

Kia ora koutou te whanau

As we are nearing the end of a very long first half of the year I would like to acknowledge the immense work that our staff have done with the challenge of Covid-19. The extra energy needed to provide distance learning and in transitioning children back into our school site has been very much appreciated. Thank you for your support in working together during these strange times.

It is great that so many of you are continuing to say goodbye to your children at the gate. This trust in their independence gains confidence.


At the end of this term we farewell Raewyn Handcock who has been a member of our office team for 23 years. Raewyn has had a very long association with our school initially as a parent volunteering in multiple roles until being appointed as our School Secretary. You will notice the publishing skills that Raewyn has brought to our school in our newsletters, publications and signage - that is what is seen. Behind the scenes we have all valued her professionalism and dedication to our school. We all wish her well in her new adventures ahead.

We also farewell Laura Munro who has accepted a teaching position in Malaysia. Laura has brought a positive sparkle to our school and we have all gained from her expertise in Te Reo me ona Tikanga. We wish her all the best in her overseas teaching experience. Emma Martin will be teaching in Room 7.

Rebekah Colquhoun will be on maternity leave from the beginning of Term 3. We welcome back Jazmina Newland who will be teaching in Room 16.

Enjoy your holiday break with your families in a more relaxed situation to explore our community and country.

*“Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi  
With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive”*

  
**Judith McLean (Principal)**

# What's Happening

JULY

3 Last day Term 2, 3:00pm

20 First day Term 3

AUGUST

5 & 6 School Photos

12/14 Footsteps Dance Company

20 Story Teller

24 Teachers Only Day

31 T1&2 Cross Country

**TEAM ONE (Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 20) Stephani Preston**  
*Ma mua ka kite a muri  
Ma muri ka ora a mua*  
*Those who lead give sight to those who follow  
Those who follow give life to those who lead*

We regularly talk about whakatauki in our classrooms. What do they mean? How can we practice this? It's an idea to use this as a way to share in discussions at home. How could they use this in their home as well, especially if they have siblings :-)

**Looking to Lead**  
A group of 30 students were chosen to take part in a workshop looking to develop their leadership. They identified the different qualities of a leader and the type of leader they were. It was a fun day with lots of laughing and cool ideas they hope to share back with their classmates.

**Māori Development**  
In our classes, our tamariki have been learning about “conversations”. Our move forward, is to use our pepeha and mihi contexts to ask and answer questions about each other. For example, children could ask, “Ko wai tō pāpā? Ko Steve tōku pāpā?” There are puppets, conversation cards, google slides galore. We value our children’s willingness to partake in their morning paepae roles in their classrooms. In this time, they lead the morning karakia (blessings), waiata and share their pepeha. They use this time to introduce whakatauki and talk about meanings and how these can be practised. Well done to our kaiako who are courageous to have a go at their own pepeha too who also show their students that mistakes are valuable and part of how we learn.

**Winter Sports**  
Term 3 will see winter sports kicking off around our community. There are opportunities for children to participate in Junior Rugby (SURF Rugby Club) and netball (school). We have been told that soccer will run in Term 3 but are yet to find someone who would like to help organise this within our school. If you may be interested in coaching, managing or helping to organise soccer within the school, please contact the office and ask for Lisa Jones. The soccer season will only be running for 7 weeks.

**TEAM TWO (Rooms 8, 9, 17, 18, 19) Karen Tyrrell**  
Team 2 tamariki have been learning all about Matariki, ask them to share some of the stories they have listened to particularly the Seven Stars of Matariki. They have also been retelling some well known legends in their writing. For Te Reo they have been asking each other their names “Ko wai tō ingoa?” and answering “Ko (child’s name) toku ingōa”. Perhaps you could practise this at home. For P.E. we have been learning Maori games. Ask your child what they have learned with each teacher. Taki visited us for the start of our Nutrition lessons. Last week we learnt about drinks. We hope your child could share which drinks are the best for them, which ones to avoid and why. Tomorrow’s lesson is all about the importance of a healthy break-fast and next week is healthy snacks. We are also having Taki join us next week to teach us basketball skills. Hopefully the tamariki will be able to get outside over the holidays and practise passing, catching and dribbling a large ball.

Next week is the end of a long term that started way back in lockdown. It has been quite different to any school term your child has experienced before. Take time to rest and relax over the holidays. Enjoy spending time together without the lockdown restrictions. Please try to do some reading over the holidays, read to your child and encourage them to read to you. It could be a good time to visit the town library. We look forward to hearing all about your holiday experiences next term.

