

**Kia ora ngā mātua, ngā kaumātua, ngā kaitiaki o ā tātau tamariki mokopuna** firstly a huge congratulations to Ngā Taiohi, their tutors, kaimahi kura and helpers who travelled with them to Whakatū. An outstanding result for all their hard work and commitment to the kaupapa. Nō reira kāore e mutu i ngā mihi ki a rātau katoa i tū ki te mura o te ahi hai kanohi mō tō tātau kura me te waka a Mataatua. We're in week 5 now and the term is going super fast! We have lots of our akomanga gearing up for their upcoming EOTC trips, lots of testing for end of year reporting and kaimahi kura still moving along in order to provide the best learning for our tamariki.

**Parent Responsibility** we've had lots of tamariki away and many of our parents and whanau have made an effort to contact the kura to let us know – for this, we thank you. However we have some parents and whanau who don't bother, which leaves us having to reach out. We don't ever ask whanau for much, and its been said quite a lot over the past couple of years that student attendance at kura is important. So we implore you to get in touch with the kura if your tamariki are away and the reason for absence. Just saying that “#\*@” will be absent is not a reason. This supports tamariki learning and behaviour in many ways. We've had times in the recent past where tamariki have returned to kura and their behaviour has affected not only their learning but other students in their classroom. If there are ways that we can help at kura to ensure that your child/ren attends regularly, please reach out to either their classroom teacher or to Whaea Kiri. Let's work together for the sake of all our tamariki and their progress.

**Our Facebook page** thank you to those who have joined our online page – it keeps many of us in the loop when it comes to kura events. There are some who have added others from your whanau, however I must advise that if this happens and those people are not in our Hero records, they will be declined entry to our page. Please don't be offended, the page was set up to keep current parents and whanau up to date – not those who reside elsewhere or send their children to other schools.

**Maramataka Māori** today marks the phase Tangaroa Whakapau – a waning moon. It's believed to be a good day for cultivating māra kai, rama tuna and fishing.

#### Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
6 Nov	Board hui	Kura
10 Nov	Kura Athletics	Kura
13 Nov	Road Patrol Training (for interested students)	Kura
14 Nov	Rangitaiki Athletics	Rex Morpeth Park
16-17 Nov	Ruma 2 EOTC	Ōkōrero/Ōhope

#### 2023 TERM DATES

Term 1 – 31 Jan to 6 Apr

Term 2 – 26 Apr to 30 Jun

Term 3 – 17 Jul to 22 Sept

Term 4 – 9 Oct to 14 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.

