

Kia ora koutou te whanau

Stepping into Term 3 has a lovely sense of normality for our school. We are so fortunate to be living in New Zealand during these interesting times. Hopefully you all had some time to enjoy our holiday space to explore our backyards although the weather was a bit wet!

Welcome to our new families who have joined us this term plus new staff member, Jacqui Woodward, who has joined the teaching staff in Room 1's Learning Support team, Jazmina Newland who is teaching in Room 16 and Richelle White who is working in Room 6 each Thursday.

We are very proud that The Ministry of Education selected our school to feature in a promotional film as part of the Action Plan for Pacific Education. The film crew who were here at the end of last term created a lot of excitement for the students in Room 15. Congratulations to teachers Regina Ieti, Ashaan Wright, Room 15 and Cree Chapman who also contributed.

If you have not seen it yet follow the link below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sm4GqsPE7s0&feature=youtu.be>

Fa'amalo ma fa'afetai ile avanoa ua filifilia ai Tokoroa North School e auai ile Polokalame a Pasifika Education action plan. Malo lava!

Thank you for the opportunity to take part in the Pasifika Education action plan highlighting Tokoroa North School. We are proud. Well done.



Judith McLean (Principal)

CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 3-7 Cook Island Language Week
- 5 & 6 School Photos
- 7 Team 1 Spelling Bee
- 12/14 Footsteps Dance Company
- 20 Story Teller
- 21 Team 1 Disco
- 24 Teacher Only Day
- 31 T1&2 Cross Country

SEPTEMBER

- 8 National Young Leaders' Day
- 11 Team 2 & 3 Disco
- 16 Team 1 Noho
- 17 Team 1 Marae Visit
- 22 Team 3 Cross Country

LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE *Megan Lamb*

We have had some new faces join our Room One whanau this term. We would like to welcome Jacqui Woodward who has come on board as another teacher in the classroom and Mitchell James and Basil Spicer who have also joined the class. Everyone has settled back in and is enjoying the new layout and structure in the classroom. We have started our Room One PMP again two mornings a week and hopefully we see some sunshine each Tuesday so we can get back to RDA.

TEAM ONE (Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 20) *Kelly Waea-Allan*

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei
 Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, hoki mai. Welcome back to Term 3! We have had lots of smiles, warm greetings and stories of holiday adventures shared already. This whakataukī seems quite fitting as we begin setting news goals for learning and planning the steps to achieve these. Throughout the term we will reflect on these goals, navigate any obstacles together and celebrate the successes. We have an action-packed term of learning ahead and have literally hit the ground running - yes, cross country training has begun!

We aim to keep our bodies fit and healthy so please continue to remind your child about safe hygiene practices: regular hand-washing, coughing and sneezing into our elbows and no sharing of food.

Our topic is early Māori/tikanga marae and we will add to this kete of knowledge with a visit to Papa O Te Aroha marae later in the term. There is also Cook Island Language Week, Māori Language Week and NZ Maths Week to look forward to!



CROSS COUNTRY

Our health and physical education is focused around our Team 1 Cross Country. We are running laps of our school at least 3 times a week to increase our cardio fitness and build stamina. Our tamariki are setting individual goals to run a little further and for a little longer each time we train. Please remind your child to pack comfy clothes to run in and a water bottle each day.

HOMELINKS

Homelinks are books that contain examples of your child's learning and are currently making their way home with your tamariki. These are shared once a term so you can see where your child is at and what goals they are working towards. We love reading the positive comments added from whānau when these books are returned back to school. Enjoy your child sharing their learning and goals with you!

TEAM ONE DISCO

Our Kaiarahi Rōpū recently presented a proposal to Whaea Preston for a Team One disco. A date has been set for Friday 21st August - details to follow!

TEAM TWO (Rooms 8, 9, 17, 18, 19) *Karen Tyrrell*

It was lovely to see all the Team 2 students rush back into school last Monday excited about catching up with their friends and teachers and wanting to share some of their exciting experiences from a very wet holiday. Well done parents and caregivers! You managed to give them a fun holiday even though they had to be inside on so many days. If your child arrived home very wet last week there was a lot of fun to be had playing in the puddles after school and on the way home.



Team 2 are starting this term with our Cross Country training in preparation for our event on 25th August. Students are encouraged to run a bit further each day. We can't all win but we can all do our best.

In the classes the focus is on Science and Technology. Each class may be investigating something different. Please listen to your child read each night, encourage them to do as much homework as they can and read to them as often as you can.

TEAM THREE (Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16) *Kim Lannon*

Welcome back Mrs Newland in Room 16. Mrs Martin is now teaching in Room 7.

