



Kia ora e te whaanau,

I can't believe we are already at the halfway mark of the term—it's certainly flying by!

A huge welcome to all our new whaanau.

Unfortunately, due to the availability of the local pool and scheduling challenges, we were unable to hold our annual swimming sports event. However, we are looking to reschedule this for Term 4.

As you may be aware, illness is spreading again, with COVID, strep throat, and gastro bugs making the rounds. We have had a significant number of staff away this week, so our blended learning (learning from home) plan is ready to be implemented if needed. The health and safety of our students and staff remain our top priority. If we don't have enough qualified staff on-site due to illness (and with relievers in short supply), I may need to transition some classes or hubs to learning from home. This may also include asking whaanau to keep their tamariki at home if they have a Learning Assistant attached to them. **We will only make this call if absolutely necessary for safety reasons—fingers crossed we don't get to that stage!**

On a brighter note, it's been wonderful to see the incredible learning happening across the kura. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, who bring their passion and creativity into their spaces every day.

We are also excited to share that the Ministry has released the 10-year property plan for NPS, which includes funding for a new covered outdoor court and a playground upgrade! We will be fundraising to meet the required costs—if you know of any potential sponsors, please let us know. Additionally, our school toilets and the Technology Centre are set for upgrades.

Our kaiako have been reaching out to introduce themselves and learn more about your amazing tamariki. We truly value the connection between home and kura, as we know this plays a vital role in student success.



A reminder to download our new 'Hero' app to stay updated with everything happening at kura. If you need any help, our friendly office team is happy to assist.

Last week, we proudly launched our new school logo! You'll see this fresh new look appearing around the kura throughout the year, with an exciting new uniform planned for 2026. We'll keep you updated on this process.

### Road Safety Reminder



For safety reasons, all students are required to leave the kura through the hall gate at the end of each day. There is a lot of traffic at the front of the school and in the car park, and we want to ensure the safest possible environment for our tamariki. Additionally, we are teaching students safe practices when crossing roads. Please use the school crossing and model this behavior—when students see adults running across the road, they tend to copy, both at school and in town. Let's work together to teach our tamariki good road safety habits.



Finally, a big shoutout to our incredible Kitchen Manager, Whaea Lessa, who has been creating nutritious, high-quality meals for our tamariki. Unlike some schools that have faced challenges with lunch programs, we are incredibly fortunate to continue making our own lunches on-site—there's not a day when food goes to waste!



As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I love hearing how we can continue to ensure ALL our students achieve their full potential.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy weekend!

Matua Murray and the NPS team

## Contact Us.



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# REMINDER

- Every Monday kiwican
- Interschool swimming Wednesday 12th March
- koopapa @ Turangawaewae Regatta Friday 21st March



**Breakfast Club: Our school hall**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**  
**8:30 A.M. - 8:50A.M.**



# Puaawai HUB



Every morning in Puaawai Hub we start with our hub treaty, then we go for a run to burn off our excess energy. All the tamariki enjoy participating and it is a great way for us all to start our day.



# PUANGA HUB!

Puanga Hub have been busy with our "Wicked Wednesday" projects. We have three projects this term, aligned with our term value of manaakitanga and where possible the maramataka.

Cooking  
Using in season produce e.g., kumara to make kai.  
Storing kai / storage containers

Outdoor sports  
Health and Wellbeing  
Low and High Energy days  
Teamwork

Korowai  
Resources  
Teamwork





Our koopapa teams have been training riverside.

