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Pukehinahina

# WHĀNAU - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday 8th April, 2025

Newsletter No.3 2025

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## Empowering Tamariki to Become Rangatira Who Value the Past to Create the Future

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Rochelle Jensen*

Kia ora e te whānau! Talofa lava! Mālō e lelei! Ni sa bula! Kia orana! Fakaalofa lahi atu! Kam na mauri! Namaste! Vanakkam! Sat Sri Akaal! Ayubowan! Mabuhay! Selamat datang! Sawasdee! Mingalaba! Asalaam Walaikum! Hallo! G'day! Howzit! Bonjour! Konnichiwa! Nǐ hǎo! Olá! Hello!

As we sprint towards the end of Term 1 🏃‍♂️🏃‍♀️, I want to take a moment to say how proud I am of our awesome ākonga (students) and kaimahi (staff)! 🌟 They have embraced the many changes we've introduced and worked hard to embed new routines, especially around **structured literacy** and **maths**.

Next term, our feature **whānau event** will focus on these exciting changes. We'll be sharing how you can support your tamariki (children) at home 🏠👨‍👩‍👧‍👦. Keep an eye out for more details!

This term, our **concept** was **Future Self** 🚀. It's been heartwarming to hear our tamariki talking confidently about **growth mindset**, the **learning pit**, and the **power of yet**. These are life-long learning tools we're proud to nurture.

✅ **Attendance is up — ka rawe!** 🎉 With this boost comes accelerated academic progress and settled tamariki who aren't always trying to play catch-up. We'll be sending home Term 1 individual attendance reports via HERO soon, so please check your inbox 📧. Remember, we are here to help with any attendance challenges — please reach out if you need support.

Next term, you'll also receive a **written report** on your child's **progress and achievement**, linked to our school **vision, values**, and the **core curriculum area**. For our **Kopurererua** whānau, there will be a **tikanga** update included too.

➡ In an effort to **minimise disruptions** to learning and to whānau life, we **won't** be holding **Student-Led Conferences** during a normal school day. However, after reading your child's report, you will be able to book an after-school interview if you wish. **Student-Led Conferences** (compulsory) will take place in Term 3 as planned.

School Starts: 8.55am -- School Ends: 2.55pm

Report Attendance 📧 HERO app or 0275785325

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### Pānui / Notices

- Have you signed up to HERO and subscribed to your child's page?**  
HERO is our main communication tool. Stay connected!
- Uniforms** — Reminder that **black polos** must be worn in Term 2.  These are available from the office for **\$35**.
- BOT Elections are coming!** - Are you keen to be a **staff representative** or know someone who would be great? BOT elections happen in **September** — start the **kōrero** now.
- Cultural Groups** - Is your child involved in one of our awesome cultural groups?  
*Kapa Haka / Ocean Stars Pasifika / Filipino Group/ Indian / South- East Asian (SEA) Group*
- Winter Sports Registrations** - Basketball , Netball , and Hockey are available in Term 2. **Register on our website!**
- Passion Projects** - Our senior tamariki are loving their **Passion Projects** every Friday. Have a **kōrero** with them about what they're exploring!
- Feedback Opportunities**  
Have you shared your thoughts on our **school policies** and **health curriculum** yet?  
We would love your input!

### **Events to lock in for next term – see below!**



### TERM 2 2025 MONDAY 28TH APRIL-FRIDAY 27TH JUNE



<p><b>MONDAY</b> 28TH APRIL</p> <p><b>School Starts</b> 8.55am</p> <p><small>Whakatau to welcome new whānau and staff at 9.15am</small></p>	<p><b>WEEK 3</b> 12-16 MAY</p> <p><b>Road Safety Week</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 13TH MAY</p> <p><b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b></p> <p><small>5.30pm - Staffroom</small></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 15TH MAY</p> <p><i>Together We Learn: Helping Kids with Maths and Reading.</i></p> <p><i>Whanau Event.</i></p> <p><i>More details to follow.</i></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 22ND MAY</p> <p><b>School Cross Country</b></p> <p><small>9.30am - 1pm: School Field</small></p> <p><i>Saving day: Friday 23rd May</i></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 27TH MAY</p> <p><b>West Cluster Cross Country</b></p> <p><small>Held at Gate Pā School</small></p> <p><i>Saving day: Thursday 29th May</i></p>
<p><b>WEEK 6</b> 2-6 JUNE</p> <p><b>Samoan Language Week</b></p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b> 2ND JUNE</p> <p><b>School Closed King's Birthday</b></p> <p><small>Public Holiday</small></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 13TH JUNE</p> <p><b>Filipino Independence Day Dinner</b></p> <p><small>More details to follow</small></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 17TH JUNE</p> <p><b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b></p> <p><small>5.30pm - Staffroom</small></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 19TH JUNE</p> <p><b>Matariki Disco</b></p> <p><small>More details to follow</small></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 20TH JUNE</p> <p><b>School Closed Matariki</b></p> <p><small>Public Holiday</small></p>

Good luck to our Year 6 tamariki heading off to Tui Ridge in Rotorua this week for their adventure and leadership camp! 🏕️  
Ngā mihi nui to all the parent helpers who make this incredible experience possible!

Take care over the holiday break and see you all back on Monday 28th April.  
Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

Ngā mihi,

Rochelle Jensen - Principal / Tumuaki