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Property Works

A huge thank you to Tom Brock for his work in taking down the tree in the middle of the car park. It has greatly increased the space for parents/caregivers to park and is helping keep our whanau and tamariki safe. We really appreciate the reverse parking in the drive too which has significantly reduced congestion and is saving our grass. Thank you for shutting the gate when you come to school between the hours of 9:30 and 2:30.

Kick Start Breakfast Club

This term we have signed up to the Kickstart Breakfast Programme.

Students are making themselves weetbix and milk on arrival to school. Some are having their 2nd or 3rd breakfast!

The KickStart Breakfast Programme is a joint initiative between Fonterra, Sanitarium and the Ministry of Social Development. The programme is designed to positively impact child well-being through providing access to nutritious food at school.

PTA Pie Fundraiser

Another thanks to the PTA who facilitated the tasty Marlow pie fundraiser. Overall, there were 1132 pies sold with a total profit of $723.50c made. Thank you to all that supported this fundraiser.

Carpet Laying

As part of Ngā iti Kahurangi Small and Remote School Programme, carpet tiles have been laid in Kereru and Piwakawaka classrooms. This additon to the classrooms have created a warm and cosy feel to the spaces to the environemnt.

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Professional Learning for Staff

As a continuation of the Structured Approaches to Literacy government initiative, Mrs V, Whaeā Rosanne, and Mr Withington will be attending the Year 4-8 Liz Kane Workshops on the 8th- 10th September. During these times, Wendy, Rachael, and Andrea Mulligan will be co-teaching in these classrooms. Piwakawaka will run as per normal.

Teacher Only Day- 24/10/2025

For our final Teacher Only Day of the year, teachers will be working onsite, collaboratively planning for 2026. This will take place on the 24th October; therefore, school will be closed for instruction. We hope that you can leverage this to extend your Labour Day weekend.

Deep Cove Tui Camp - 9th - 12th December

The Tui Class will be heading to Deep Cove from December 9th to 12th this year. We are yet to finalise costings, but going on previous Deep Cove trips, approximate costings are between $250-$300 per student. We will be hosting parent information sessions closer to the date as well as requesting parent helpers. Please lock these dates into your calendars!

Netty Fest - Thursday 7th August

We have entered a Year 5/6 Netball team into this annual tournament. We wish Adalyn, Maci, Millie, Clare, Blaire, Leah, Isla, Carlyn, and Angela the best of luck. Go the Hedgehope Hedgehogs.

Kennedy School of Music Term 3

We have another exceptional term of music lessons on Fridays for our students. We also look forward to the concert on the 24th August at 10:30 at Hedgehope School.

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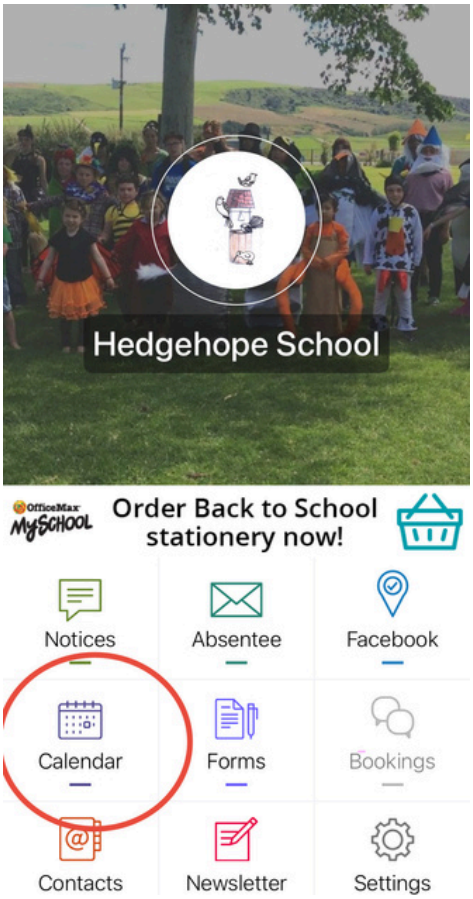
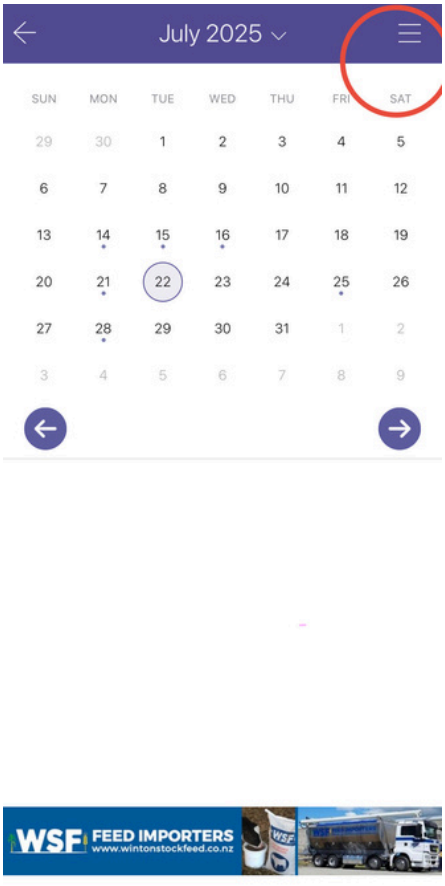
MAARD Calving Meals

