

# MAIHIIHI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023



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### **'Maihihi LEARNer'**

**Lead**  
**Excellence**  
**Attitude**  
**Respect & Resilience**  
**Nothing Great is easily won**



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### **Maori Proverb for the Week**

**Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama**

*Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened.*

## **Term 2 Dates**

**26<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **MAY**

**15<sup>th</sup> – Photolife – School Photos**

**19<sup>th</sup> – Assembly – Run by Rm2**

**24<sup>th</sup> – COPS Winter Sports – Yr3-8**

#### **JUNE**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Rm1 play centre visit**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Assembly – Run by Rm1**

**5<sup>th</sup> – Public Holiday – KINGS BIRTHDAY**

## **THANK YOU**

- To all families who have sold and or purchased raffle tickets so far this term. All proceeds from our Mother's Day Raffle go to our Senior Camp Fundraising.

## **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.

## TERM 2



**“Ko Maihihi, Ko Au - Ko Au, Ko Maihihi  
Maihihi is Me - I am Maihihi”**

**Term 2, Week 3 - 12th May 2023**  
**He mihi aroha kia koutou i te wā Ngahuru**  
***From the Principal's desk ...***

### **Term 2 - Attendance Matters:**

As part of our Wellbeing goal, encouraging regular attendance at school is one of our school action plans as well as being a national priority. We understand that there are times when students cannot come to school due to illness or bereavement within the family and this is considered a justified absence. There are other times when absence from school due to shopping trips, going on holiday during term time or just having a day off is considered an unjustified absence. It is a Ministry of Education requirement that we record the reasons for absence and follow up any regular unjustified or unknown absences accordingly. Regularly coming to school sets up good habits for your child as they progress through their schooling. If you need support to get your child to school, please contact the office. See the stats for our school later in this newsletter.

### **ERO - Education Review Office visit:**

We have been notified that we will be working in partnership with ERO as per the normal cycle of school reviews. This visit is well overdue and we welcome the opportunity to have them in our school. On the 24th and 25th of July our ERO partner - Nicki Edwards - will be onsite to meet with management, staff, students and whānau. I will be preparing a schedule for her visit and we would like to invite you along to a hui on the 24th to hear how the new ERO partnership model works with a school community. Nicki would also like to hear your feedback and you will have the opportunity to ask questions of her. Nau mai, haere mai koutou ma.

### **Primary Principal's Strike Action:**

You may have seen in the media that primary and area school principals who are NZEI TE Riu Roa members have voted to stop working with the Ministry of Education and to limit our work hours. We have taken this action as we believe it is necessary to highlight the significant issues that we need to address in the current round of negotiations. We are committed to continuing to lead our schools and to ensure that they are safe, healthy places where students are learning during this time. Our day-to-day work to do this will continue, but we will no longer be working with the Ministry on their education system work or to introduce or implement new initiatives. As principals we make a significant contribution of time and expertise to this work. There is little additional resource or staffing to support this which has a negative impact on us. We will continue to meet with our boards. We will not be available for work or to be contacted before 8am and after 5pm on weekdays. This includes sending or receiving digital communications. We will also not be available at all on Saturday, Sunday or public holidays. We hope to receive an acceptable offer in negotiations and will end the work ban when that happens.

### **Primary Teacher's Strike Action:**

It can be confusing to differentiate between the PPTA strike action being taken by our secondary teacher colleagues at the moment and the NZEI primary teachers unions. As negotiations for the NZEI Primary Teachers Union are still on-going we will endeavour to keep you updated as to the action that the teachers within our school may take as a result of further industrial action if it happens. We strongly encourage you to keep an eye on our school Facebook Page or Skool Loop posts for any further action and appreciate your support.

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

**Oxford Pie Fundraising:**

The money raised from this fundraiser will go towards lowering camp fees for our students in Rooms 3 and 4. All money raised for camp will go into a collective fund and then divided evenly between students that are attending. We have asked parents to pay an \$80 deposit as we need to secure the camp booking. This year we are going to Totara Springs in Matamata

**School Bus Reminders - What can I do to keep my child safe on the bus?**

The most important thing you can do is make sure your child understands how to behave and keep themselves safe before, during, and after the school bus journey. The highest risk is when a child gets off a bus. To prevent children running across the road to or from the bus into the path of passing traffic, you should: • Walk them to the bus stop in the morning. • Meet them as they get off the bus, on the same side of the road that the bus stops. Remember, the speed limit is 20km when passing a stationary school bus from either direction.