It is good to be back. We hope (fingers crossed) there won't be any surprise interruptions during this important term of learning. Wrap your children up in layers as we experience spring-like weather. Gumboots are a great footwear option as the grounds at school are muddy. Please pack an extra pair of pants in your child's bag as this is the term we run out of spare clothes. We are continuing with sensible hygiene practices in class.

Term 3's focus is about "Looking after Our Place". This ties in with our environment, recycling and the role of our caretaker. You will be surprised with the knowledge your child has about recycling. Ask them some questions.

We have a lot happening throughout this term: discos, drama, Cross Country, visits to Paraonui Kindy and more. Cut out the reminder in the newsletter and pin it up somewhere safe.

Congratulations to Room 13 for winning the "Golden Rubbish Bin". This class has been responsible with the rubbish in and around their classroom.



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

Well holidays have been and gone and the rain sure came with them. We are nearly into our eighth month and what a year with a difference it's been! I hope you are all managing as we move on to life becoming a bit more normal.

We are working hard to support parents getting all our children back to school. I understand that there are some concerns but there is no reason, virus wise, for our children not to be back in their classrooms. Recently I have been looking at attendance and truancy and the impact on our children. I have written before that if a child misses one day a week at school they miss two weeks in a term and eight weeks, nearly a whole term, in a year. The impact of this on learning is creating serious delay issues for some children and sadly they are unable to access some programmes because itinerant teachers do not take children with absentee issues.

I guess the question is how important to you is your child's education, academically and socially? Most children will achieve and be happy learners if they are at school but it is really difficult for the child who is away a lot and also the one who comes late. This is part of parenting and is parents' responsibility, not teachers' and not the government's. We are all willing to help. Please give me or the classroom teacher a call or pop in to see us. We, as a school, are willing to help before the situation goes to Truancy or the Ministry.

READING

To make reading at home easier, it is a good idea to have a routine - try to have the same time every day. Tamariki, just like us, need to unwind before tackling their reading practice. If you leave it until too close to bedtime it may be difficult due to tiredness, however this can be the best time for you to read to them as reading to children helps to settle them down.

VOLUNTEERS

We would love to hear from anyone (Nanas, Grandads, Mums, Dads, Aunties or Uncles) with a few spare hours who would like to volunteer with reading, mentoring or just supporting our learners. If this sound like you please call Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne or Karen Tyrrell on 886 9169.



TEAM ONE

Team 1 are practising for our Cross Country this term. Before we begin we do exercises to warm up our muscles then once the bell rings we run laps around the entire school. We are trying to run for as long as we can without stopping to build up our stamina. Along the way we collect ice cream sticks to help keep tally of how many laps we have completed. When the whistle blows it means we are on our final lap and we return to our teacher. We are recording our laps and calculating how many kms we are running each day.

By Jessica Frohlich, Rūma Whā.

TEAM TWO

Team 2 has started practising for Cross Country, we have learnt to keep on running when we get a stitch to make it go away. This week we are trying to run for 10 minutes without stopping. In Rūma 9 we have started to learn about forces and motion. Last week we made marshmallow shooters. Our favourite part was measuring how far we shot the marshmallows and eating them!

By Room 9

TEAM THREE

After a great holiday we are all ready and excited to learn. We have started training for our Junior Cross Country in Week 10 by seeing how many times we can run around the field. Our fitness is getting better already! We are also practising our favourite dance to share at assembly on Friday. We can't wait to perform it!

By Room 11

SCHOOL PHOTOS

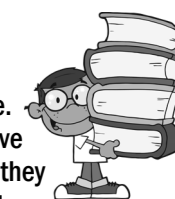
School photos are on Thursday 6th August. Photos with siblings not attending North School will be taken on Wednesday 5th August between 3pm and 5pm. Children will be issued with a photo information flyer soon.

NETBALL *Karen Tyrrell*

After what seemed like a very long wait, netball got underway on Saturday. Well done to all those who participated and enjoyed themselves. Remember, parents and caregivers to encourage your child. They are doing their best; this isn't the World Cup. Please support the coaches and managers. They have a lot to do during a game. All players please bring their uniforms to school next week for photos.

BOOK AMNESTY

Readers, readers, readers!
 We believe in children taking readers home. Sometimes they get lost or damaged. **Please** have a look around the house, ask your whanau if they have any and send them back to school. Put readers in your child's book bag, school bag or drop them into the office. We are skilled at repairing damaged books. It is no problem.



TOKOROA COMBINED SCHOOLS AGRICULTURE DAY

This event will be held on the 16th October 2020 at Amisfield School. Open to Calves, lambs & goats. For entry forms email tokoroaagday@gmail.com. Entries close on the 1st September.



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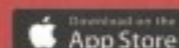
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