

### Kia ora kautau ngā mātua, ngā kaumātua, ngā kaitiaki ō ā tātau tamariki

Kura and classrooms are slowly starting to settle as we draw to the end of our second week and tamariki are enjoying their learning. It's a good time to remind our community that Covid-19 is still around and in some areas, it has peaked for the second time in a year. Please remember to adhere to advice that has been given out previously to ensure that we keep this ngāngara out of our kura. If whanau intend on visiting their tamariki in their classrooms, please make sure that you report to the office and sign in **before** going to their classroom. We've noticed a few people walking around and it's important to know who's coming and going around the kura.



## Parent - Teacher Meet & Greet

Thursday,  
16 February  
from 1pm

Make a time to come visit your  
child's teacher and get  
involved in their learning  
journey.

Kaiako are ready to meet with our parents/caregivers to set the tone for 2023. Please contact the office or the classroom teacher to organise a time to speak with them. Because we're starting our kōrero at 1pm, kura will finish at 12pm to allow kaiako to have some lunch before speaking with parents. If you cannot organise a time with the teachers, please let them know and they will arrange another way to speak with you. It's really important that you try so that we all work towards a successful learning journey for all students.

**Kutu & Riha (Headlice & Nits)** Please, please make sure that if your child has kutu/nits that you spend some time cleaning their heads. There have been a few seriously infested tamariki whose heads are literally 'alive' with kutu. We're not allowed to check/clean students heads so this must be done at home. Kaiako will also keep tamariki from swimming if they have kutu as they spread during swimming sessions.

**Community Hui** What vision do you have for the learning and teaching of your child/ren? What values and traditions are important to you and how can they be shaped for teaching and learning in kura? Our board would love to meet our whanau to discuss these sorts of questions, so let's come together on Monday, 27 February at 4.30pm. You can ask any questions, share your thoughts, and help to shape our 2023 school charter – a document that must be submitted each year to Te Mahau (aka Ministry of Education) by the end of March. It should contain feedback from our community – parents and whanau, school staff and our board. We would also like to share kai with our whanau, nō reira – nau mai, haere mai.

**Interhouse Swimming Competition & Loud Shirt Day** Come and support your tamariki on Friday, 24 February as they swim for their houses – **Aroha**, **Manaaki**, **Tumanako** and **Whakaponu**. Our draw for all races will be shared next week and we're sure it'll be an awesome fun day for all. It also coincides with the Loud Shirt Day, which is a kaupapa that supports those of us who have difficulty hearing or are deaf. Tamariki will need to wear their house colours shown above and bring a gold coin. Staff will also participate so if you'd like to support both the swimming and our loud shirt mufti day, nau mai, haere mai.



COMMUNITY HUI  
4 SCHOOL  
CHARTER  
27 Feb 2023

TE KURA O TE TEKOK  
TE tauakitanga - TE manaakitanga - Kōwhiri -  
Resilience - Care - Unity

Come meet our board,  
share your thoughts and  
have a kai with us.

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**Kura Uniforms** Uniform items such as shirts, polar fleece vests, jackets, etc can be purchased from NZ Uniforms. Sporting gear from any of our sports clubs around Te Teko are not school uniform so they are discouraged. Please make an effort to ensure that your tamariki have the correct uniform and shoes (black are preferable) as we are seeing lots of tamariki wearing bright colours and different coloured hoodies or tops. We have a few loose items available at kura that you can ask our office ladies about. Gumboots should be worn during wet weather, however while the sun is shining these are discouraged also.

### NZEI Paid Union Meeting (PUM)

| Important Dates to Remember               |        |
|---|--------|
| Board Meeting                             | 14 Feb |
| Parent/Teacher Kōrero                     | 16 Feb |
| EBOP Touch Year 3-8                       | 23 Feb |
| Interhouse Swimming Day<br>Loud Shirt Day | 24 Feb |
| NZEI Paid Union Meeting                   | 1 Mar  |
| Rangitaiki Swimming                       | 3 Mar  |
| Top School – Awakeri                      | 19 Mar |
| Fun 4U – Year 1-4                         | 23 Mar |
| Rangitaiki Touch                          | 30 Mar |
| Term 1 end                                | 7 Apr  |

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