



Te Kura Tuatahi o Ngaaruawaahia

Ngaaruawaahia Primary

Wk 1 T3 2025

Kia ora e te whaanau

Welcome back to Term 3, 2025! I hope this pānui finds you well despite the cold, wet, and wild winter weather. It's been wonderful to see our aakonga back, ready to dive into what promises to be a busy and exciting term.

We also extend a very warm nau mai, haere mai to the new whaanau who have joined our kura this week – it's fantastic to have you join our learning journey. Our roll has now reached 160 students. With this continued growth, the Board is currently working alongside the Ministry of Education to introduce an enrolment zone. This is to ensure we can maintain high-quality curriculum delivery and avoid overcrowding. The Ministry will be engaging in a consultation process with our community soon—please keep an eye out for more information.

A few reminders and updates:

Parking: Due to roll growth and safety concerns, the area directly in front of the office is no longer available for parking. Instead, please use the designated parking areas across the road under the trees or along Galileo Street. We thank you for your patience and support as we work with a project manager to develop a safer and more effective parking system.

Attendance: We recently celebrated 14 tamariki who achieved **100% attendance—with one lucky student taking home a brand new Chromebook!** Our regular attendance rate has improved from 34% to 46%, which is a fantastic shift in the right direction. Let's keep going! Regular attendance is crucial for your tamaiti to reach their full potential. Even one day off a week can disrupt their learning and kaiako planning. A reminder that aakonga must maintain at least 75% attendance to participate in trips, treats, and camps. Thank you for continuing to support your children in showing up and giving their best.

Uniform: We've noticed non-uniform items creeping in. A gentle reminder that it is kura policy for all tamariki to wear full uniform each day. Let's work together to ensure our students wear their NPS gear with pride. Exciting news – the Board is finalising our new uniform design, so watch this space!

Term Theme and Value: This term's value is Manamotuhake – I am proud, I am motivated.

Our learning kaupapa is "Tagata Pasifika", where classes will be exploring and celebrating diverse island cultures. We are planning a Cultural Sharing Day in the final week of term—more details to come soon!

A full Term 3 calendar will be shared shortly so you can stay up to date with upcoming events. We love having our whaanau involved in kura life, so please don't hesitate to come along and join in where you can.

NPS Staff Legends Finally, I want to take a moment to acknowledge and honour our incredible staff. Having worked across five different rohe, I can say with confidence that we are truly blessed with some of the most skilled, passionate, and culturally responsive educators in the country. From adapting to curriculum changes, to providing top-tier pastoral care, to transporting tamariki to events out of their own pockets and time—our staff go above and beyond every day. Please join me in showing gratitude for their mahi. NPS LEGENDS!

Have a great (and hopefully sunny!) weekend, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Ngaa mihi nui

