


Kia ora koutou te whanau

Photo Day is a highlight of our year for so many of our children. The effort made to look extra smart and maybe wear those special clothes with the right hair style brought an element of excitement into the school last week. It was great that we nearly had every student at school last week - 98% attendance. Let’s keep this excellent attendance record continuing all the time.

We had a lovely celebration of Cook Island Week last week with classes focusing on the culture. For all of us a possible visit to the Cook Islands is now a memory and it was lovely to once again share in the special food and wear our Ei katu and pareu. Maybe one day we can revisit this beautiful country.

You may have seen that our vehicle gate is now working to ensure the safety of our students at school. If you need to come into school to pick up a sick or injured child please ring the school office or ring the buzzer beside the pedestrian gate. The office will activate the gate to open. The pedestrian gate at the vehicle entrance is unlocked for access.


Judith McLean (Principal)

UPcomingEVENTS

AUGUST

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Footsteps Dance Company
Team 1 Spelling Bee
Story Teller
Team 1 Disco
Teacher Only Day
T1&2 Cross Country

SEPTEMBER

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National Young Leaders Day
Wig Wednesday
Reading Together 6pm
Team 2 & 3 Disco
Team 1 Noho
Tokoroa Intermediate School Kapa Haka
Reading Together 6pm
Team 1 Marae Visit

TEAM ONE (Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 20) Lisa Jones
Crosscountry
Our training for cross country is well under way. The tamariki have shown perseverance as we practise 3 times a week ready for the main event on Tuesday 25August. Please make sure your child brings a drink bottle to school as our drinking fountains are still off limits at Covid 19 Level 1.
Epetoma o te reo Maori Kuku Airani
We celebrated “Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki Āirani” Cook Island language week in a variety of ways throughout the school, with Team One making Ei katu, Tivaevae, chop suey, donuts, and learning the reo. Well done to all who participated. Thank you to our anau who shared kai too.



Team One Disco
A keen group of students have been busy organising a Team One disco with Whaea Preston. This will be held in the hall on Friday evening 21 August.
Soccer
All the best to our soccer teams as your competition starts this Saturday. Huge thanks to those who put their hand up to coach a team. Without you we would not be able to play. Thank you to those who have paid their fees and a reminder that fees are now overdue.
Basketball
Senior basketball is well under way with the support of coaches Attila Kiss, Charnelle Ahsin and Hayden Burke. North Nets and North Hoops are fortunate to be training at FVHS in the gym each Thursday afternoon and play on Monday after school at the Event Centre. Come along and support our tamariki.
Keswick Camp
We are aware that circumstances may have changed for parents who have said they were available for camp in March and may now be unavailable for camp next term. Notices will be sent home again soon for camp parents just in case we need to reshuffle. Thank you for your patience and consideration.

TEAM TWO (Rooms 8, 9, 17, 18, 19) Karen Tyrrell
It’s hard to believe we’re only in Week 4, everything has been so busy this term. Many students are involved in winter sports that has traditionally been during Term 2. On Mondays we hear about the prowess on the rugby field, the accuracy of the netball shooters and after this weekend the skills on the soccer field. We love hearing how the children are enjoying their weekend sport. We’ve also been fortunate to have Taki join us to teach soccer skills and Maori games and the weather was perfect for both. The students have made the most of the fine weather and been pounding a path around the school training for the upcoming Cross Country. Their goal is to each day run a little further. Lots of challenges have been happening in each room and very soon each student will be given the equipment to make their balloon racer and we will be having competitions to see who has the balloon racer that can travel the furthest. The students all looked lovely last week when they came for their class photos. It’s not easy keeping our active students clean during a morning tea break especially when it’s fine. Please try to 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.



TEACHER ONLY DAY
Teacher Only Day is approaching fast on Monday 24 August. A reminder to mark this in your dairies so we have no children come to school that day.

