



**Term 4, Week 3**

**24 October 2025**

*Kia ora e te whānau*

We had plenty of 'teachers' dressed up today to be like their teaching idols. We had versions of Pou Allanah, Emma, Holly and Dean look-a-likes this morning, along with a few specialist dance, PE and art teachers.



A big thank you to parents and families who had their children with them yesterday as the teachers attended strike venues in and around Palmerston North. While we were away, our amazing support staff worked tirelessly behind the scenes to clean up and reorganise our resource and learning spaces. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated members on our team—your hard work is truly appreciated!



We would like to thank the Kelly Sports team for their coaching for the past three weeks, preparing our students in athletics. Our staff also participated in a valuable professional development session with the Kelly Sports team on Tuesday. This interactive session helped us clarify and fine-tune techniques for various athletics areas, such as discus, ensuring we can better support our students' development. Pou Jo and I travelled to Wellington to take part in a full leadership day where we updated on curriculum news and

keynote speakers. Minister Erica Stanford was there to share how the current structured literacy approach is making a difference to national data collected from a wide variety of schools within NZ. We also heard a keynote address from Natalie Wexler, who shared her literacy research. Her findings strongly support the structured literacy approaches we are using here at Hiwinui School. She also provided great ideas on how we can further enhance writing in our classrooms.

Unfortunately we had to postpone the William Pike Physical Challenge this week. Hopefully the weather will be more settled in November for the bike trip. Next week our Year 5 and 6s attend camp at Pukaha, Mount Bruce for two nights and three days. Dean and Emma have planned and organised a great three days for the students and I am looking forward to joining them on Thursday. Thanks to the parents who are attending camp too. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui,

*Anna Hagan, Principal*



## FRIENDS OF HIWINUI SCHOOL

The Friends of Hiwinui School would love to receive more clothing, books and toy donations for their 'pre-loved' fundraiser on Lamb & Calf Day.



And don't forget the 'Bake Sale'—this was a huge hit last year. Baking donations are welcome to the office on **Friday 31st October**—the team will bundle them up for you to enjoy on Lamb & Calf Day. This will be a great start to fundraising for next year's school camps and junior school excursions—your support is appreciated.



# LAMB, CALF & PET DAY— SATURDAY 1ST NOV

We are looking forward to Lamb & Calf Day next Saturday. Let's keep our fingers crossed for great weather!



Judging of lambs and calves starts at 10am—we recommend arriving with your animal between 9.30 and 9.45am, and heading to registration. Please ensure you're ready to go at 10am and remember to bring a stake/waratah to secure your animal to and some fresh water. Please arrive via Melford Lane and enter through the rear gate onto the field.

Classrooms will be opened after judging is complete, which we endeavour to be around 11.30am.

We hope your 'at home' creations are almost complete—please return these to school on Thursday 30th October. *Year 5/6 campers are welcome to bring their creations on Tuesday 28th, or have a sibling deliver them on the 30th.*

## ✓ FOR YOUR CALENDAR

|              |                                                                   |
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| 29-31 Oct    | Year 5/6 Camp                                                     |
| Thurs 30 Oct | Pet Day 'At-Home' Creations Due                                   |
| Sat 1 Nov    | Lamb, Calf & Pet Day, incl<br>Pre-Loved Clothing Sale & Bake Sale |
| Thur 6 Nov   | School Athletics                                                  |
| Fri 7 Nov    | Gumboot Day                                                       |
| Thur 13 Nov  | Kainui Senior Athletics                                           |
| Tues 18 Nov  | Kainui Junior Athletics                                           |
| Fri 28 Nov   | Year 8 Kainui Catch Up                                            |
| Mon 15 Dec   | End of Term 4                                                     |
| Mon 2 Feb    | <b>START OF TERM 1, 2026</b>                                      |

Please remember that we are to have **NO EGGS** on site at our kura. This includes egg cartons and egg based foods such as quiche or bacon and egg savouries etc. (Egg baked into cakes/muffins is fine.) Thank you so much for your support and understanding.



## HIWINUI PLAYGROUP

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 6 November from 9am, in The Leigh Centre. All pre-schoolers and their carers welcome.

## PURPLE SPORTS TOPS

If you have a purple sports top at home that you don't require for Term 4 sports, please return it to the office asap. We are extremely short of size 6 and 8 in particular. Thank you.

## SCHOOL TROPHIES

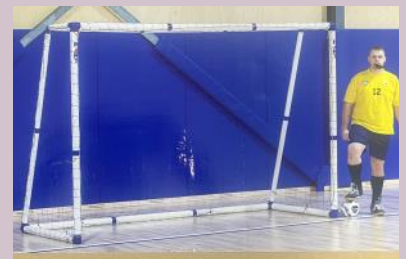
Please return any trophies and cups you have at home, in preparation for our end-of-year prizegiving. Thanks so much!

## GAZEBO WANTED

We are hoping someone in our community has access to a suitable gazebo for us to borrow on Saturday 1 November, for Lamb & Calf Day. Please contact the office if you can help.

## FOR SALE

We have two sports goals for sale, nets not included. They are HART Sport Pro Sports Goals, measuring 3m x 2m. Made from high impact 68mm PVC pipe. These retail at around \$300 each, but we'd be happy to sell them at a discounted rate.



We also have some concrete pavers as per the photograph—we estimate around 700 pavers. These are surplus to requirements and we'd be happy receive a donation to school for them. You'd also need to be able to collect them.



Please contact the office if you'd like to purchase either, or to enquire further.



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.**

**Cash and  
eftpos  
available**





# 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](mailto:secretary@lambandcalf.co.nz)**

**Follow the link to register**







**FREE  
ADMISSION**

MAKE A DONATION IF YOU WISH

# HALLOWEEN KIDS MAZE

**OCTOBER 30 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

(SORRY NO CANDY ON THE 30TH)

**OCTOBER 31 4:00 – 7:00 PM**

MEDALLION COURT  
KELVIN GROVE

**SCARY MAZE AFTER 7:00 PM**



## **BETHANY'S BAKING FIX**

### **Now with School Pickup!**

Craving something sweet to get you through the week? Bethany's Baking Fix has you covered with delicious homemade treats baked fresh just for you!

NEW! On Thursdays and Fridays, we can now arrange pickup at 3pm from Hiwinui School – super handy for parents and locals!

Message the page to place your order and let us know if you'd like the school pickup option. Easy as that!

**<https://bakesy.shop/b/bethanys-baking-fix>**

Thanks for supporting local

**#BethanysBakingFix #HiwinuiPickup #SweetTreatsLocalEats**





**FEILDING  
FRIENDLY**

# **TALENT SHOW**

**GREAT PRIZES**

**FEILDING LITTLE THEATRE -  
SHOW STARTS SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 15 6PM -THIS IS A  
FEILDING FRIENDLY FAMILY  
SHOW**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE**

**YOU MUST REGISTER TO ENTER - GO ONLINE FEILDING LITTLE  
THEATRE FACEBOOK FOR DETAILS OR EMAIL  
OFFICE@FEILDINGTHEATRE.ORG.NZ**

**AUDITIONS AND SET UP BEGIN FROM 9AM 15 NOVEMBER -  
REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 13TH NOV**

**BAR & KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN TO SELL LIGHT MEALS AND  
REFRESHMENTS - THEATRE DOES NOT ALLOW FOOD  
BROUGHT IN - THIS IS A FEILDING FRIENDLY FAMILY SHOW**