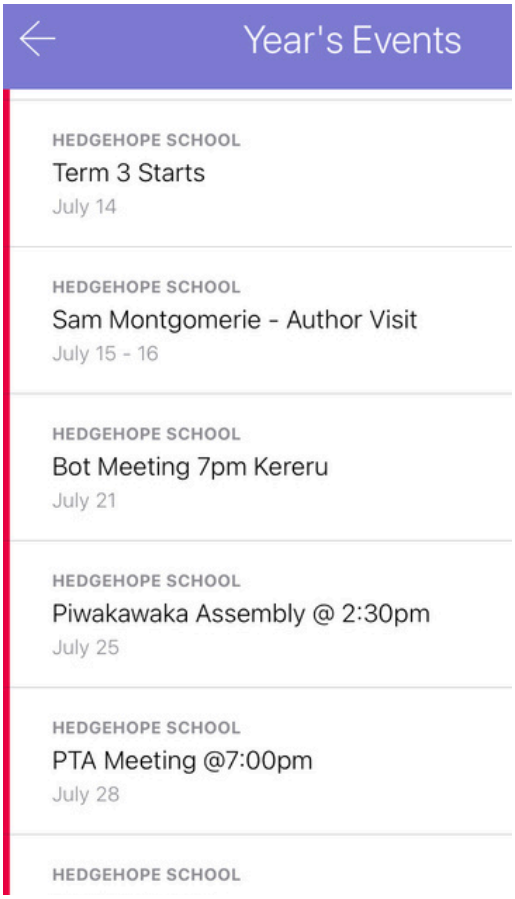
This year, for calving meals, MAARD (Max, Anna, Adalyn, Rylan, and Demi will be cooking two hot meals per week from the 1st of August through to the end of the term. The cost is $60.00 per student, which equates to $4 per meal for 15 hot, nutritious, and substantial meals. Payment information can be found on the Skoolloop notices function.

Up and Coming Events:

Using the skooloop calendar function is the most effective way to view school-wide events. The calendar function can be found on the home screen of the app. If you tap the three bars on the top right of the screen, the calendar reverts into a year's events list. The screen shots below give a breakdown of the process. Closing and restarting the app periodically resets all notifications, events, and forms, ensuring all updates are live. All events are posted here.







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Concerns and Complaints Process

This information should be read alongside our Concerns and Complaints Policy and related policies on SchoolDocs.

OVERVIEW

You can raise concerns and complaints with our school verbally or in writing.

The school will assess and respond according to the nature of the concern or complaint.

The school will tell you how we plan to manage your concern or complaint, and let you know when the matter is closed.

HOW TO RAISE A CONCERN OR MAKE A COMPLAINT

Contact the following people at the school (verbally or in writing).

A staff member involved
(e.g. classroom teacher, head of learning area)

The principal
for serious matters

The board chair
for concerns or complaints about the principal

Another board member
for concerns or complaints about the board chair

- Concerns or complaints may be referred to a more appropriate person (e.g. senior staff, principal, board member).
- The school may ask you to put your concern or complaint in writing to help address the matter.
- You are welcome to have a support person (e.g. whānau member, friend, lawyer, union representative).
- Everyone involved is expected to respect privacy and confidentiality.

HOW THE SCHOOL MANAGES CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS

We manage concerns and complaints in a timely manner and seek to protect people's mana and dignity. We ensure:

- people are treated fairly
- those involved have the opportunity to be heard
- decision-making is unbiased.

The school assesses the concern or complaint and responds according to its nature and seriousness, and who is involved (e.g. student, staff member, principal, board member).

NOTIFICATION AND CLOSURE

We will tell you about how we plan to manage your concern or complaint, and let you know when the matter is closed.

After responding to your concern or complaint, **the school considers the matter closed**.

If you feel your concern or complaint has not been resolved after receiving a response, you may escalate the concern or complaint to the principal or board.

After the board has dealt with a matter, there is no further avenue for consideration by the school.

If you need help to understand the concerns and complaints process, please contact the school.

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