

# MAIHIIHI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023



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**Term 1 Dates**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 6<sup>th</sup> April

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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17<sup>th</sup> – Wheels & Fun Day  
20<sup>th</sup> – BOT Meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Reports Home  
24<sup>th</sup> – Triathlon & Wheels  
Day  
27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> – Book Fair  
29<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Student  
Conference  
31<sup>st</sup> – Pirate Dress Up Day  
31<sup>st</sup> – WFPSA Swimming

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
**Every Friday**  
\$2 Sausage  
\$2 Juicie  
\$2 Moosie

### 'Maihihi LEARNer'

Lead  
Excellence  
Attitude  
Respect & Resilience  
Nothing Great is easily won

### Maori Proverb for the Week

Titiro whakamuri, kōkiri  
whakamua.

*Look back and reflect so you  
can move forward.*

**"Ko Maihihi, Ko Au - Ko Au, Ko Maihihi  
Maihihi is Me - I am Maihihi"**

**Term 1, Week 7 - 17th March 2023**  
**Ngā mihi matakuikui kia koutou**

***From the Principal's desk ...***

### **Formal Report of Student Achievement:**

The term has sped past and teachers are finalising student achievement so we have a benchmark of baseline data for your child for the year. The teachers are busy writing these reports and they will be coming home on the 23rd of March. This will be followed up by 3-Way Conferences on the 29th March so be sure to book a time slot with your child's teacher via Skool Loop (opening soon).

### **Teacher Only Day Term 2:**

The Ministry of Education are currently refreshing the NZ Curriculum and are in the final stages of releasing the English and Mathematics & Statistics Curriculum documents. To support our teachers to understand and implement these new documents we will be having a Teacher Only Day as advised by the MOE on Monday 24th April (just prior to ANZAC Day) so Term 2 will start on Wednesday 26th April 2023. This will support our planning of these curriculum areas moving forward into the new term.

### **NZEI Principal and Teacher Strikes:**

We need your support! Tens of thousands of kaiako and tumuaki have voted to strike for better conditions to improve public education for our tamariki. Our tamariki need a quality education. And we want to give that to them. Unfortunately, the funding for our schools and kindergartens is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive. We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession.

Principals and teachers in primary and area schools and kindergartens have considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective collective agreements. The offers did not meet our expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.

You may have seen that we voted to take industrial action yesterday. It's the last thing we wanted to do. And the decision was not taken lightly. We felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support, building the case for better investment in our tamariki. Until next time, please remember my door (or phone or email) is open if you have any feed-forward you would like to give to make our school the best place it can be for our children.

**Mauri Tu, Mauri Ora,**  
*Vanessa Hinerangi Kereka*

# SCHOOL POLICIES

All Maihihi policies are located on the School Docs website.

Simply,

Log onto [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)

Click on 'Search for your school'

Type in Maihihi School

Username – maihihi

Password – maihihi

Sign in

Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

Select the reviewer type "Parent"

Enter your name (optional)

Submit your ratings and comments

If you don't have access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

This term we are reviewing Student Wellbeing & Safety and Staff Wellbeing & Safety policy on School Docs. To view and comment on this please follow the above instructions.

Your feedback is much appreciated.

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## ROOM ONE

Check out our Room 1 tamariki all dressed up for our House Competition Fun Day. Let's hope the rain stays away.

We couldn't resist doing a funny photo for our fun day Friday.



**Kiwi – Orange   Tui – Blue   Kea – Red   Kereru - Green**

Contact email address [rcroty@maihiihi.school.nz](mailto:rcroty@maihiihi.school.nz)

## ROOM TWO

Tēnā koutou whānau and families!

Over the last few weeks Room 2 have been working hard on their writing, the focus has been retelling the Māori creation story. For some, this has been their first time writing their entire story on the computer and publishing. Tino pai Room 2!

Please feel free to come on in and see your child's writing on display.

In our class we work hard to show respect and manakitanga to each other and I have been handing out lots of tokens for those showing our school values consistently, what a great start to our year!

In week 10 we have our class EOTC trip booked to stay at Ngā Hau E Whā, Cambridge Community Marae. This will be an opportunity for your child to experience a noho marae and being immersed in te ao Māori culture and customs, as well as other educational activities during our trip.

