

**Kia Ora Koutou Katoa**  
**Rāpare 29 Hui-tanguru ~ Thursday 29 February 2024**

We have had a busy two weeks with sports events. Last week we had teams of year 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 competing at Rex Morpeth Park. The children enjoyed the opportunity to compete against other schools. Thank you to the staff who carried out the organisation as well as the coaching and managing on the day. We also thank the family members who came along to support the students.

This week we held our swimming sports events. The organisation of the event was excellent, and we thank the many family members who provided support and encouragement. Great to see the children competing with Pride and modelling great behaviour.

**Union Meeting:**

We have been notified of a union meeting for teaching staff who are union members. This is planned for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We ask that children be picked up at 12.30pm as we will have limited staff at school. We will be able to provide supervision to students are not able to be picked up. A notice will come home closer to the day to enable us to plan for the afternoon.

**DISCO:**

We will be holding a DISCO on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a fundraiser for the Ngā Huiarau camp later in the term.

Te Tiwai attendees will be 5.15pm to 6.00pm. Ngā Peka and Ngā Huiarau attendees will be 6.15pm to 7.00pm

The theme is “Come to the Tropics”. We will have a sausage sizzle, sweet treats and real fruit ice creams for sale. Water will be available on the night. A form will be sent home to pre-order sausages and ice-creams. Please return the form to the classroom teacher with payment or pay online with your child’s name as reference. The entry fee will be \$2.00 paid at the door.

The event is for children, we ask that adults don’t go in the hall. We will have coffee and cake in Kowhai for any adults who are at school. This is a great opportunity to connect with community members.

**Outdoor Music Instruments:**

Last week we installed our outdoor music instruments in the playground. We received funding from NZCT (New Zealand Community Trust) towards the project. Thanks to Merrissa and her whanau for digging the holes, to Pete and Val for installing the instruments and to Matua John and the senior students who put the instruments together.

The children are enjoying the creativity these instruments are providing.



**Ōhope Fire Brigade:**

We are extremely grateful to the Ōhope Fire Brigade who look after us. They regularly use the school for training purposes. They have carried out height training at the school, work in the pool and make use of the senior playground for fitness activities. They are a valuable service in our community, and we appreciate all that they do.

### **House Captains:**

At our last house group meetings senior students carried out their presentations for the house captain positions. After all presentations were complete the house team members voted for their captains. Congratulations to the children who have been elected, we look forward to seeing you grow in the role during the year.

***Aihe - Billy & Selena***



***Mangōpare – Kyran & SJ***



***Paea - Archie & Ava***



***Tohorā – Reggie & Winnie***



### **Building Projects:**

We have a number of building projects getting underway very soon. The builders have started fencing off areas they will work in. The work is in a number of areas so they will move around the school as they complete each stage. The projects include:

- Repairs to the beams that hold up the deck to the Kauri classes
- Removal of the glass panels in the roofing above the Kauri classes and beside the hall
- Upgrade of the Kauri classrooms
- Replace vinyl and install new taps in the toilets beside the old computer suite
- Upgrade the computer suite which will become the library
- Create a permanent office for LSC, in the current space, and a second office in the space
- Screening to the top deck of Ngā Huiarau
- Kitchen upgrade in the hall

These are all Ministry of Education funded projects as part of our property programme.

### **Policy Review:**

In response to a recent government regulation, we have a policy for review.

- Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices.

“All state schools are required to implement a phone rule that has student phones ‘away for the day’ as soon as possible in Term 1 2024 and no later than the start of Term 2 2024. The Government has introduced regulations to put this requirement in place.

Please review the policy on our Website via the School Policy Site tab

Search for the Policy in School Docs. – Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices.

We will review any feedback and confirm the policy at the next BOT Meeting.

### Pitopito Korero:

The children continue with enthusiasm and are confidently presenting our Pitopito Korero each morning. I commend the children on their pronunciation and clarity of speech.



Week 4: Harper & Chase



Week 5: Jessie, Sienna, Sarah & Jetty

This week the whakataukī we are sharing is: **He waka eke noa**

This whakataukī means: A canoe we are all in together. Helps us to know the importance of being a part of a group or team and everyone working together.

Our Te Reo phrase for the week is: **Ko wai ō Mātua?** Who are your parents?

The response: **Ko ..... raua ko .... oku Mātua.**

### PRIDE Certificates

Congratulations to the students who have received a Pride Certificate for demonstrating our Pride values at school. Great work everyone.



Pride Certificate Week 3



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### Environment Trophy and Music Trophy:

Each week a trophy is to a learning space for looking after their environment and for their singing participation.



Week 3 - Kowhai



Week 3 – Te Tiwai



Week 4 – Manuka



Week 4 – Kauri Alex

<b>Term Dates: 2024</b>	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>
<p><b>Term One:</b> Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024</p> <p><b>Term Two:</b> Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024</p> <p><b>Term Three:</b> Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024</p> <p><b>Term Four:</b> Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024</p> <p><b>Holidays during 2024:</b>  <b>Term 1:</b> Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Waitangi Day  Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday  Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday  Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Tuesday  <b>Term 2:</b> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – King’s Birthday  Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Matariki  <b>Friday 31 May – Teacher Development Day</b>  <b>Term 3: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Teacher Development Day</b>  <b>Term 4:</b> Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Labour Day  <b>Teacher Development Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>Teacher Development Dates this year:</b>  <b>Term 2:</b> Friday 31 May  <b>Term 3:</b> Friday 23 August  <b>Term 4:</b> Friday 15 November</p> <p>These are Ministry of Education days to work on the changes to the curriculum.</p>	<p><b>Week 5:</b>  <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>  Fun4U sports morning for Year 1 &amp; 2 children - 9.30am to 12.00pm</p> <p><b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>  Assembly - Kowhai Mrs England  House Groups session</p> <p><b>Week 6:</b>  <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>  DISCO – Funds raised to go to Ngā Huiarau camp.</p> <p><b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>  Assembly – Kauri Whaea Laura</p> <p><b>Week 7:</b>  <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>  EBoP Swimming Sports</p> <p><b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>  Assembly – Ngā Huiarau Whaea Holly  House Groups sessions</p> <p><b>Week 8:</b>  <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>  Union Meeting for teaching staff who belong to the union. 12.30pm</p> <p><b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>  Assembly – Kahikatea Whaea Cherie  Surfing Competition Yr. 5 &amp; 6  9.00am to 2.00pm.</p> <p><b>Week 9:</b>  <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>  BOT Meeting 5.30pm</p>

Thank you to our House Groups Sponsors who enable us to have house shirts for the students.



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**Touch Tournament Day**