Term 4 - Issue 3
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Days of Note ...

November

24th Tuesday Dunn Cup
25th Wednesday Interschool Athletics

Principal's Message

Kia ora e te whānau,
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. It is hard to believe how quickly Term 4 is flying by! The energy around Hinuera School is fantastic at the moment, and it is a privilege to see our tamariki thriving in so many different areas of school life, backed by such a generous and supportive community.

Athletics Day Success

A massive mihi to everyone who came out to support our Hinni Kids on Athletics Day. Seeing our school field packed with whānau, cheering on every single runner, jumper, and thrower, created a truly special atmosphere. The positivity and encouragement shown towards all our participants made the day a huge success. Most pleasingly, it was wonderful to see our 3Rs in action in real-life contexts - our tamariki showed incredible resilience, respect, and responsibility whether they were crossing the finish line first or giving a new event their absolute best shot.

Growing Our Practice: Teacher Only Day

Thank you for your support with our recent Teacher Only Day. Our kaiako spent the day diving deeper into curriculum updates and refining our reporting processes. Our team works tirelessly behind the scenes to stay at the forefront of educational change and to carefully measure the impact we are having on learning outcomes. By continually refining how we teach and assess, our staff are truly living our school mission of learning and growing alongside our students.

Thank You - Calf Donation Scheme

Ngā mihi aroha to everyone involved in our recent Calf Donation Scheme. We are blown away by the generosity of our rural community and the time, effort, and resources dedicated to raising these calves. All funds raised will go directly towards enhancing our outdoor environment for our Hinni Kids.

A special thank you to our key organisers and supporters who made this possible:

Coordination: Special thanks to Kerri Morgan for organising and coordinating the entire scheme.

Calf Collectors: A massive thank you to Rhys Williams, Jade Morgan, Jamie Gifkins, and Toby O'Reilly for collecting the calves.

Sponsorship & Transport: A huge shout-out to Vaughn and Dani Laurent from Laurent Contracting for sponsoring the transport to get our calves to sale.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the wonderful families and farms who contributed to raising calves:

- **Marty & Julie Richards**
- **Glenn & Georgie van Heuven**
- **Karen & Patrick Mathis**
- **Bruce McInnes & Jess Mathis**
- **Bruce & Katie Vendt**
- **Toby & Jackie O'Reilly**
- **Steve & Sarah Leigh**
- **Aaron & Krystal de Haas**
- **Nick & Clare Coppard**
- **Jade & Kerri Morgan**
- **Jamie & Rebecca Gifkins**
- **Delyce & Robert Hill**
- **Mitoko Farm**
- **Tania & Jason van Heuven**
- **Andy & Steph Gudgeon**
- **Bruce & Jacquie Tiddy**
- **Mike & Donna O'Connor**
- **Kulvinder Kaur & Lakhvinder Chahal**
- **Mickey McLaren**
- **Luna Ullmann & Juan Gimenez**



He waka eke noa—we are all in this together, and your ongoing generosity makes a tangible difference to our kura every single day.

Just while we are on the subject of thankyous, we would like to acknowledge the generous donation of sausages from Jason & Tania van Heuven. These were keenly devoured at our recent athletics day.

Representing Hinuera

Best of luck to our Ki-o-Rahi and Dunn Cup teams who are out representing Hinuera School this week! We know you will wear the Hinni colours with pride, play with great sportsmanship, and give it everything you've got. Kia kaha, team—we are all behind you!

Finishing the Year Strong

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, there is a real buzz of excitement in the air. Our Hinni Kids have achieved so much this year, and we have plenty of great celebrations and events to look forward to over the coming weeks.

While the end-of-year excitement builds, it remains just as important that we keep our focus firmly on learning. High expectations and our positive school culture stay front and centre right up until the final bell. Our school values continue to guide everything we do, helping our tamariki finish the year feeling proud, settled, and ready for their next steps.

Stay in the Loop

With so much happening around our kura over the next few weeks, please keep a close eye on Hero and our school Facebook page so you don't miss any important dates, notices, or reminders.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Kane Fraser
Tumuaki / Principal Hinuera School



Athletics Day

They came, they ran, they jumped, they threw but above all else they had a fabulous day of competitive fun. Special thanks once again to Jackie Tye for her fabulous action shots that truly captured the energy of the day.















