



Principal's News

Friday 30 May 2024

Kia ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Lava, Ni Hao, Namaste, Bula Vinaka, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Kia orana, Mauri, Greetings.

Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on this term is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation with staff. We will be reviewing our current attendance initiatives in the coming weeks and will take into account the feedback we are receiving from our community, as well as the weekly attendance figures and notifications we receive from the Ministry.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

We know that autumn has certainly brought its crisp mornings and winter is coming with all its chills, bugs and colds. Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky at times. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora have refreshed their guidance for schools and parents to use to help make that call.

Check out the Ministry of Education website - <https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/#sickness> for more information. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us.

At our school we have strong processes and hygiene practices in place to make sure our school environment is as healthy as possible for our students and our staff.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building a culture that fosters excellent attendance by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and whānau.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school, and they are participating, and progressing in their education.

Parents and caregivers can find more information here - <https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/attendance-every-day-matters/>

New Staff

We welcome Helen Tamatea, Jo Casey, Kiana Clark and Amy Minarapa-Roberts to our Learning support team.

Ngā mihi,

Michelle Dibben
Principal



Term 2 Important Dates

Teachers Only Day - No School

Friday 31 May

King's Birthday -No School

Monday 3 June

Photo Day

Wednesday 5 June

Matariki Hangi (more information to come)

Thursday 27 June

Matariki Public Holiday -No School

Friday 28 June

School Reports Home

Tuesday 2 July

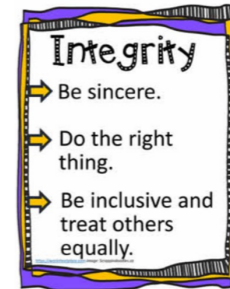
End of Term 2

Friday 5 July



These students have been recognised by their class teachers for displaying our school value

Totara	Kowhai	Ti Kouka	Nikau
Guneet	Jasmahar	Indie-Rae	Seerat
Jahita	Rhea	MacKenzie	Charanni
Valentina	Ocean-Lee	Caius	Jasmine
Puriri	Titoki	Rimu	Kauri
Eliza	Khushpreet	Rithvik	Hargun
	Andras	Prabhjit	Gilbert
	Lana	Lucy	Kaylee W



Rimu
Rimu has been exploring and learning about World War One and the role New Zealand soldiers had in it. We have also made a study of The Battle of Gallipoli and understand more about why we commemorate Anzac Day. For Art we have created Soldier Silhouettes and fields of poppys. These are hanging in the pod and you are welcome to come and look. Recently Miss Bartosh came in for a visit with her lovely baby girl Ellie - she was very cute and quiet! We also welcome Miss Clark into our pod as our new teacher aide as we had to say goodbye to Mrs McQuoid as she is off on new adventures. We wish her all the best.

Nikau
Kia Ora! The students in Nikau have settled back nicely into school after the holidays. In week 3 we were lucky enough to be invited to take part in Kori Pūrākau, a dance workshop run by Atamira Dance Company. Oke gardens have been helping us to create worm farms, organise the greenhouse and plant vegetables. The students have been enjoying their morning swimming sessions in our school pool and are developing their stroke technique and learning some water safety skills.

Titoki
Kia-ora from Titoki. Our children have been exploring Anzac Day and the ways we honour and commemorate the lives lost in war. They have created beautiful writing and artwork showcased in our pod. Some children performed body percussion to a piece from our shared reading, "Dawn Parade." We invite you to visit and witness the incredible creativity on display. This week, we're focusing on hygiene and teaching our students how to take care of themselves. This week, we're excited to dive into Samoan Language Week and learning about the rich language, traditions, and culture of Samoa.

Kauri
Kotare Kohanga are learning about music and how to write their own tunes. They are practising their tunes on the keyboards. The guitar group is going really well and will be playing in public soon! **Kokako Kohanga** have been enjoying fitness in the mornings. We have enjoyed skipping and trying our hand at double dutch and the egg beater with long skipping ropes. We are getting into our Inquiry topic of War and Conflict with some students researching the 28th Māori Battalion. We have been enjoying our Friday Art lessons and are currently learning about the Elements of Art. **Kiwi Kohanga** are learning about 'Figures of Speech' to use to enhance our writing. Our Science is looking at light as part of our physical world. We have also been enjoying morning fitness games, Octopus, Captain on board, The New Zealand histories are also being inquired about with a focus on Conflict before WW1.

Ti Kouka
Autumn has been showing off with all its beauty at school. A perfect opportunity for everyone in Ti Kōuka to pause and reflect on the vibrancy and colour our school grounds provide right now. Over the last week we have been capturing autumn with Haiku, a Japanese poem that references nature and the seasons. It is 3 lines focusing on syllabification of 5 - 7 - 5. The children had so much fun tapping out each word, hearing each syllable and crafting each line. Here are some samples from our students in Year 3 (aged 7-8)

Autumn leaves fly high Floating up to reach the sky Leaves drift from the trees.	Deciduous leaves Drifting gently in the sky From the big oak tree By Raymond Peters
By Maggie Zhou	Crimson leaves falling Dropping from all Autumn trees Like raindrops on the roofs. By Oliver Harland
Blazing leaves flutter Like butterflies in the sky Landing softly down.	
By Roshan Reddy	

Totara
The weather has been getting colder but we have been toasty and warm in our new cozy winter jackets from Kids Can. We were so excited to get our very own jacket with our name on it which matches our friends and have enjoyed wearing them to school. We have continued to welcome new friends in our classes and their families. We have been learning about measuring and ordering things by height and length. Last week we read Goldilocks and the Three Bears and spent a couple of afternoons practising our measuring with fun activities in the different classes. We ordered the items from the story, measured our arm and compared it with the length of others in our class and measured the height of each of the three bears so we could draw them the correct size. There is so much more fun and learning ahead and we are very excited to have come back to school this term.

Puriri
We've had fun so far this term - our highlight was reaching the top of the pompom jar by displaying awesome behaviours and scoring 5/5 on our spelling tests. Our reward for our achievement was that we got to make gingerbread men! They were so yummy! We learned a lot from measuring out the ingredients too!

Kowhai
Arrgh! What a treat it was in week 1 of this term to attend the show 'The Great Piratical Rumbustification'. We enjoyed reading the book by Margaret Mahy and then seeing the story come to life on stage. With the beautiful coloured leaves all around the school we have been leaf hunting and building our vocab of interesting verbs and adjectives to describe the leaves as they twirl, glide and gently float to the ground. In maths we have been using our skip counting to solve multiplication problems and some of us are challenging ourselves by learning the 2 and 10 times tables! This term, we are learning about Manurewa and important landmarks in our community. We recently learned about the story of Tamapahore and the soaring kite which makes up the full name of Manurewa, Te Manurewa O Tamapahore.