HIKUAI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Wk 1-3
2026

Term 4 Beginnings:



Kia ora everyone,
It has been a busy start to the final term of 2026.
The weather is warming up and we are looking forward to outdoor education opportunities this term.

- Adopt-a-Beach Day: This event, postponed at the end of term 3, was able to go ahead Friday, week one. Te Awa and Te Maunga did us all proud as thay got stuck in planting spinafex along the last remaining stretch of coast line requiring replanting. 1000 plants were put in this day. We also appreciated the expertise of the Dotterel Protection Group and Predatitor Free Pauanui who were there on the day to show our tamariki what these groups do to protect the wildlife in our area.
- Trees for Survival: Well done to our tamariki who potted the many seedlings now ready for growing time in our greenhouse unit. This was a big job and many hands were needed, well done everyone!



- The school athletics day was, once again a great event for the whole school. Well done to all competitiors and many thanks to everyone who came to support and help out. Thanks to Mr T for all his organisation, both before and on the day. We are excited to find out who will be competing at the WHOT athletics in a weeks time!



Ngā mihi nui,
Rachell

What's Happening?

Learning & Communiuty Connection at Hikuai!

Adopt a Beach Day 2026













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Trees For Survival Planting Day











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School Athletics Day















Term Four Learning:

TERM 4 AT HIKUAI SCHOOL
KAITIAKITANGA O TE WHENUA
Guardians of the Land

This Term 4, Hikuai School is once again connecting our learning with the wonderful environment right on our doorstep.

Our big idea is:

“We are kaitiaki of our environment. The choices we make today affect the future of our whenua, wai and communities. Our learners will be exploring what it means to be kaitiaki through a range of hands-on learning experiences, including:

Zero Waste – working alongside TCDC to learn about waste, recycling and how we can reduce what we send to landfill.

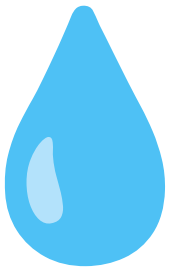
Water – discovering where our water comes from, how it is treated, and why protecting our wai is so important.

Earth Science – investigating our whenua, the natural processes that shape it, and how our environment connects us to the past, present and future.





We would love our community to be part of this learning journey! Do you have a skill, knowledge, experience, passion or connection that could contribute to our learning?



Perhaps you have knowledge about the whenua, gardening, native plants, water, conservation, farming, recycling, sustainability, earth science, local history or another area that connects with our theme.

We would love to hear from you!

If you would like to be involved in our Term 4 learning programme, please get in touch with Rachell and come along with us as we explore what it means to be kaitiaki of our whenua, wai and community.



Tū Ake, Tū Kaha – standing strong together as kaitiaki.

Slip Slop Slap!





Available in sizes S, M, L
from the school office
$18.00 each



SunSafe and Ready for Summer: Great Job on Hats in Term 4!

A big thank you to our parents for supporting the School as a SunSafe community.
Well done team for staying organised! You've done a great job bringing your hats every day and keeping track of them in your bags and tote trays so they don't get lost in the playground.
It was awesome seeing every student wearing their hat for Athletics Day.
As the weather warms up, look after yourself and stay protected in the sun.

Keep it up!



Hikuai School Trucker Cap (Navy)

$22[00]
Purchase online from SkullyPro : via link
https://www.skullypro.co.nz/collections/hikuai-school

TERM EVENTS CALENDAR

Calendar of Events 2026

sports, school community events and public holidays etc...

Term 4 October 2026

12th	First day of term 4
14th	B.O.T Meeting 6:00pm
16th	Coast Care Day
26th	Labour day
29th	School Athletics Day
30th	Teacher Only Day- all Coromandel Schools

November 2026

4th-6th	ERO visits Hikuai School
9th	School Photos! - Polo Shirt Required- No sport shirts thanks.
10th	W.H.O.T Athletics - for qualifying pupils
11th	-TOTARA ASSEMBLY WK 5 & Thank You Afternoon Tea - 3:10 in the M.P Room
12th	Skate School Term 4 Session- bring shoes and gear
16th-17th	Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust's Whitebait Connection programme- details T.B.A
18th	Ruben the Safety Bear visits Te Wahapū
18-20th	Te Maunga Camp- Tui Ridge, Rotorua
20th	Junior HOT Sports - detail TBC
25th	Thames Valley Athletics for qualifying pupils.
23rd	BOT meeting 6:00pm

December 2026

8th	BOT meeting 6:00
10th	Picnic Prize Giving 6:00
11th	The last day of School. School finishes at 12:00 midday. The bus and van will run at this time. See you all back on Tuesday 2nd February.

