

Kia ora rā ngā mātua, ngā kaumātua, ngā kaitiaki tamariki it's been a very busy five weeks so far and I doubt it's going to slow down. A reminder to all parents, whanau that our students have their parent/kaiako kōrero coming up on Tuesday, 26 March from 1.00pm. Please make a time with your child/ren's kaiako to ensure that you're keeping up to date with their learning and any steps forward.

There has been lots of kōrero throughout 2023 and this term, and it's concerning that our parents/whanau/community participation at kura is quite minimal. We've noticed – for example - that when kapa haka is at the forefront or a kaupapa like this, parents and whanau attend all the time. When we want to discuss our charter, strategic direction or your tamariki learning that needs community contribution, we're lucky to receive 4 or 5 interested parents. As a result, the board has decided that if our parents and whanau do not attempt to contribute to their child's learning by attending their parent/kaiako kōrero or any community hui that are scheduled, your child may miss their chance to participate in EOTC trips or other out of class experiences. We have asked many times for whanau to attend different kaupapa, now we must insist for the sake of our students. If we work together to provide the things they need on their learning journey, we can create authentic, meaningful pathways and make their journey less of a struggle.

Te Reo Māori o roto o ngā akomanga rumaki He pātai nui anō tā mātau: If your child/ren are in our rumaki unit, how do parents/whanau support language needs of their tamariki outside the kura? Kaiako rumaki have been noticing that tamariki who have either enrolled or have been in rumaki classrooms in the past have been finding it difficult to understand basic instructions or holding conversations in te reo Māori. It creates times where kaiako are having to revert to English. This makes it equally challenging to move forward as the instruction ends up focusing on basic language. Heoi anō, please ask yourselves what support you can contribute to tamariki learning and teaching in the home. This was asked in the last pānui kura and it remains an important kaupapa for our students in our rumaki unit. There are lots of free programmes that whanau can join to learn/develop te reo Māori. Please take advantage of them and help our tamariki to achieve in their learning goals.

Mātua/Kaiako Kōrero tahi Parent/Teacher Discussion to be held Tuesday, 26 March from 1pm to 6pm. Please contact our office or your classroom kaiako or access the link via Hero to set a time to speak with kaiako and be part of the kōrero that can shape the way forward for your child/ren and their learning journey.

2024 TERM DATES

Term 1 – 30 Jan to 12 Apr

Term 2 – 29 Apr to 5 Jul

Term 3 – 22 Jul to 27 Sept

Term 4 – 14 Oct to 18 Dec

Whakatauki: *Tauaki te tū, taiki te rere, Ōkōrero kia mau*

Vision: *To provide a safe and caring learning environment set in Ngāti Awa ki Rangitaiki tikanga where each person is valued and empowered with confidence, knowledge, pride, a love for learning and a sense of belonging that they may carry throughout their life journey.*



St Stephens Boys Boarding School Reopening 2025

An announcement inviting whanau, friends and children to join us at Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiārangī, Wednesday March 20th at 6pm to listen to Nathan Durie, the new Principal of St Stephens boarding school in Bombay, Auckland. Alongside his wife they will introduce St Stephens' mission and vision. With a wealth of experience and a fervent commitment to Māori students' success in both Māori and Mainstream contexts, their tenure at Manukura has consistently yielded remarkable academic feats and groomed aspiring athletes who proudly represented Aotearoa *New Zealand*. The school will be opened in 2025 comprising of Year 9 and 10 boys. For further details, please visit our website, reach out via email to office@tipene.co.nz or contact Jimmy McLean at 0273728102.

Top School 2024 This year we have 1 Tau 5/6 team and 2 Tau 7/8 teams entered in this event. It's happening Sunday, 24 March at Awakeri School from 9am. If you're keen to help get our students ready for the event, please contact either your child's kaiako or the tumuaki. Please see below for other upcoming kaupapa where you might want to contribute.



Designated Character

It's more important than ever to keep talking about becoming a designated character school. The benefits and positives to our tamariki far outweigh the negative. One of our kuia has offered to spearhead this kaupapa, so don't be surprised if you hear from her in the near future. We need our whole kura community to have their say so that we can move forward. Nā reira, kia kaha ki te whakaputa whakaaro.

TE KURA O TE TEKOK
POLICIES / PROCEDURES

5 – 10 minutes max!

WE WANT OUR WHĀNAU TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DECISIONS AND FUTURE OF OUR KURA

[Te Kura o Te Teko Policies and Procedures \(schooldocs.co.nz\)](https://schooldocs.co.nz)

Username: teteko & Password: manawanui

POLICIES FOR WHANAU TO REVIEW	POLICIES FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW
Parent involvement	Te Tiriti o Waitangi
Communicating with Parents	Board Responsibilities
Community conduct expectations	School Character/ Special Character
School Planning and reporting	Documentation and self-review policy
Reporting to parents on student progress and achievement	Plus, first column

He mihi aroha tēnei ki te whanau Ereatarā, ki te whanau Pryor anō hoki. Ko kautau wēnei i karangahia e Te Atua. Haere atu rā ki ō tātau tīpuna, ki a rātau e tatari mai ana mō kautau. Tēnei te tuku aroha ki ngā whanau pani e noho nei i raro i te kapua pōuri. Mā tātau katoa kautau e hāpai, e hiki i ngā rā kai mua i a tātau.