HIWINUI SCHOOL

TERM 4, WEEK 5 13 NOVEMBER 2026

Kia ora e te whanau

What a wonderful week of connection, celebration, and community spirit we have shared.

A Huge Thank You: Gumboots & Glam

We want to extend a massive, heartfelt thank you to our incredible Hiwinui community and the dedicated Gumboots & Glam fundraising team! Pulling off our biggest fundraiser of the year takes months of behind-the-scenes planning, energy, and teamwork.

Whether you were part of the tireless Fundraising Committee, volunteered your time setting up, plating food, working the bar, or driving vans, or generously sponsored and donated auction items, we simply could not have done it without you. This whakataukī (proverb), "Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi" (With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive) reminds us that working together and combining individual efforts leads to collective success. Every single dollar raised goes directly toward vital resources and opportunities to help our tamariki learn, play, and grow. Thank you for making it a night to remember!

Parent & Whānau Diwali Sharing Afternoon

The sun shone brightly for us yesterday afternoon as we came together to celebrate Diwali! It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the vibrant classroom displays in the TLC, including the clay pots our buddy classes painted together, and the delicious coconut burfi made by our learners. Between the bouncy castle, field games, and lolly scramble, there was plenty of energised fun to go around!







Restorative Practice Whānau Hui

During our Diwali afternoon, a group of parents joined us in Room 6 for an insightful session on Restorative Practice, and we want to sincerely thank everyone who came along.

At Hiwinui School, our teaching team strives to work in the "North-East" window of the Social Discipline Window, meaning we aim to work WITH our learners (high expectations paired with high support and care), rather than doing things TO them (telling/punitive) or FOR them (permissive). By asking restorative questions rather than simply telling, we empower our students to take responsibility, problem-solve, and repair relationships. It was great to hear from parents that attended the session about how this approach can transfer from our classrooms right into parenting at home.

A very special thank you to Cath Forster (from Te Whai Toi Tangata, University of Waikato) for sharing her expertise, slideshow, and practical takeaways in such an engaging and relevant way. I will attach the WARM conversations handout that was given out on the day to the newsletter. Any questions, you can ask me or your child's teacher to find out more.

School Athletics & Upcoming Senior Athletics

It was a real shame that our annual School Athletics Day had to be cancelled earlier this week due to the wet weather. We know how hard our tamariki have been training during afternoon sessions!

Senior students have been selected within their age groups to represent Hiwinui School at the upcoming Senior Athletics next Thursday, 19th November. We wish our athletes the very best of luck. Keep an eye on HERO for specific event details and permission information for selected students.

Thank you all once again for your ongoing awhi, generosity, and partnership. Have a safe and relaxing weekend with your whānau!

Ngā mihi nui, Anna Hagan, Principal

HIWINUI PLAYGROUP

The next playgroup will be held on Thursday 19 November from 9am, in The Leigh Centre. All pre-schoolers and their carers welcome.

Look for the Hiwinui Playgroup Facebook Group and request to join.

Gumboots & Glam – A Huge Thank You!



A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Gumboots & Glam evening! We hope you all had a fantastic night, enjoyed the festivities and went home with some great memories (and perhaps a few goodies!).

We would also like to extend a massive thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, helpers and everyone who worked behind the scenes to bring the event together. So much time, effort and generosity goes into making an event like this happen, and we couldn't have done it without you.



We are still busy finalising the figures, but we hope to have a total to share with everyone next week. We are so excited to see what we have managed to raise for our school!

Thank you again for your incredible support. It really does take a community, and we are so grateful to be part of such a wonderful one! — *Friends of Hiwinui School*

Honk for Hiwinui

The Hiwinui Community Committee is organising their annual Honk for Hiwinui foodbank drive to help fill the pantries at Manchester House in Feilding.

Next week, your child will bring home a supermarket bag. If you would like to contribute, please fill it with non-perishable goods and return it to school. Alternatively, if you live nearby, simply bring your bag outside when you hear the sirens on Sunday, 29 November—committee members and NZ Police will be travelling around the area collecting donations as they go.

Do you have any spare supermarket bags? We'd love to take them off your hands! Please drop these into the office. Thank you!

PEAK Awards

Room 1: *Esme*, we are so proud of all the wonderful things you are achieving at school. You have been so brave trying new artwork, working independently to complete your matching activities, and using your words more. It was also so lovely to see you feeling so happy and settled during our Diwali afternoon yesterday. Keep shining bright!

Room 2: *Ezra*, you have had a standout week living out our school goal of staying motivated and encouraging others to do their best! You have jumped straight into learning tasks when asked, brought so much AWHI to the mat and group learning, and helped keep our classroom tidy, all while being a kind, supportive friend who is always ready to help others. Keep striving to reach your peak, Ezra!

