

Kia ora koutou te whanau

Seeing excited faces from our Years 1 - 4 students was infectious as they expectantly waited for their lunch time discos. Our "pirates" had such a fun day with many challenges during their themed day. I was impressed with the strength in their tug of wars! The sparkly dresses and flash hair from our younger students certainly showed this was a special day - great dancing everyone.

With changes to Alert Levels we are now able to have our community on site to share celebrations and events. The Team 3 cross country will be the first for a long time - I am sure the cameras will be clicking as your child participates in this event.

In the last newsletter I shared with you the planned Ministry of Education building works. The order of these works has now changed. Rooms 15 and 16 are now included in the first stage and will be relocating to Rooms 12 and 14 during these renovations.

As the end of term nears the timing is right for some well needed rest and re-energising. Let's hope the weather is kind to us and we are all able to get outside and explore our surroundings either locally or further afield. Keep safe and distanced when appropriate.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua!
Care for the land, care for people, go forward!



Judith McLean (Principal)

SEPTEMBER

25 Last Day of Term 3, 3pm

OCTOBER

12 First Day of Term 4

16 Pink Shirt Day

22 Tokoroa Intermediate Open Day

26 Labour Day

27 Teacher Only Day

28 Rooms 6,7,15 & 16 Trip

29 Rooms 10,11 & 13 Trip

NOVEMBER

10 Team 2 Athletics

16 Team 1 Athletics

23 Team 3 Wheels Day

27 Tokoroa Intermediate Orientation Day

28 Interschool Athletics

DECEMBER

1 Folk Dancing

15 Final Assembly

TEAM ONE (Rooms 2, 3, 4, 5, 20) Megan Gooding

Wow this term has flown by! We are very proud of the way Team 1 children have adapted to the challenges of changing alert levels due to Covid-19. Each class has had lots of fun activities to ease the disappointment of so many events being cancelled. Room 3 enjoyed a movie day with smoothies, popcorn and lollies. We have also had our class leaders organising in-class assemblies and games.

Last week our Extension Māori group organised a slide show and lunchtime activities for our school tamariki to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. A highlight of the week was a visit from the Tokoroa Intermediate Kapa Haka group. We loved their performance and it's always a treat to see so many former students sharing their culture with pride.

As part of the implementation of the new Digital Curriculum we have been receiving lessons from Matua Tamati. Lights, sirens and action featured last week as we learnt to use coding algorithms to programme a robot to complete turns and wheelies. Room 3 has many budding coders, gamers and engineers.

Year 6 students have received their enrolment packs for Tokoroa Intermediate. Enrolment forms can be returned to your child's classroom teacher or directly to the Intermediate.

We are looking forward to Term 4 and hopefully our end-of-year trip to Tauranga. We hope you have an awesome holiday and spend lots of quality time with your fantastic children.



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

Our tamariki all looked fantastic dressed up as pirates. They displayed some really cool moves at the Disco. Even though we couldn't quite create night time the Glowsticks were a huge hit. The quiz was keenly contested but Room 19 ran out the winners in the end. Orienteering was a bit tough but we could award the treasure to some pirates who had tried hard. Sword fights were a lot of fun and no-one cried. We saved the tug-of-war for Monday and Room 9 proved themselves to be the strongest pirates. Everyone really enjoyed our Pirate unit.

We were fortunate to be involved in Digital Technology. The first day Tamati, the presenter, couldn't be there and we all had new experiences of a Zoom meeting. It's a bit tricky when you've got 3 people all around one Chromebook. Ask your child to share what they learned and the signs for algorithm, input, output, bug and debug. All classes are having 3 lessons so encourage your child to share with you what they have learned.

We hope you all enjoy your holiday with your child and make some happy memories. Try to do some reading to your child over the next two weeks and encourage them to read - street signs, road signs, menus, a book. We look forward to hearing about their adventures in 2 weeks.

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

Thank you for your support this term while we have spent a number of weeks of it at Level 2. We are grateful to be back in Level 1 as this allowed our whanau to come into the school grounds to watch their children run the cross country. It was a fun afternoon. Well done everyone. A big shout out to Mrs Martin for organising this event for Team 3.

Early next term we have planned a trip to Marshall Farm, between Putaruru and Tauranga. This replaces our trip to Rainbow Springs in Rotorua as they have yet to reopen.

Room 15 will be moving to Room 14 for much of term 4, and Room 16 to

Room 12 while some renovations on walkways and the classrooms take place. The children have been to visit their new classrooms in anticipation of the move. Please go to the correct class at the beginning of the term.

To keep your child interested in reading, join the town library holiday programme. It is an extremely well resourced library and is FREE to become a member.

From all the Team 3 staff enjoy the break with your tamariki.

AND THE WINNER IS...

