session Times:

- Red Ball (approx. Years 0-3): 3:30pm 4:10pm
- Orange Ball (approx. Years 3-4): 4:15pm 4:55pm
- Green Dot (approx. Years 4-9): 5:00pm 5:45pm

To register email Jono Hurley: tigertennisnz@gmail.com
Info required: Child's name. DOB. Year at school. Parent name, contact email,
phone number and group for your child.

Price: \$96.00 Account details: Tiger Tennis (12-3143-0418408-00) Reference: Childs name.



OPEN NIGHT 6:30pm 18th FEBURARY 2026 LINTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, PUTTICK Rd, LINTON CAMP

- Leadership Skills
- Bushcraft
- Take to the skies
- Teamwork Skills

- Community Service
- Drill
- Radio and Drone usage
- And lots more



DARE TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE

NO. 10 (CITY OF PALMERSTON NORTH) SQUADRON = AIR CADETS AIR TRAINING CORPS



PREPARING NEW ZEALAND'S SUCCESSFUL LEADERS FOR TOMORROW



SPORTS GEAR OF YOUR SCHOOL

Manawatu Triathion Club wants to reward schools with the best' student participation numbers in the upcoming. "Manawatu and TRC Toyota I Tri'd the Tri Series 2026" for kilds 4-12 yrs. Prizes of sports vouchers will be presented to the winning schools. "Note the winning schools will be determined by taking into account roil size & numbers of students taking part. There will be prizes for different categories of schools

PRE-ENTER ONLINE BY 30th JANUARY 2026 PAY ONLY \$25



KIDSITRIATHLON

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COURSE DISTANCES

4-5 years 300m run / 600m cycle / 1 length swim in teaching pool 7 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 25m swim 8-9 years 750m run / 1.5k cycle / 50m swim 10-12 years 1.5k run / 3k cycle / 100m swim

EVENT LOCATION

Skoglund Park and Freyberg Community Pool Palmerston North

HOW TO ENTER

- Complete the entry & consent form waiver by the 30th January
 Enter online at triclub.co.nz
- 2. Register on race day from 4:30pm (First race 5:20pm)

We must receive full payment and signed Parent's/Legal Guardian's consent form waiver to complete your registration.

ENTRY FEES By 30th Jan

- Individual child (all 5 events) \$25 OR
- Family of 3 or more (all 5 events) \$75

ENTRY FEES After 30th Jan

- Individual child \$30 OR
- Family of 3 or more \$90

https://www.triclub.co.nz/events/2025-i-trid-the-tri-series https://www.facebook.com/Palmy-I-Trid-the-Tri-Series-165002316882569/

GOT A QUESTION?

To find out more please call Andy or Lenka (021 0349989) or Deb (027 439 0651)





















HOLDAY PROGRAMME WEDNESDAY 17TH DEC - TUESDAY 23RD DEC

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BOOK ONLINE AT

EXELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ





HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

COLLEGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL

JAN 2026

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Mine & Craft



Here Batter Batter



30 Seconds or Less



PJ Party



Motorsport Mania

VEEK 02



SOAKED



Kiwi Classic



Fun-O-Rama Carnival



Let's Ride



GOATS

EEK 03



Wellington Anniversary



Old Fashioned Fun



Wet & Wild Wednesday



Football Frenzy



Squad Showdown

/EEK 04



*WINTER GAMES
Today's Programme will run at
Carncot School, see
timetable for more information.



*Around the World
Today's Programme will run at
Carncet School, see
timetable for more information.



*Dodgeball Blitz
Today's Programme will run at
Carncet School, see
timetable for more information.



*Beyond All Limits
Today's Programme will run at
Carncet School, see
timetable for more information.



"Rewind
Today's Programme will run at
Carncot School, see
timetable for more information.

USE CODE 'D31FQHTO' FOR AN EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT

(DISCOUNT EXPIRES 5TH DEC)

T&CS APPLY - SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

IF YOUR CHILD/REN ARE COLLECTED LATE AFTER THE CONCLSUION OF THE PROGRAMME YOU WILL CHARGED \$20 PER 15 MINUTES OR PART THERE OF

Go online to check out a full activity timetable for your venue, which may include additional dates.

*Please note the programme will run from Carncot School from 26th-30th Jan. See our other timetable for more info.

\$295 FULL WEEK* 8AM-5PM

*(INCLUDES TRIP DAY)

\$59 FULL DAY 8AM-5PM

\$49 SCHOOL DAY 9AM-3PM

\$39 HALF DAY 8AM-12PM/12PM-5PM

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