Room 3: *Izaya*, it has been wonderful to see your focus in class especially when creating your Diwali art. You thought deeply about the shapes, colours and patterns you wanted to use and made a beautiful diya and your rangoli was so eye-catching. Great mahi, Izaya!

Room 4: *Olivia W* – It has been so lovely to see your generosity and AWHI shining through this week. You have been uplifting people around you and using encouraging words. I love how you include others and involve them in your activities. You strive to reach your PEAK in all your work, producing excellent book work and thinking about how you can make improvements and extend yourself. Ka pai Olivia!

Room 5: *Poppy*, this week you have demonstrated all our PEAK values across everything you do. Your strong work ethic has really shone through in your learning, and your willingness to help around the classroom is so appreciated. You also showed fantastic effort and sportsmanship during our classroom athletics. Well done!

Room 6: *Beauden*, I really noticed the wonderful AWHI you showed towards others this week. Lifting your peers up during athletics and cheering them on with words like "You can do this!" was a real highlight. You are such a supportive team player. Alongside this, you consistently show great manners and respect, making you a fantastic role model to those around you.

Principal: *Dakota*, what a fantastic learner you are at Hiwinui School! We are so proud of the consistent effort you bring to every day, settling straight into your tasks and working hard across all areas of the curriculum as a true PATHFINDER. You also show wonderful AWHI towards others, both in your classroom and around our kura. Keep up this great attitude and continue reaching for your PEAK.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sat 14 Nov	Manawatu Oroua Pet Day, Rongotea
Thurs 19 Nov	Kainui Senior Athletics
Fri 20 Nov	Year 4 Big Day Out
23-26 Nov	Year 7/8 Camp
25-27 Nov	Year 5/6 Camp
Fri 27 Nov	Year 8 Big Day Out
Fri 27 Nov	Manawatu Striders Road Race
Thurs 3 Dec	Year 8 Graduation Dinner
Mon 7 Dec	Whole School Prizegiving, 6pm
Fri 11 Dec	Wharite Big Day Out
Mon 14 Dec	**End of Term 4, 12.30pm**
Tues 2 Feb	Start of Term 1, 2027

Check our events calendar in HERO too! Look for the calendar icon "EVENTS" on your device.

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Warm Conversation Guide

Restorative Practice Conversations at Home • Matla / Jansen Model

What is a Warm Conversation?

A calm, supportive way to work through everyday challenges together. Restorative questions help children reflect, understand the impact of their actions, and take positive steps to repair relationships.

1 What? *Tell the story*

Observation: *"I notice you are moving around a lot."*
Check-in: *"How's your learning going? Which number are you up to?"*

Parent Tip: Connect before correcting. Share what you notice calmly without pre-judging.

2 Affected? *Explore the harm*

Exploration: *"Who's being affected? Anyone else? How have they been affected?"*

Parent Tip: Build empathy. Help your child consider how others around them feel.

3 Repair? *Repair the harm*

Action Question: *"What do you need to do now to fix this?"*

Parent Tip: Encourage ownership. Ask them for constructive ways to make things right.

4 Moving forward. . . *Reach an agreement & follow up*

Reach an agreement: *"So we've agreed that….."*
Plan follow up: *"I will check in with you to see how you're going……..."*

Parent Tip: End with a clear shared agreement and follow through with a warm check-in.

Warmth & Tone	Active Listening	Focus on Repair
Keep your voice calm and curious to invite open reflection.	Give your child unhurried time to voice their thoughts fully.	Mistakes are learning steps toward stronger relationships.

Farm Plastic Recycling Event

Bale Wrap and Silage Covers

Thursday 19 November 2026 9:00am - 3:00pm



To register visit and fill the online form

mdc.govt.nz/farmrecyclingevent

You will be contacted at a later date to confirm details, including the Feilding drop off location

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SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
10AM - 1PM
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KIDS TRIATHLON

For Kids 4-12 Years

Manawatu & TRC Toyota

Register at www.triclub.co.nz

WIN SPORTS GEAR OF YOUR CHOICE FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Manawatu Triathlon Club wants to reward schools with the best* student participation numbers in the upcoming. **"Manawatu and TRC Toyota I Tri'd the Tri Series 2027"** for kids 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 roll size & numbers of students taking part. There will be prizes for different categories of schools

PRE-ENTER ONLINE BY 29th JANUARY 2027

PAY ONLY $25



KIDS TRIATHLON

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COURSE DISTANCES
4-6 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
1. Complete the entry & consent form waiver by the 29th 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 29th Jan
- Individual child (all 5 events) $25 OR
- Family of 3 or more (all 5 events) $75

ENTRY FEES After 29th Jan
- Individual child $30 OR
- Family of 3 or more $90

https://www.triclub.co.nz/events/2027-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)

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