**School Production - Maihihi School presents Kid Frankenstein: 20th & 21st September 2023**

This will be happening at the end of Term 3. We are starting to audition interested children in the character roles. Keep an eye out for further information the closer we get to show-time!

**COPS Winter Sports - 24 May 2023:**

Our Central Otorohanga Primary Schools Winter Sports event is happening. It would be great to see our whānau down at the sports grounds in Otorohanga to cheer our kids on. Year 3-4 Soccer, Year 5-6 Netball and Year 7-8 Rippa Rugby. We will be organising a bus to transport our kids to this event. We are also on the BBQ fundraiser at the Netball so please contact Jasmine or Jeff Peek if you can help man the BBQ for an hour or so - this is much appreciated!

**Connecting with your child's teacher:**

Remember that teachers are available in their classrooms between 8.30am-9am and 3.00pm-3.30pm if you need to pop in for a quick chat. Otherwise feel free to contact them via email or Class Dojo if you need to set up a different time to discuss any concerns you have about your child's learning or behaviour.

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 Koroa*

# 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"

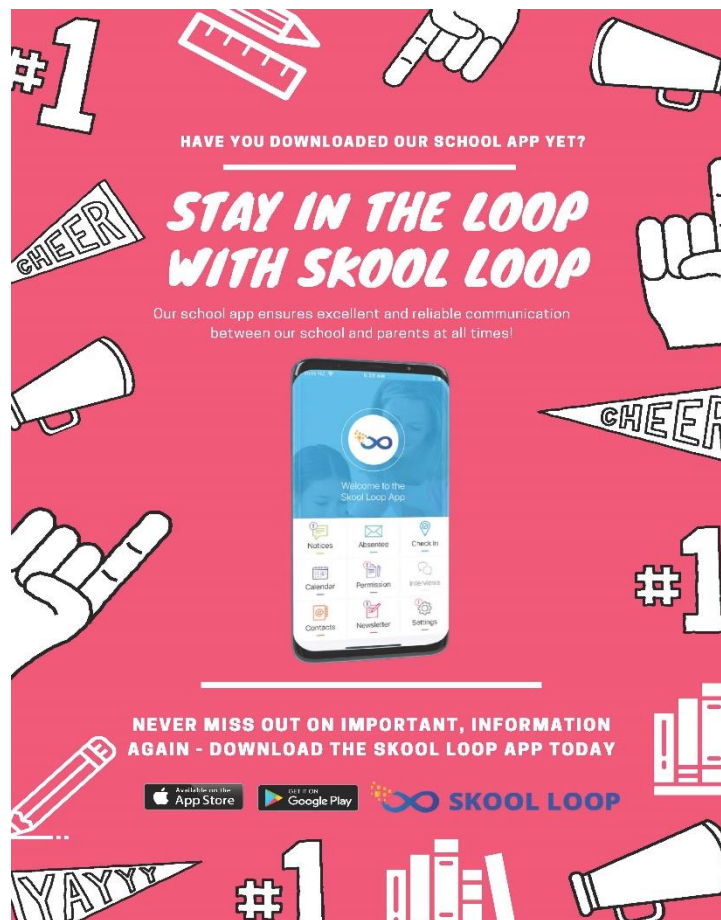
Enter your name (optional)

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.



## ROOM ONE

The students and I are happy to be back together again, and we are enjoying sharing the things we did in the school holidays. It has also been great to see how many students in the class are involved in a winter sport. Playing a team sport helps to develop a child's physical skills, teaches them how to be a team member and how they can support others to take risks and learn new things.

We created some beautiful Autumn art work on Friday. We used paint in the autumn colours and pressed our finger into the paint then onto the paper to show the leaves falling from the trees. Please take the time to come in and view this art.