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Trees for Survival School

JOIN THE FUN - ENROL TODAY!
Pauanui Pre-School
Pauanui Pre-School is a community based, not for profit early childhood centre that offers a high quality, dynamic programme in a homelike environment for children aged 0 to 6 years.
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE NOW
We would love to get to know you and your family, please phone or pop into the centre any time and have a chat with our friendly teaching team.
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KAUAERANGA DADS CAMP 2026



Come and join us for our 5th Dads Camp, led by Dads in a beautiful bush setting

Contact:
Ray 0212135365
raimshine@gmail.com

Tom 021 539155
tginicholson@me.com

13-15th November

Open to kids aged **8-12**, plus Dad

2 nights camping beside the Kauaeranga River

Games, Stories, Fun and making some great shared Memories



Horse Grazing Required

Can anyone help us locate some temporary grazing for our horses Ollie and Mac, from around December 21 until after New Year's, they don't need a large paddock as we can provide hay, feed and fencing.

They absolutely adore Pauanui, you have possibly met them before, very friendly horses and love the kids coming up and giving them pats. If you can help please contact : Barb Ryan - 021 213 6745

BABY SITTING SERVICE

Hi, my name is Niki, and I teacher aide at Hikuai School if you are needing baby sitting services.
Please contact : Niki Pollard - 021 450 407



DENIM - ARE YOU HAVING A CLEAN OUT?

I'm working on a denim upcycling project and looking for any old, non-stretch denim you're planning to throw out. Coloured denim, rips, stains, or worn-out knees are totally fine—I'll gladly take them off your hands so they don't end up in the landfill. Please contact : Michelle (wk) 07 864 7818 or 027 264 0077

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Wettie YOUTH
18 AND UNDER + PARENTS
SPEARFISHING SEMINAR
13TH NOVEMBER
6-7PM
SAFETY, TIPS AND TRICKS!
HOSTED BY WETTIE AND TAIRUA PAUANUI SPORT FISHING CLUB
W/ GUEST SPEAKER JEREMY WAYNE VIALL (LEARN TO SPEARFISH)
GUEST SPEAKER - FREE FOOD AND DRINK - PRIZES - NON MEMBERS WELCOME
HORIZON
Nāhana
TURNER
PRESCOTTS
BASIN


ITS TIME...
JUNIOR SURF REGISTRATIONS
ARE OPEN NOW!


KDZ ART
Junior Art & Craft Classes
TERM 4 PROGRAMME
TERRARIUM – POLYMER CLAY
Design the inside of the terrarium & create miniature models from polymer clay.
TERRARIUM – ASSEMBLY
Assemble the terrarium, including layers of drainage, coco coil, rocks, plants, bridges & models.
STRING ART – PAINT & PLAN
Paint your rectangle base board & work out effective nail position to create negative spaces.
STRING ART – HAMMER & STRING
Hammer in your nails before tying & threading your string design.
CHRISTMAS STOCKING – CUTTING & DESIGNING
Cut out pattern pieces from wool & cotton fabric details.
CHRISTMAS STOCKING – EMBROIDERY
Embellish your Chrismas stocking with detailed embroidery stitches. Choose from design templates, or create your own.
CHRISTMAS TREE – PAPER CLAY
Form a cone or flat shape for the tree using a mould. Cut out holes to allow light to shine through.
CHRISTMAS TREE – PAINT & DECORATE
Once dry, you can decorate & paint your tree ready for the candle.
PINECONE ELVES – FORM BASE SHAPE
Use pinecones, polystyrene balls to form the shape with hot glue.
PINECONE ELVES – ADD CHARACTER
Make your elf unique by adding features such as a scarf, hat, beard, even wire glasses.
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Spring Cup
XCO 2026
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TOKOROA 1ST NOVEMBER
HAMILTON 8TH NOVEMBER
TE MIRO 15TH NOVEMBER
TAUPO 22ND NOVEMBER
PIRONGIA 6TH DECEMBER
RIDE MORE. BE MORE.