Matua Murray

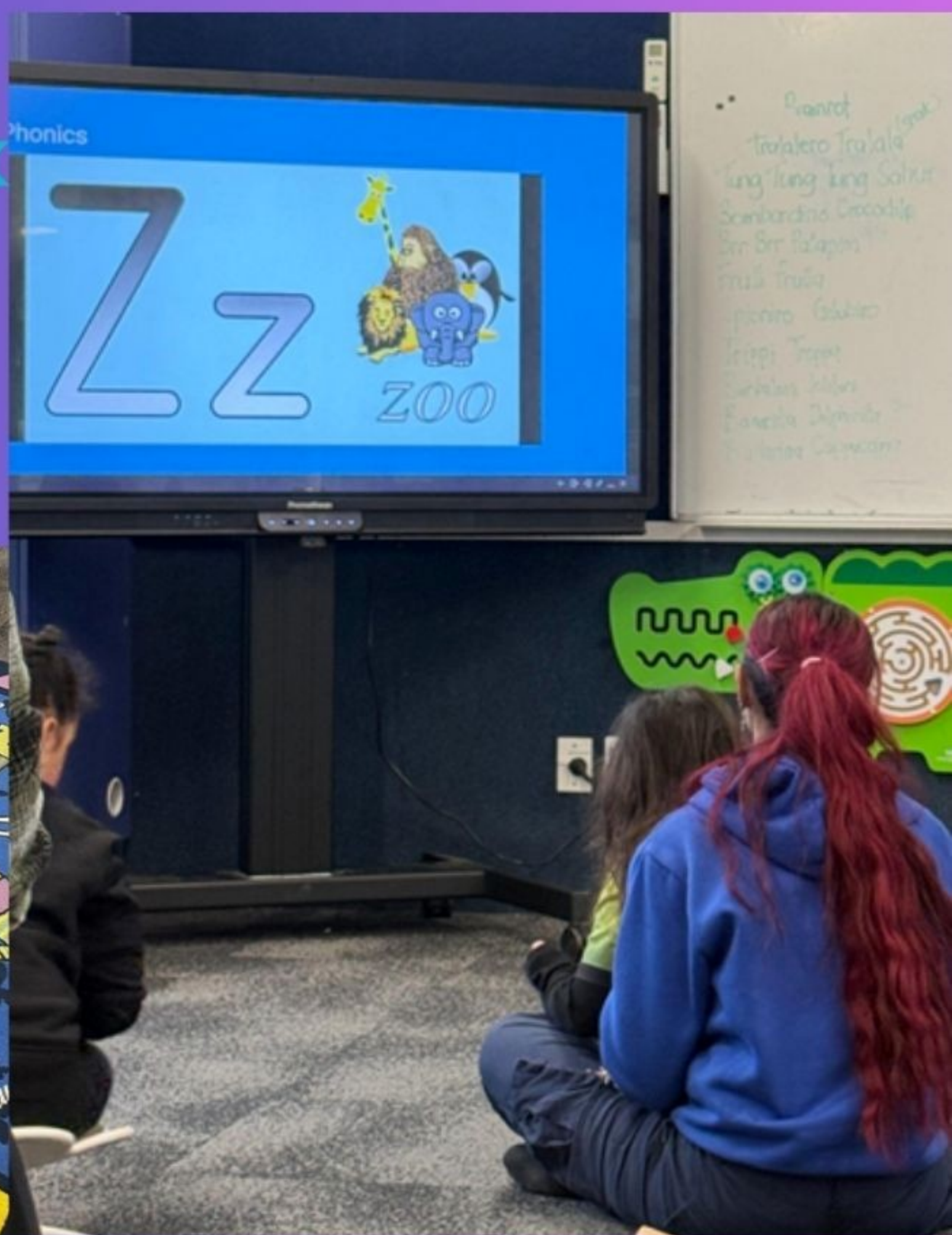
TAKIWAATANGA

This week we are featuring Nina.

Nina has come so far since joining us at NPS.

She has been working hard on phonics, playing and sharing with others and following our routines in class.

Nina we are so proud of you!



PUAAWAI

Puaawai Rua have been practicing their fine motor skills and building numbers bond to 10



PUANGA



Puanga Hub had a blast at our camp last term! We had the best time in Raglan, learning about recycling, picking up rubbish at our beach clean up, and relaxing at the Kokiri Centre. It was a great way to end the term, and we are so lucky to have such an amazing hub! We hope to have more trips in the future.



Whanake

Whanake Rua has been diving into a special research project to celebrate Te Taetae ni Kiribati – Kiribati Language Week. As part of this project, students have been exploring the unique culture, language, and geography of Kiribati through creative posters. They've been learning Kiribati words and phrases, discovering traditional foods, music, festivals, and fun facts about daily life in the islands. From drawing the Kiribati flag to writing recipes and showcasing cultural symbols, our tamariki have shown curiosity, creativity, and pride in learning about Kiribati.



KIWI HOUSE CELEBRATION



SPORTS UPDATES

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Term 3 is packed with exciting sporting opportunities for our tamariki at Ngaruawahia Primary School. Students will be representing our kura in interschool touch and netball, building their skills and teamwork in a fun, competitive environment. Our school cross country event will also take place this term, and those who qualify will go on to represent us at the interschool cross country competition. A highlight of the term is the Year 6–8 Sports Camp at Totara Springs in Week 6, where selected students will take part in a range of sports and outdoor challenges while developing leadership and confidence. We're looking forward to a fantastic term full of participation, teamwork, and personal growth. Keep an eye out for updates and notices coming home over the coming weeks.

COMMUNICATION LINES



Current
school roll
=160