TEAM THREE (Rooms 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16) Kim Lannon
Last week was Cook Island Language Week. Team 3 had a special Friday. It started with Rooms 10 and 15 performing a Cook Island dance and song at our morning assembly. A big thank you to Mrs Manu for this. We had a morning tea together eating hot delicious island donuts. After morning tea the children joined in a variety of fun activities with a Cook Island theme. It was a lot of fun.
Cross Country training is the focus for PE. Team 3 is training together with a Zumba warm up before jogging around the back field. Pencil the 22 of September into your diary so you remember to come up to school after lunch to support your tamariki. It is always an exciting afternoon.
We have been focusing on how important it is to recycle so we are looking after our planet. Room 6 was lucky visiting Janice Patterson’s worm farm where she recycles a lot of the school's shredded paper. Reading Together Workshops are coming up. This is a chance for you to learn more about what is expected of you at home with your child's learning. If you are struggling or unsure of how best to listen to your child read and practise their words, please come along. Well done Room 15 for winning the “Golden Rubbish Bin”. Keep up with the good mahi by caring for our school environment.



ACHIEVEMENT BY PROMOTING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (APSEL) Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne
The health and wellbeing of our children, physical, emotional and mental, has always been a priority for me. Part of checking lack of learning progress requires a look at food, sleep, warmth, safety at home and school together with attendance, vision and hearing. The impact of any one of these things on our young ones can often be an underlying factor in wellbeing and thus on a child's ability to concentrate and retain information. I appreciate those parents who have been in touch lately about some of these things. I am noticing an increasing amount of tiredness, a lack of physical activity and especially an increase in the amount of packaged food our children are bringing to school. The cost of these puts a drain on your budget and some sandwiches, fruit and a cookie or chips is more economical and sustaining for our young ones. It also teaches them about healthy food and you can share time together making sandwiches etc. We also have spare lunches so if you are short of food, contact me rather than keeping your children home. Read elsewhere in this newsletter about our child cancer fundraising day. We are running a coin trail and some other activities.



READING
Be available to support your child with their homework. Listen to them read and ask questions about what they have read. Be ready to answer their questions about what they are doing and provide guidance if they need it. Ten minutes is plenty of time to spend on homework each night. Imagine how much reading your child would do if they read for 10 minutes each night. Add it up over a week, month, term.



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STUDENTVoice



TEAM ONE
Last week Room 5 celebrated Cook Island Language week by making Ei Katu, chop suey and rice, painting Te Vaevae and a research project on the Cook Islands. North School basketball teams are enjoying the competition and training up in the FVHS gym. Netball has been going for the past 3 weeks and everyone is enjoying it. We are improving our fitness by practising for the cross country. Most of us have reached our goals. We can not wait for cross country day
By Room 5

TEAM TWO
Kia Orana! Room 17 have been busy since coming back to school after the holidays. Last week we enjoyed some art creating Cook Island flowers. We made catapults for a STEM activity (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics). We tested our catapults by using shooting marshmallows and hard boiled lollies. It was a fun activity! We are looking forward to more fun learning experiences.
By Tyler Scandle and Drollet Joseph Room 17



TEAM THREE
At the end of last term Room 13 learnt all about Matariki and we celebrated it with a Matariki breakfast in class. This term we have enjoyed getting back into our class routine. Our favourite thing to do in class is phonics and if Mrs Stratton forgets we remind her. We also like to look after our friends in class.
By Room 13

NETBALL Karen Tyrrell
I’m very sorry about the Netball draws. Hopefully this week there will be no revised draws. It was wonderful being down at the courts and hearing all the words of encouragement. Please support the coaches and managers. Umpiring a game is hard work.

WIG WEDNESDAY
On Wednesday 9 September we are celebrating Wig Wednesday supporting Child Cancer. Students are encouraged to wear a wig or come along with a whacky hairdo.



SCHOOL LUNCHES
Unfortunately we will **NO LONGER** provide lunch orders on MONDAY and TUESDAY. The fruit bowl is now only available in a larger serve resulting in a price increase. Please see our updated order form below:

NAME: _____		ROOM: _____	
MENU	Quantity	PRICE	TOTAL
Chicken Sandwich		\$5.00	
Ham Roll		\$5.00	
Chicken Wrap		\$5.50	
Chocolate Muffin		\$3.00	
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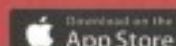
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