

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa **Rāpare 9 Haratua ~ Thursday 9 May 2024**

Welcome back to school for term two and a warm welcome to the new students who have started this term. We welcome the children who have joined Manuka, Kauri Whaea Alex and Kahikatea Whaea Cherie. We look forward to working with the children and their families.

Road Patrol:

Thank you to the parents who are assisting with road patrol each morning this term. It will be a cooler term and we encourage the children to dress warm when they are on duty. Our students do a great job, and we appreciate your cooperation and support at the crossing. If you are driving past the school remember to slow down for the crossing especially when we have bad weather.

Building Works:

During the holiday break all three Kauri classes were upgraded. The rooms have new ceilings, new carpet, new vinyl, and repaired wall coverings. New heat pumps are due to be installed as the current ones are unreliable now. Thank you to Whaea Alex and Whaea Laura for their cooperation in clearing the rooms and then setting them up again during the holidays. The children are really enjoying the new environments.

The builders will take about another three weeks to complete the work on the verandah post replacements and the reinstallation of the safety railing. This was necessary work as the previous posts were rusting away. Once complete the builders will move to the computer suite and carry out an upgrade in there. The toilets, in this block, will also have a vinyl upgrade.

The children have been excellent while the work is going on and the builders have worked to limit the disruption as much as possible.

Curriculum Focus:

This term our overarching curriculum focus is: **“Who are our local kaitiaki?”** We have Korehaha whakahau back in school this term as they work with the children learning about pests and their eradication. We also have children who are taking part in the Halo Moth Plant Pod gathering. These pods carry 250 to 1000 seeds each, so it is great to see so many being collected and destroyed. It is excellent to see so many tamariki involved in this environmental activity which protects our native species.

The students will continue to learn about our local area and the activities going on to protect our environment. We also have gymnastics as part of our physed programme with lunchtime practices being offered by staff.

Cross country:

We will have our school cross country in week 4 this term. It is planned for Wednesday 22nd May. The children have started their training and we will have access to the track next week. Thank you to Ngāti Awa for the use of the farmland for the cross country, this is really appreciated. Children may want to pack a change of clothes, in their bags, just in case they get muddy or dirty during their training.

Teacher Development Day:

Friday 31st May is a Teacher Development Day so there will be no school for the children.

Sock Fundraiser:

If you want to check out the socks, which can be purchased for our fundraiser, there is a display on the wall in the office.

ePro8 Competition:

Congratulations to the two teams who competed in the ePro8 competition yesterday. One team had to build a roller coaster while the other team had to build a washing machine. SJ, Selena, Riley, Sophie and Harper placed third and have qualified to compete in Rotorua later this year. Well done to all competitors.

Ministry of Education Updates:

The Minister has recently released a number of updates for schools. Last term the “Phones Away for the Day” policy was implemented as was the provision of an hour a day of reading, writing and maths. Our school programmes have always covered reading, writing and maths instruction along side the integration of these into science, health, social sciences and the arts.

The latest announcements are about the implementation of a structured literacy approach to reading. We are into our third year of this approach in all our classes. For us structured literacy incorporates spelling, handwriting and reading which all support the development of written language.

The Board of Trustees have supported the delivery of this approach through the funding of professional development, for staff, and the purchasing of resources to support the programmes.

Attendance continues to be a focus of the Ministry. Thank you for letting us know when and why your child is away.

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 and their collaboration as they prepare each morning. This week the whakataukī we are sharing is: **Mauri tū, mauri ora** *An active soul is a healthy soul. This whakatauki encourages people to be active participants in a project or initiative or to celebrate people's involvement and participation in an activity.*



Week 1: Harper & Archie



Week 2: Katelyn & Freya

PRIDE Certificates

Congratulations to the students who have received a Pride Certificate for demonstrating our Pride values at school. Great work everyone. We have had an excellent start to the term with the children engaged in their learning.

Pride Certificates Week 1



Environment Trophy:

Each week a trophy is awarded to a learning space for looking after their environment both inside and outside. Thank you to all the children for modelling kaitiakitanga in our kura.

Kauri are so pleased with the new classroom environments and are doing a great job looking after them.

Week 1 – Kauri Laura & Kauri Alex



House Group Sand Sculpture Activity

Term Dates: 2024

Term Two:

Monday 29th April 2024 to Friday 5th July 2024

Term Three:

Monday 22nd July 2024 to Friday 27th September 2024

Term Four:

Monday 14th October 2024 to Tuesday 17th December 2024

Holidays during 2024:

Term 2: **Friday 31 May – Teacher Development Day**

Monday 3rd June – King's Birthday

Friday 28th June – Matariki

Term 3: **Friday 23rd August - Teacher Development Day**

Term 4: Monday 28th October – Labour Day

Teacher Development Day – Friday 15th November

Teacher Development Dates this year:

Term 2: Friday 31 May

Term 3: Friday 23 August

Term 4: Friday 15 November

These are Ministry of Education days to work on the changes to the curriculum.

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TERM 2

Week 2:

Friday 10th May

Assembly – Ngā Huiarau Whaea Sandy

House Groups meet.

Week 3:

Tuesday 14th May

BOT Meeting 5.30pm

Friday 17th May

Assembly - Kauri Whaea Alex

Week 4:

Tuesday 21st May

Pink Ribbon Breakfast 7.30am in the school hall.

Wednesday 22nd May

Ōhope Beach School cross country

Friday 24th May

Assembly - Kowhai Whaea Dana

House Groups meet.

Week 5:

Wednesday 29th May

Girls Future Ferns Tournament

Production by Thornton School – Ngā Huiarau & Ngā Peka

Friday 31st May

Teacher Development Day – School Closed

Week 6:

Monday 3rd June

King's Birthday holiday

Tuesday 4th June

Interschool cross country at Ōhope Beach School

Wednesday 5th June

EBoP Tackle 5's tournament

Friday 7th June

Assembly - Ngā Huiarau Whaea Merrissa

House Groups meet

Week 7:

Thursday 13th June

EBoP Cross country

Friday 14th June

Assembly – Kauri Whaea Laura

Week 8:

Tuesday 18th June

BoT Meeting 5.30pm

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2024 HALO DOMP COMP



MOTH PLANT DESTROYERS
Ōhope Beach School



2024 HALO DOMP COMP



POWER PLANT PEOPLE
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JR Eliminators
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Nanogirl Comes to Ōhope Beach

Last week we had a visit from Nanogirl. She talked to us about what the air is made up of and she used different coloured ping pong balls to demonstrate this for the children.

Ask your children about the presentation, what they remember and what they enjoyed about the lesson.



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TEACUP!**

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WON!**

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