**TEAM THREE (Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16) Kim Lannon**  
Thank you everyone who completed the google survey on Distance Learning. The feedback from this is valued. Taki from Project Energise visited us last week and again this week. He took the children through the stages to master skipping with a rope. Many of the children have been practising with their classes and during morning tea and lunch breaks. We have also had the long rope out at lunch time for those who love to skip. The New Entrant classes visited Paraonui Kindy this week to celebrate the birthdays of some of our newbies who turned 5 during lockdown. Our children loved exploring, catching up with friends and eating ice blocks. Kick Start to School is up and running. This is our pre-school programme. If you know anyone with a 4 year old who is coming to Tokoroa North School, ask them to enrol their child so they don’t miss out on the opportunity to transition from pre-school. Congratulations to Room 6 for winning the “Golden Rubbish Bin” last week. They will be looking out for a class to pass the bin onto. Well done! Over the holiday break please continue to practise your child’s sight words until they can say them quickly. In particular the Cat, Clown and Sun words. Ask them to find these words in their readers. The children are not expected to learn all of them at once. Just a few at a time. Our school motto is “Together we Learn for Life”.

**ACHIEVEMENT BY PROMOTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (APSEL) Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne**

I was away for a few days recently just after Level 1 had begun. Children were enthusiastic, teachers were working really hard at rebuilding their classroom environments and most parents were positive about lockdown. When I returned I noticed that the reality of what has been a different few weeks was impacting on many of us and some were struggling with what others might call the “new norm”. As I pondered on this I thought about the long time it has been without a real break for everyone and that many of us, students included, were having a bit of a down time as they again became part of normal school life. Seven weeks is a long time to be without friends and social activities and fitting back into routines is a challenge for some. Although my time away was not pleasant it did give me invaluable time to step back, reflect and have a think about the remainder of the year. Someone said last week that in a way it’s like we are starting a new year with all that has happened in 2020 behind us. It certainly does feel like that at times. No matter the ups and downs of this year I hope that we are all, as parents and school staff, able to have a good holiday break and then support our children as they move on from Covid 19 and hopefully as a country the number of cases again becomes zero.

**READING**  
As it is nearly the holidays please keep the reading going. Just 10 minutes each day will help to maintain your child’s reading levels. Read to them as often as you can. Everybody loves being read to. Talk to your child about what they are reading.

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# STUDENT Voice



**TEAM ONE**  
Last Thursday, a group of students from Team One had a leadership workshop. Paula Dewar and Paris from Waikato Institute of Leisure and Sport came to teach us about what it’s like to be a leader. We learnt some of the qualities and the types of leaders we are. They gave us some good tips about what we need to do in our class and around our school. We learnt how important it is to empower people and include people. We had to teach some games to the other groups and we evaluated what went well or why things didn’t go so well. We had to be clear with our instructions and our demonstrations. We can’t wait to practise these skills!

*By Lily Murray, Kylie Robinson and Monika Weight, Room 2*

**TEAM TWO**  
Team 2 are learning about nutrition. Taki came to show us how much sugar is in the drinks we have. Did you know there are 10 teaspoons of sugar in a can of coke? If a label says fruit juice it has real juice in it but if it says fruit drink it has flavouring and colouring. Water is the best drink.

*By Room 8*

**TEAM THREE**  
It’s great being back at school. We have been learning about the air and have made kites and paper planes to fly outside. Taki taught us how to jump and use the skipping ropes. That was lots of fun. This week we made playdough. We have made snowmen, dinosaurs and burgers using playdough.

*By Ruma Tekau*

**SOCCER Lisa Jones**  
We have a proposed date for soccer starting on 22 August ending on 26 September. We can only have teams if we have coaches/managers, so if you are interested please leave your name and phone number with the office 886 9169. If your child is interested, they can collect a notice from the office and return it ASAP. There will only be 6th, 8th and 11th grades available.

**NETBALL Karen Tyrrell**  
There is a shortened netball season this year starting on the first Saturday back, 25 July, and playing for 5 weeks until the 22 August. Thank you to Emma Gubb, Sami Kaitai and Cherish Simeon who have volunteered to coach. We still need coaches for the Year 3 & 4 teams. The reduced fee of \$20 is now due (some of you did pay before lockdown). Once the fees are paid uniforms will be issued. Encourage your child to attend practises and turn up for their Saturday games.

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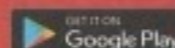
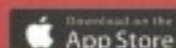
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