Thank you to those parents who are supporting their child to do their Structured Literacy homework and to learn their spelling / alphabet, each week at home. I am seeing some great progress as a result of this support. Thank you.

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## ROOM TWO

Welcome back to you all for the start of a new term! We have hit the ground running already this term getting into our Technology mahi. Last week Room 2, 3 and 4 were out in our gumboots digging and clearing the old garden space to make way for the new Sensory Garden. We can't wait for some finer weather to get back out there! We have also been inquiring into our local curriculum and discovering more about the history of our area. If you have any stories/information about Maihihi which would help us in this area, please feel free to come and have a chat. Numeracy is a big focus this year and I am encouraging all students to make use of their Mathletics account as this is a great way to consolidate the learning they are doing in Math time each day. I am excited for another busy term packed full of exciting learning opportunities for your child! As always, please feel free to come and see me or send me an email if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Ngā mihi nui  
Kayleigh Albert

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## ROOM THREE

Welcome to term 2 - we have hit the ground running. So far we have looked at migration, what this means and some different reasons why people from the present, and past, migrate. To continue with looking at navigators and explorers, we looked at how the Polynesians used Wayfinding to help them navigate the Pacific Ocean. We made some fantastic visual art pieces, which included the moon, sun, clouds, constellations and currents - to showcase Wayfinding. For our Health and PE this term, we are looking into the Whare Tapu Wha Health model. This is about making sure all 4 sides of the Whare are well. We have looked at different things in our life, and identified what makes us happy and healthy. Winter Sports is quickly approaching, and Room 3 will be competing in netball. We will start to work on some skills for this, so if anyone would like to come in and help us with this I would really appreciate that. In writing, we have been looking at parts of speech, and how these make good sentences. Later in the term we will start looking at persuasive writing, in preparation for speeches in term 3.

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## ROOM FOUR

Room 4 has been getting used to their new teacher and new routines since the start of the term. We are learning to present our pepeha with confidence to an audience and make use of Google Classroom as a delivery method for learning. We have been learning about Anzac Day, Charles Upham VC and for art we have created poppy art. We are also learning New Zealand Sign Language and about New Zealand music. Room 4 will soon have full books and lots of work on display. I am getting to know all the students in every class, but especially in Room 4. I am looking forward to meeting more parents over the coming term.

I have been teaching for over 27 years in schools around the Waikato, small rural schools, town schools, city schools and in the largest area school in New Zealand. I play the guitar and I rule the karaoke mic. I like reading, gardening and going to very loud rock concerts. I love a pub quiz.

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# EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE

## Room Four

### Anzac Poppies

To complete this piece of art, Room 4 students needed to use dye for the background, two different reds for the poppy and three different greens for the grass to create texture. We cut the grass and glued it on to give a depth to the artwork. We hot glued on the pompom, straw and poppy. We looked at the leaves of real poppy plants and recreated them with green paper and hot glued on. This required observation and listening skills as well as self-management.



### Room Four - Examples of Excellence.



# MAIHIIHI SCHOOL

## Sensory Garden Preparation

We have been busy repurposing our vegetable garden area at school into what will be our new Sensory Garden. Watch this space for more photos soon.



## MAIHIIHI SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % Term 2 2023

Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Whole School
84%	88%	84%	84%	84.7%

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

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

## ‘Every Day Counts’

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

If your child misses	That equals..	Which is...	And over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 year's
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

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# 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).

# MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



**Thank you to all families who donated items for our Mother's Day Raffle. All money raised will go towards fundraising for Senior Camp this year.**

**We would also like to do a special thank you to the following companies who donated product/service.**



*Hello Rosie*  
- NAILS & BEAUTY -

## 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:

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- ... 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)



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!

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# COMMUNITY

## RECYCLING CENTRE

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**



## 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)

Come on down to our warm & friendly club and meet the locals.

The facilities are also available to hire for private functions.

For more information

Contact – Ivan Fox 873 0761



**Maihihi Playcentre**  
maihihiplaycentre@gmail.com

**Sessions Times:**  
Tuesday 9.30 - 12.00  
Thursday 9.30 - 1.30 (Big Kids)  
Friday 9.30 - 12.00

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