



Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you had a safe, healthy, and relaxing break.

We're excited to welcome a number of new enrolments over the past two weeks—nau mai, haere mai to all our new aakonga and whaanau joining the NPS community. To support this growth, we're thrilled to have welcomed another kaiako to our team—Whaea Brenna, who will be joining the Puaawai Hub.

Congratulations to Whaea Hinengakau who celebrated her graduation last week. It has been great to see her growth and development over the past few years serving as a Learning Assistant and now a qualified kaiako. Ka pai mo to mahi!

This term, our kaupapa is Reimagining Our Environment. Across the kura, aakonga will be researching, designing, and creating projects to transform spaces around the school. We look forward to tapping into the talents and knowledge of our wider whaanau as part of this journey.

Our school value for Term 2 is Kotahitanga – I am a team player / I value others. This aligns beautifully with the many collaborative opportunities happening this term.

A big mihi to Whaea April, who has formed a senior basketball team—playing each Tuesday night at Fraser High.

It's fantastic to see NPS represented with such passion and skill! Likewise, Whaea Hohi is leading our netball programme with all teams playing on Wednesdays. A heartfelt thanks to all staff and whaanau who volunteer their time to make these experiences possible. We appreciate you!



Road Safety: As our kura grows, we're seeing increased traffic outside the school. Unfortunately, we've had several near-misses. We are reviewing how to improve safety at pick-up and drop-off times. In the meantime, please model safe road habits by always using the school crossing—it teaches our tamariki the right way to cross safely, both here and beyond.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance: To be straight up with you whaanau—our attendance rate last term was concerning. Only 25% of aakonga were regularly at kura. Tamariki need to be at kura every day to reach their full social and academic potential. From this term on, aakonga with attendance below 75% will not be eligible for trips or end-of-term rewards. On a positive note, those with 100% attendance will go into the draw to win a Chromebook and New World vouchers each term!

Let's continue to work in partnership to support our tamariki to thrive. If you have any pātai, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's kaiako or hub leader.

Noho ora mai

Matua Murray and the NPS team



- Tuesday afternoons: Basketball
- Wednesday afternoons: Netball
- PINK SHIRT DAY :Friday 16th
- PUANGA CAMP ...coming up
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- Hope Rising
- Oho Mauri
- KiwiCan



Contact Us.



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Office hours: 8:30a.m. - 3:00p.m.

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



Puaawai HUB

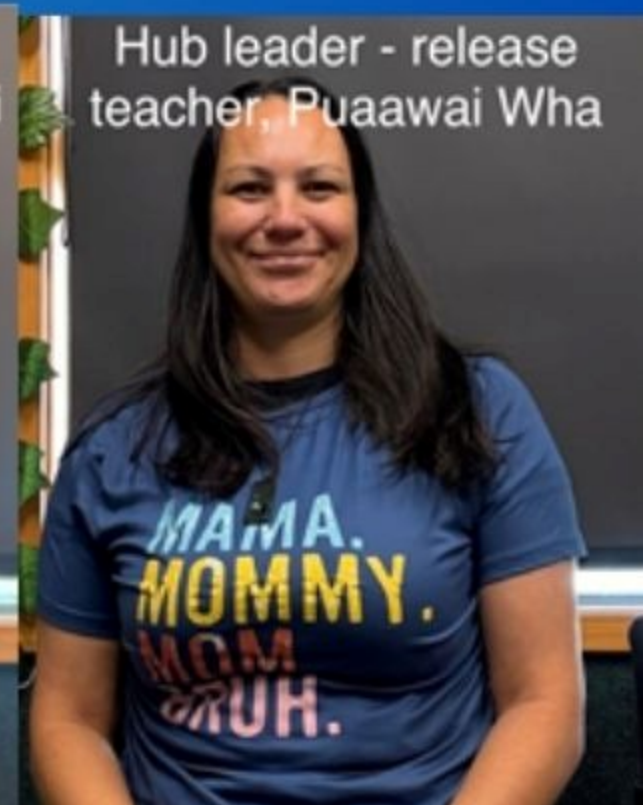
Great to have you all back for Term 2 & a very special welcome to our new Hub members and their whaanau! Our team would like to introduce you to Whaea Brenna who will be working alongside Whaea Hinengakau in Puaawai Rua. Once this class grows too big, we will be opening up Puaawai Tahi and Whaea Brenna will be the kaiako in this space. As mentioned on Hero, we are anticipating the renovation of our old library to create Puaawai Tahi - so watch this space!



Ngaa kaiako,
Puaawai Rua



Kaiako,
Puaawai Wha



Hub leader - release
teacher, Puaawai Wha

Whaea Hinengakau, Whaea Brenna, Whaea Charlotte & Whaea Iri, Whaea Celeste, Whaea Kim

Term 2 Learning: Reimagining the kura

At the end of last Term, wild weather forced down yet another tree in Puaawai Hub, and our environment was covered in debris! This sparked a lot of discussion about weather, disasters & ngaa Atua Maaori. So this Term, we are learning about the impact of different natural disasters and imagining what our environment could look like if we had to rebuild. Our learning will involve design and creation, exploring materials that would outlast any future disasters that may hit. We look forward to sharing photos as the Term goes on.



We were so proud
to celebrate
Whaea Hinengakau
who graduated
with her Bachelor
of Education last
Friday



Takiwaatanga



Our takiwaatanga classroom has been supporting learners across the kura. Our taonga have been enjoying our new sensory equipment.

PUANGA HUB!



Puanga Hub have been very excited to get back to school, and back into Kiwican! This term they are learning about Respect, and the different places and ways they show it!



Whānake Rua at The Refinery!

This week, Whānake Rua travelled to Raglan to visit The Refinery—a community space that builds confidence, resilience, and teamwork through movement and physical challenges. Our tamariki took part in martial arts-inspired exercises, problem-solving activities, and team challenges—stepping up, supporting one another, and embracing new experiences with enthusiasm.



Youthtown Cycle Education Programme – Week 3

We're excited to announce that Youthtown will be delivering their Cycle Education Programme at Ngaruawahia Primary School during Week 3! This fantastic programme is designed to build cycling skills, boost confidence on bikes, and teach our tamariki about safe riding practices.

Throughout the week, students will participate in hands-on sessions, learning essential bike handling techniques and road safety skills—all while having plenty of fun outdoors. This is a great opportunity for our tamariki to develop their cycling abilities in a supportive and engaging environment.

We're looking forward to seeing our students gain new skills, build confidence, and enjoy being active!

READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by following these steps:



DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

SELECT "NEW USER"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.

SELECT "SUBMIT"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

FOLLOW THE LINK

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.



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: