



"Mana te Tuatahi"

*Manamotuhake *Manaakitanga *Kotahitanga *Whakapiringatanga

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome to Term 3 2023!

Great to have everyone back at kura pumped and ready for a term full of learning experiences. Our kura has grown from 65 students in 2021 to 130 in 2023. So very exciting to have so many whaanau on our new journey!!

With this growth comes constant reviews and changes in how we do things.

One of these changes is how we release students at the end of the day and how whaanau/visitors use the limited parking facilities. The bus needs to use the allocated yellow lined space, outside the hall, to successfully park off the road.

Please do not park in the allocated bus space.

We ask that whaanau help us in teaching tamariki how to use the road crossing safely. It may be convenient to just walk across anywhere, however, we are wanting to model safe practices on road crossing.

At the end of the day, all students are encouraged to leave the kura through the gate by the school hall.

PLEASE SIGN IN:

In order to keep our tamariki safe, All visitors coming into the kura are asked to sign in at the office between 9:30am - 2:30pm. This assists us in the event of an emergency and makes sure the right people are picking your tamariki up throughout the day.

Lollies, fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not permitted at kura.



OFFICE HOURS ARE:
8.30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Expectations around uniform

Uniform is an important part of our school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and allows tamariki to feel pride in their kura and appearance.

All Ngaruawahia Primary students are expected to wear our school polo shirt and any PLAIN black pants. Our school jumpers are recommended for winter, not just any jacket of choice, it must be a school jumper. Year 8's can wear a PLAIN black jumper.

Expectations around footwear: Any footwear is acceptable except for Year 7 & 8 on technology days (must be covered shoes)

Taonga: please wear under clothing for safety

Earrings: small studs for safety.

All other jewelry is to be kept at home, please.

Information about support for buying uniforms can be found at Work and Income.

<https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/.../school-uniforms-and...>

School Communication: To keep up-to-date with the latest information make sure you have connected with the Class Dojo app and Skool-loop app. Pop into the office if you need assistance.

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N.P.S CURRICULUM

We have been developing our school curriculum since 2022 with the help of professional development experiences for staff, review and reflection, student surveys and connecting with our local community. We have one more step in this process which is to survey our whaanau. As I mentioned last term, we will be undertaking a survey to get feedback on what your priorities are for your tamariki to learn while at N.P.S.

What our new timetable currently looks like:

MONDAY MAGIC Monday Magic is where every class participates in the Kiwi Can values programme.

What is Kiwi Can? Kiwi Can is a life skills and values programme delivered to the whole school by trained Kiwi Can leaders with every child attending a Kiwi Can lesson once a week, every week of the school year.

Kiwi Can is underpinned by this whakatauki (proverb): Iti rearea, kahikatea tei tei, ka taea.

Even the small rearea bird can ascend to the great heights of the Kahikatea tree.

Kiwi Can has a history of making a big difference. But the proof is in the research, and here's what it shows. Kiwi Can:

- Engages students
- Reduces truancy
- Improves listening and communication skills
- Helps children play cooperatively and resolve behavioural issues more easily
- Builds confidence
- Reduces bullying in schools

Our Year 7 & 8's have Technology every EVEN Monday.

Our Year 7 & 8's are involved with Mau Rakau, every Tuesday.

Mindful movement: Akomanga Toru & Akomanga Rima are fortunate enough to be exploring the concept of Mindful Movement every Tuesday. We're very lucky to have Whaea K run these sessions that explore calmness, breathing and overall mental wellness

WICKED WEDNESDAY

Wicked Wednesday is when everyone comes to kura wearing their house colours. Huia=Red, Kiwi=Green, Tui-Yellow, Weka- Blue

Aakonga will also participate in 2 modules a term, 8 a year, where they will be engaged in a range of curriculum areas which include: Art, Science, Te Reo Maori, Food and Nutrition, Dance and Drama, and Digital Technology.

The day finishes off in house groups where they practice their chants, do an attendance drive and compete in some games against other houses.

FRIDAY FUN DAY

Friday is when we have Kapa Haka and our Celebration Assembly (alternate Friday's) and finish off the day with school singing. Some tamariki also participate in Boxing with a coach.

Each term we have a kaupapa focus which is where all our learning is integrated with a range of curriculum areas, mainly literacy and numeracy.

Term 1's focus was: Ko Ngaaruwaaahia tooku Tuurangawaewae; Ngaaruwaaahia is where I feel strong and at home

Term 2's focus was: Tu maia ki Ngaruawahia; How can learning about people who make a positive impact, influence ourselves to make a positive impact now and in the future

Term 3 & 4's focus is: "There's no place like home".

BSLA: Better Start Literacy Approach

Our Junior Kaiako have been undertaking PLD around this structured approach to teaching Literacy in the early years. You may have had some of their assessment activities shared with you at Learning Conversations. It's exciting to see tamariki making progress in Literacy, and Kaiako look forward to sharing this approach in more detail at a hui in the near future.



DMIC is the acronym for 'Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities. How this looks in our classrooms is students are in mixed ability groups and support each other to problem solve by working together in groups of 2 or 3. The problems are all around a real life context that the students are familiar with. To help with their understanding of the topic, they are encouraged to ask questions and very keen to share and justify what they found out with the class.

Te Ao Maaori me oona Tikanga. Te Ao Maori is woven throughout everything we do - for example Karakia, waiata, mihi and basic instructions. Our Kura has 2 Cultural Leaders. Anesty Kake-Grace and PJ Heitia. Staff have undertaken Te Reo courses, at different levels, and incorporate this throughout everyday koorero throughout daily life at kura. N.P.S is involved with Koopapa in Term 1 and the Koroneihana in Term 3. Staff are also currently undergoing a reflection on what Te Ao Maaori me oona Tikanga will look like as we move into the future.



Due to continuous sickness with high absence of both staff and students we have been unable to hold our termly whaanau day's since Term 1 at CYC where the kura opens up and showcase learning that has been happening. This term we plan to showcase the term's learning on Wednesday 13th of September.

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