Team 3's cross-country results are as follows; 5 year old girls 1st Missy Winikerei 2nd Hazel Daugulis 3rd Harper Lamb. 5 year old boys 1st Jeremy Prole 2nd M'Jay Grant 3rd Luca Martin. 6 year old girls 1st Indy Ruru 2nd Jessica Roskham 3rd Isla Follas. 6 year old boys 1st Louis Mathis 2nd Jacob Henare 3rd Van Martin. 7 year old girls Kayara Maea 2nd Kayla Jones 3rd Cree Chapman. 7 year old boys 1st Eli Arnell 2nd Christian Moyle 3rd Joshua Nelmes. Congratulations to all who participated and special thanks to Emma Martin for all her hard work.

LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE Megan Lamb

Welcome to the end of our first full term at school this year! It is great to finally see some sunshine. The Juniors in our class all did a great job participating in the cross country on Tuesday afternoon. We have a lot of little boys in our class now so please name their clothes so we can return them to the right people. Have a great holiday break and we will see you back for term 4.

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

Wow it's been a term and holidays will be well appreciated by most of us.

And as someone says, then it's Christmas. None of us could have imagined the world that we have been part of and are hopefully finding our way through. I do hope the enthusiasm of level 1 doesn't tempt us to forget safety and take care of ourselves and each other. I was surprised in Auckland last weekend seeing people totally disregard level 2 rules then hop on a plane and mask up. I guess many folk have just got used to the world as we now know it and slip into lifetime habits.

As happens so often, I thought about this in relation to the way we treat people. A new child comes to school and our kids make them feel so welcome but soon fit back into their groups and fortunately the new ones find their way into groups too.

Then we build a new house and say no eating in the lounge. Six weeks or months later and where are we eating? These are all choices but they also add confusion to our young ones. Some are black and white and saying we wear a mask means just that. Others are only too keen to throw the mask or break the rule.

Overall it's just good to remember that all our children learn from what we do more than what we say. In other words, if we preach it we would be wise to practise it.

DISCO

Lots of fun was had at the discos. We had disco balls, some amazing music, lollies and glowsticks. We also made money to put towards our trips. The total profits made were Team 2 \$388.00 and Team 3 \$531.00. Thanks very much whanau for supporting us.

READING

Children often drop back in their reading over the holidays. To help maintain the levels achieved read to them over the holidays and talk about what you are reading. Also encourage them to do some reading. The library is a great place to visit. Read road signs, menus, tv guides. All reading is beneficial.

STUDENT VOICE

TEAM ONE

Last week was fun because some students in Room 3 were given leadership roles to organise fun days including pin the ears on the Shrek and pop the lollies balloon which I helped organise.

By Charlotte in Room 3

TEAM TWO

Ahoy, me hearties! Tēnā koutou katoa! What an exciting Term 3 we have had in Room 9. We have enjoyed learning about pirates, dressing up like pirates and dancing like pirates at our disco! Last week was Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and we were very lucky to watch the Tokoroa Intermediate School kapa haka group perform. It was exciting for us to see our whānau and friends who used to come to TNS on stage. They taught us a game called takahia paki that we continued to play in our classroom. We are looking forward to bringing this game home to learn and play with our family.

By Room 9

TEAM THREE

We went to the disco party at school on Friday We loved the lollies We liked dancing with our friends We liked seeing all the colourful costumes and bright sparkly disco balls. We liked making things and playing with the glow sticks. Māori language week we learnt a play paper, scissors, rock - pepe, kutikuti, komatu. We learnt many new birds' and insects' names because we were reading the big book Rata and the Waka. We completed our bird art-works inspired by the Lynley Dodd book 'The Nickle Nackle Tree'. BUT... We are all getting tired and are looking forward to the school holidays.

By Room 6

SOUTH WAIKATO YMCA

Oscar is closed for afterschool care on the 25 September the last day of term 3. We have an Oscar holiday programme starting on the 28 September to 9 October. Please register on swymca.aimyplus.com or contact Kata on 022 316 4606 or town offices 07 886 8737. YMCA Holiday Programme will operate from 8.30am-4.30pm at \$35 per day. Before Care will run from 7.30am-8.30am \$5 per session and After Care will run from 4.30pm -5.30pm \$5 per session. WINZ Subsidies are also available see Julius at the Bridge Street office for more details.

SAFETY REMINDERS

- ☺ Do not drive up the school driveway. Exceptions are Room One parents, collecting an injured/sick child or displaying a disability sticker.
- ☺ Please be aware of pedestrians, especially at the intersection of Paraonui Road/Pohutukawa Drive.
- ☺ Pedestrians must use the patrolled crossing if crossing Paraonui Road or Baird Road.
- ☺ Only cyclists wheeling their bikes should use the path beside the driveway; all other pedestrians coming from Paraonui Road should use the path between the hall and the field.

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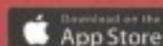
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