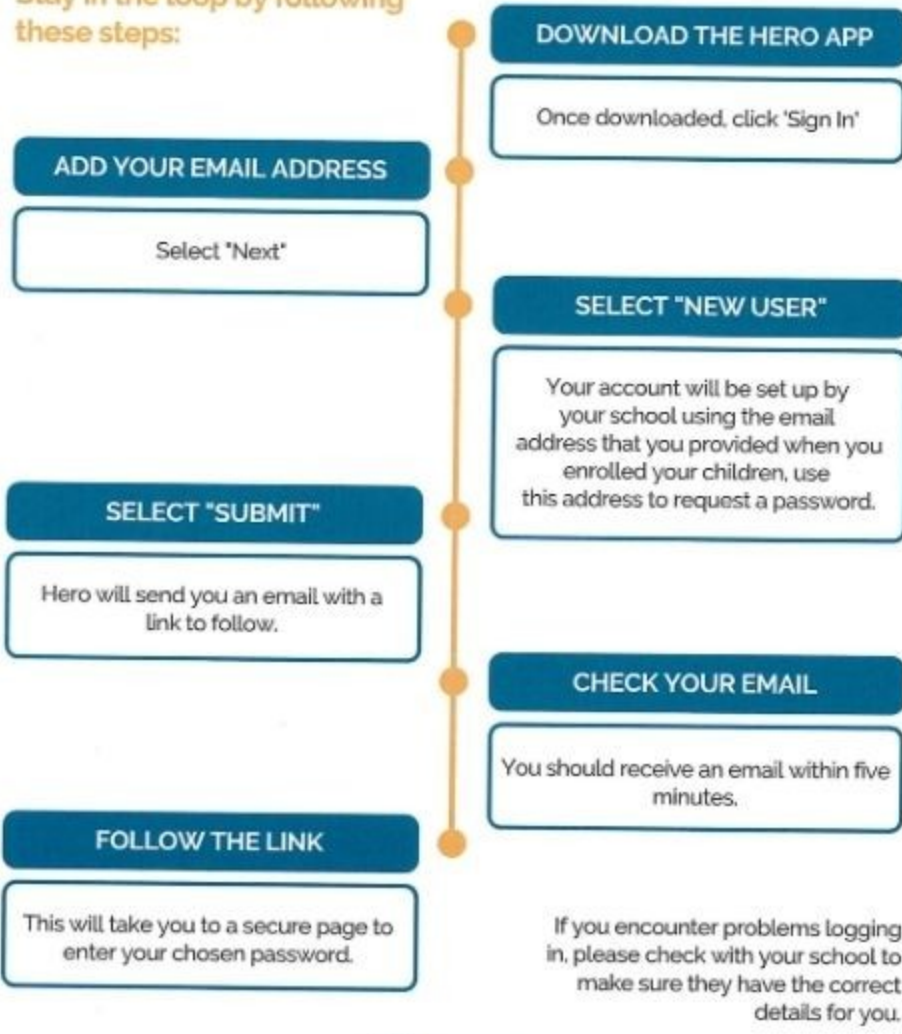
Looking forward to seeing them competing and representing our Kura at Regatta, 2025. HUGE THANKS to Matua Preston and our staff for supporting our tamariki!!!!



### READY, SET, SIGN IN!

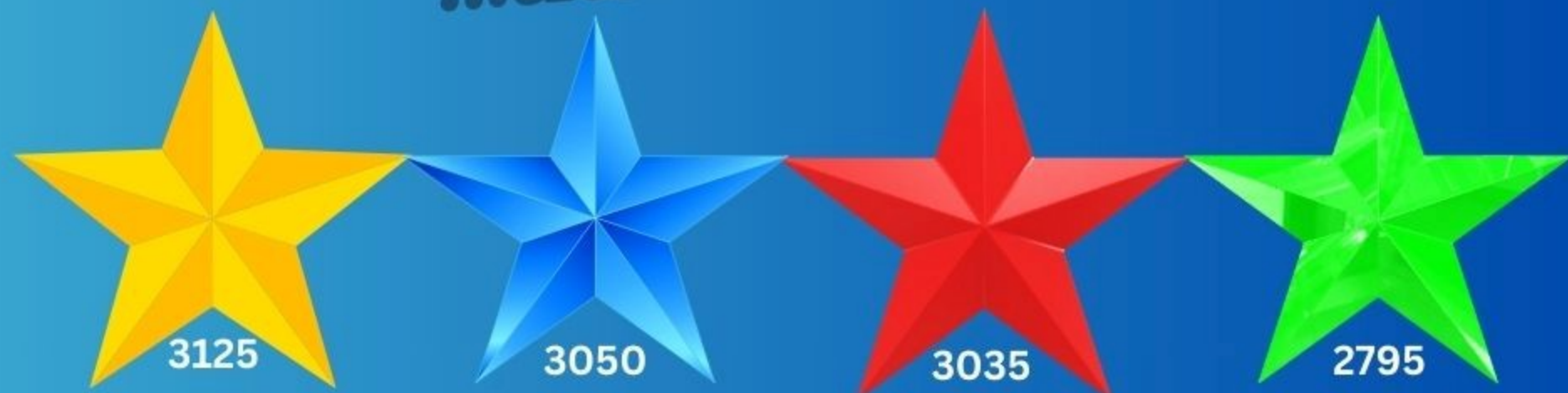


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# House Points

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This is the NEW APP our kura is using to keep up communications with our whaanau. Please follow the steps highlighted below: