

**Tēnā kautau ngā mātua, ngā kaumātua, ngā kaitiaki o ā tātau tamariki** we hope that our whanau and community had a relaxing break and that our students are ready to work hard this term. A big thanks to those parents who attended the community hui held last term. We were able to pull out some useful kōrero to help design our strategic direction for 2023 and as advised earlier, over the next few months we'll be sharing parts of our kura strategic plan with you all via our pānui kura. This maps out what our priorities look like in 2023, so please read the contents carefully.

**Texas Rangers** our Year 8 students will again participate in our Texas Rangers programme with Omataroa Rangitaiki No.2 Trust. The programme will resume on 24/25 May for six weeks, where our students will learn skills and knowledge in Omataroa forest.

**Kutu & Riha Headlice & Nits** please, please make sure that your child/ren's heads are checked regularly. It only takes one child to infest a whole class, until we have a huge outbreak. Ka aroha hoki ngā tamariki – who have to endure constant scratching and scabby heads because they're not checked regularly. Nō reira, kia kaha tonu tātau ki te tiaki i wā tātau tamariki.

**Term 2 Reports** as advised earlier, our reports will be ready for viewing later in the term. To be able to view these, you must have access to our Hero app. If you don't already have access, please make sure that the kura has your personal email address on file so that we can connect you to our kura. More information will be given at a later date.

**Mā Kautau, Mā Tātau** Whakatane District Council is calling on you to 'think big' as part of Mā Kautau, Mā tātau - Our People, Our Spaces. It's an exciting opportunity to have input into the way we plan for the future of open and recreational spaces. The project incorporates two streams of work – the development of the Whakatāne People and Places Strategy, and the Rex Morpeth Recreation Hub Master Plan. To have your say, please use the link provided to complete their survey: [koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/ourpeopleourspace](https://koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/ourpeopleourspace)

**Attendance** Being present makes a significant impact on tamariki learning. They need to be here to learn. They need to be here to thrive. Attendance is one of our greatest challenges to address in education after the negative impact of COVID. We appreciate the continued anxiety and disconnection COVID left with our tamariki and whanau and we want to work with you all to ensure our tamariki feel safe, are present and are learning. The following data is a graphic look at what attendance looks like at our kura:

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As a consequence and incentive to continue attending kura, we have decided that if a student attendance falls below 80% they will not be allowed to attend any activities out of school grounds. In the past we have allowed tamariki to attend sporting events and other activities out of kura to then be absent from class studies. Something must change. Let's make sure our tamariki are attending kura regularly so they can reap the educational rewards that are their right. If you need to discuss this issue, please see your child's kaiako.



Important Dates to Remember	
NASH Netball Tournament	28 Apr
Rangitaiki Rugby/Netball	10 May
Texas Rangers (R6)	24 May
Texas Rangers R7)	25 May

**Te Kura o Te Teko Charter & Strategic Direction 2023** the following pages are the introduction to our school charter submitted to Te Mahau (Ministry of Education). This forms the direction that staff and students will take at our kura.

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