With only a few weeks left of swimming I encourage all students to continue bringing their togs every day, the skills that are gained through our daily swimming and water safety lessons will boost your child's confidence and independence. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please come and see me or flick me an email.

Contact email address [kalbert@maihiihi.school.nz](mailto:kalbert@maihiihi.school.nz)



## ROOM THREE

It is hard to believe that we have less than four weeks left of term 1 - it has flown by! Firstly, I wanted to congratulate all our tamariki that competed in both the small schools swimming sports and our COPS swimming event. For many of our students, this was their first time at this event. It was great to see students challenge themselves. A big thank you to our parent help and supporters! Our museum trip was quite informative, and we were the first school to trial the programme in their new space. To follow on from this, we are beginning to learn about the explorers of Aotearoa. We have started by looking at Kupe and Te Wheke, and will also look into other explorers and different tools they used for navigation. In writing our focus is paragraphing. We will be writing informative reports to show how we use paragraphs for different ideas. Before our swimming sessions, we have been building our running stamina in preparation for our school triathlon next week. We hope to see you all there to cheer on our students!

Contact email address [krobinson@maihihi.school.nz](mailto:krobinson@maihihi.school.nz)

## ROOM FOUR

Room 4 have been creating 'Landscape Art'. "To create this piece of art the students had to divide the art into thirds – Sky, Background & Foreground. All students had to incorporate a Mountain and the rest was left up to the individual student's creativity.

As a class we are about to begin exploring the NZ Curriculum Key Competencies. As part of the goal setting and reporting process our Year 7s and 8s will be reflecting on these and choosing 2-3 areas for self-reflection.

**Key competencies are the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future.**

The New Zealand Curriculum identifies **five key competencies**:

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Using language, symbols, and texts
- Managing self
- Participating and contributing



Contact email address [lherlihy@maihihi.school.nz](mailto:lherlihy@maihihi.school.nz)

# thrive *Holiday Climbing*

Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April 2023

Monday 17th to Friday 21st April 2023

## CLIMBING SESSIONS EACH DAY

10am - 11:30am

12pm - 1:30pm

2pm - 3:30pm

All ages

welcome

Book in for a session or just rock up :)

Each session limited to 15 climbers only

**\$5 for each climbing session**

For Climbers of any age

Belayers only (14 and over) - FREE

\*Under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult for belaying.

**\*Bring your own water bottle and shoes to climb in\***

**For bookings contact Julian on 021 182 1203**

**or email at harvestrock@xtra.co.nz**

Harvest Rock Centre, 5 Tuhoro Street, Otorohanga

# **‘Every Day Counts’**

**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...**

Holidays and other days off during term time will affect attendance.

*Ministry of Education require all students to have at least 94% attendance*

## **THANK YOU**

- Robyn Faulkner – Donation of a Marque

## **REMINDERS**

Please regularly check your child's class dojo as we are putting up urgent messages and reminders on this often.

**Bus Phone Line** – 07 873 2827

**Absences** – Please ring or message via Skool loop app before 9am.

**Sickness** – Please keep your child home if they are unwell, this will help stop the spread of bugs in the classrooms.



# Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people involved.

## STEP 1

Your concern is **GENERAL IN NATURE**  
**OR ...**  
involves a particular **STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER**.

**Contact the person involved to arrange a time to discuss the matter privately.**

Indicate what the concern is about and let them know if you'll bring a support person to the meeting.  
If the concern is about a student, contact the student's teacher (or principal).

**Meet with the person involved to discuss the matter.**

Be prepared to listen to different points of view and try to work towards a resolution.

This may require another meeting and/or involve senior management.

**Is the matter resolved?**

Provide feedback as to whether you were satisfied with the outcome, or if the matter is not resolved.

YES

**NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED**

## STEP 2

Your concern has **NOT** been resolved by meeting with the person concerned  
**OR ...** does NOT involve a particular student or staff member  
**OR ...** you **DO NOT** wish to approach the person concerned  
**OR ...** involves the principal or a trustee (board member).

**Contact the principal, senior management, or board member (as appropriate) to arrange a time to discuss the matter privately.**

Indicate what the concern is about, any steps taken to resolve the matter, and let them know if you'll bring a support person to the meeting.

