



# Principal's News

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

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I want to celebrate the incredible progress and achievements our students have made. This school year has been full of learning opportunities, growth, and a strong commitment to helping each student reach their potential. From exciting classroom experiences to the many moments of success, we have again shared the enthusiasm and dedication of both our students and staff.

Throughout the year, we have focused not only on academic excellence but also on fostering a love of learning, curiosity, and personal growth. Our students have embraced challenges with resilience and have made great progress in their learning journeys. It is this spirit of determination and love in learning that makes me so proud to be part of this community.

As we approach the summer holidays, I want to extend my thanks to each of you – our dedicated teachers, staff, and most importantly, our wonderful families – for your continued support and involvement. It is because of your partnership that we are able to create an environment where every child can learn and thrive.

I hope that this holiday season brings you joy, rest, and quality time with your families and those you love. May it be a time of reflection and celebration as we look forward to another exciting year ahead.

Wishing you all a very happy, peaceful and safe holiday season!

Ngā mihi maioha,  
Sandy Griffin  
Acting Principal

## Stationery Donation

We would like to thank The Eden Lodge for their very generous donation of stationery items for our students to use next year.

These items are used at all levels of the school and the donation is gratefully accepted by our students and our families.



## End of Year Prizegivings

### Tuesday 10 December

Junior School PRIZEGIVING  
9.30am – 11am  
(Pūriri, Totara & Titoki)

### Wednesday 11 December

Junior School PRIZEGIVING  
(Kowhai & Ti Koūka)  
9.30am – 11am

### Thursday 12 December

Senior School PRIZEGIVING  
9.30am

### Thursday 12 December

Year 0 – 3 Athletics & Tabloids  
9.30am

### Friday 13 December

Last day of Term 2024



Term 1  
Monday 3 February to Friday 11 April

### Term 2

Monday 28 April to Friday 27 June

### Term 3

Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September

### Term 4

Monday 6 October to Tuesday 16 December



Friday 6 December 2024

These students have been

recognised by their class teachers for displaying our school value



Excellence is not being the best; it is doing your best!

Totara	Kowhai	Ti Koūka	Nikau
Laken	Gurjot	Leo	Sherry
Selina	Ana	Darjayan	Ray
		Sifat	Jalisa
			Abel
		Puriri	Titoki
		Manseerat	Rimu
		Vivaan	Gursehaj
		Bilaal	Jashan
			Talanoah

## Rimu

Term 4 has flown by and we are nearly at the end! We have continued to enjoy Gymnastics and swimming especially as the weather warms up. Sarah from Watercare came and talked to us about waste water and what happens to it. Then we looked at Stormwater drains and how that water goes straight out to sea. Rimu pod has worked really hard this year and all of the teachers are so proud of their achievements! One more week to go!

## Pūriri

The tamariki of Pūriri have been excitedly counting down the days we have left at school and they're all looking forward to becoming big Year 2s next year! After lots of practices we are ready to share our dance and singing with you at our end of year assembly next week. We've had a wonderful year together and every child in Pūriri has made progress that they can be proud of. Well done on a successful year, Pūriri!

## Totara

We have had a wonderful year at school in Tōtara pod. We welcomed so many new friends and their families and teachers along the way. The children have all worked so hard in their learning, socially and personally and we as teachers have seen tremendous growth from them all. It has been so wonderful seeing how settled the children have become and the progress they have made. Every day is made worthwhile seeing the smiling faces of the children often running into school, ready and excited to see their friends and teachers and to start their day! We will miss them very much when they move up in the school but are excited about what is to come for each and every one of them. From the Tōtara pod we wish you a happy and safe summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back next year.

## Titoki

As Term 4 comes to a close for Titoki, excitement fills the air with the laughter of children dancing and singing together. It's evident how much they've grown, maturing and preparing for the next chapter. Before they move on, there's one final moment of celebration: the Junior Prizegiving. This event provides a chance to reflect on their hard work, achievements, and the joy of shared experiences. It's a time to honour their progress and look ahead with anticipation, marking the end of one chapter and the start of another. Merry Christmas, whānau! Have a safe and wonderful break. 'Ofa atu, Titoki teachers.

## Nikau

What a term it has been! Last week, we sadly said goodbye to our student teachers, Miss T and Mrs. Jina, who have been with us since Week 3 of this term. We wish them all the best as they continue their studies. We've loved exploring space together, with our trip to Stardome being one of the highlights. The VR sessions have also brought our space unit to life—so much so that even the teachers couldn't resist getting involved! It's been fantastic to get back into the pool, working on our stroke techniques and cooling off during those warmer days. As our time together in Nikau pod comes to a close, it's hard to believe how quickly it has passed. We've formed some amazing friendships, and we will certainly cherish these memories.

## Kowhai

We have continued learning new knowledge through our Extreme Earth inquiry and have worked hard writing an information report about volcanoes.

The summer weather seems to have arrived this week! Kōwhai have enjoyed jumping in the pool again and practising our safe swimming skills of floating and kicking. We have also been creating a poem using our senses. Hopefully over the summer break you too will be able to taste some juicy, sweet watermelon, hear the beautiful morning chirping from the birds and feel the warm sand between your toes!. Resilience to keep trying and bravery to have a go at something new means our Year 2's are well and truly ready for the exciting new challenges of Year 3. Thank you to all the parents and whānau for being so supportive of your children's learning throughout the year. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday!

## Ti Koūka

We feel as though we have been tripping around Auckland this week, and we have! The children relished the opportunity to participate in the gymnastics lessons at Bruce Pulman Park on Tuesday. They thoroughly enjoyed being introduced to a wide range of equipment and the smiles on their faces were magic. On Wednesday we went to the fabulous Santa Claus Show at the Pumphouse Theatre in Takapuna. The show was mesmerising and very interactive and we came home with excited children and a bus full of white balloons. Practising for the end of year assemblies has taken much of our days recently and we can't wait to see you all next Tuesday and Wednesday. Ti Koūka pod wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

## Kauri

What a fantastic year we've had in Kauri Ngahere! We have had such a great time, and we're capping it off with our special end-of-year celebrations. Our Year 6 Graduation Dinner on Wednesday night was truly a special occasion, marking a significant milestone for our tamariki. Next week, we're looking forward to our prizegiving, where we'll continue to celebrate everyone's achievements. Mr Wickman, Mrs McHaffie-Green, and Mrs Sowden are incredibly proud of all the students in our Pod for their hard work and dedication to their learning. We have witnessed some amazing progress in many of our students, and it's been wonderful to see friendships flourish. We understand it will be hard for some students to move on to different schools next year, but we wish all our students the very best, whether they're heading to intermediate school or moving into Year 6. To all our whānau, we hope you have a safe and happy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.