**Meet with the appropriate person (as above) and discuss the matter.**

Be prepared to listen to different points of view and try to work towards a resolution.

**The principal may involve other people to help resolve the concern.**

**Is the matter resolved?**

Provide feedback as to whether you were satisfied with the outcome, or if the matter is not resolved.

YES

## STEP 3

Your concern has **NOT** been resolved by previous steps  
**OR ...** your concern is more serious  
**OR ...** your concern is serious and it's not appropriate to contact the principal (senior management) about it.

**You can make a formal complaint.**

See the school's **Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation** procedure (SchoolDocs).

**Put the complaint in writing (email or letter), giving as many facts and details as possible, and any steps taken to resolve the matter.**

Include your name, signature, and contact details.

Send to the principal, presiding member (board chair), or deputy board chair/other board member, as appropriate.

**Your complaint will be acknowledged.**

The school will decide whether a formal investigation is necessary or appropriate. See the **Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation** procedure (SchoolDocs).

**If a formal investigation is required**, subject to privacy, confidentiality, or other ethical and legal requirements, the school may keep you informed about the investigation process and timeframes, including confirmation of when the matter is concluded.

**NOTE:** Unless there are exceptional circumstances, **a complaint will not be considered unless the correct process has been followed**. You may be directed back to the staff member or principal to follow the process.

**Once a formal complaint has been resolved, there are no further avenues to pursue the complaint with the school.**

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you are encouraged to take advice and may wish to consider contacting other agencies. See the school's **Making a Formal Complaint or Serious Allegation** procedure (SchoolDocs).



Maihihi School is excited to be a part of the Fuel for Schools programme. It's very simple. Fern Energy (previously Northfuels) customers can nominate a participating school to receive **50 cents for every 100L** of bulk fuel they have delivered. Once a school reaches their \$1,000 target they can redeem free technology, sports packages or books. It's just that simple. The more people involved the sooner they will be rewarded!

Talk to our local Account Manager Kelly Brears for more information on the Fuel for Schools programme, fuel tanks, oils, health and safety, or any of your bulk fuel requirements, she's happy to pop out and have a chat!

Mobile: 027 208 4388

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# Maihihi Students at RDA in Otorohanga





# Yoga Classes in the King Country!

I AM Yoga offer all levels yoga classes in Otorohanga, Te Kuiti & Piopio.  
Everybody is welcome and you don't have to be flexible to begin!

What our people say about practicing yoga with us:

- better able to manage stress & anxiety
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- increased mobility, balance, strength and stability
- learning to breathe optimally for health and wellbeing
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- precious time for self-care, relaxation and a whole hour to yourself
- ... and so much more!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Empower Wahine 10.30am				Piopio 9am
Otorohanga 5.30pm				
Otorohanga BEGINNERS *6.45 pm	Te Kuiti 7pm	Piopio 6.45 pm		

First class \$5!

Bookings compulsory at [iamyoga.co.nz](http://iamyoga.co.nz) or contact Ainslie on [ainslie@iamyoga.co.nz](mailto:ainslie@iamyoga.co.nz)



# *Te Miro Twister*

*XC Mountain Bike Race*

*2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023*

*2.5km Suitable for Littlies or Beginners*



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As the name suggests this is for recycling only. Please do not dump your household rubbish or items in this area. We are watching you

**WE only recycle the following:**

Glass (brown/green/clear)

Plastic

Paper



## Maihihi Playcentre

[maihihiplaycentre@gmail.com](mailto:maihihiplaycentre@gmail.com)

### Sessions Times:

Tuesday 9.30 - 12.00

Thursday 9.30 - 1.30 (Big Kids)

Friday 9.30 - 12.00

748 Maihihi Road

RD2

Otorohanga 3972

07 873 2947

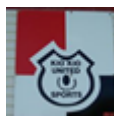


## Sandra Bolger

Property Management

**p:** 022 643 5932

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## Kio Kio United Sports Club

Kio Kio United Sports Club is located on Paewhenua Road.

The club opens its doors every Tuesday & Thursday Nights with the bar open on both nights (Restaurant Thursday only)

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The facilities are also available to hire for private functions.

For more information

Contact - Ivan Fox 873 0761

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