



Ngutunui Newsletter

#1 2023



Kia ora whānau o te kura o Ngutunui,

This week we look forward to welcoming our students back to Term 1 2023!

We hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday break.

We have a busy but exciting term ahead of us, starting with a bang with the school camp to Lake Okataina, which I'm sure everyone is looking forward to building memories, having some amazing experiences and forming positive relationships at the start of the year.

Within this newsletter you will see a copy of our Curriculum Overview for 2023, always a working document, you'll see plenty of fantastic learning opportunities for our Ngutunui kids.

Tuesday 30th January, our teachers are away at professional learning with the TA Cluster where Sheena Cameron is delivering a course on writing. This professional learning will support our strategic goals in lifting student achievement in this area.



2023 Staffing

This year we welcome back Miss McOnie into Piwakawaka after her maternity leave, she will be teaching part-time in the class with Whaea Sharyn teaching each Thursday and every second Friday.

Miss Dove continues teaching in Tui, with Mr Hay releasing her every second Friday.

We congratulate Miss McLauchlan on her appointment at Otorohanga South School, and wish her well for the year, your knowledge and passion for teaching were appreciated over 2022 at Ngutunui School.

Lesley Greene has handed in her resignation to the Go Bus Services for our Ngutunui Run. We wish her well in her future endeavours and thank her for her service to the school over the years. Go Bus services will be employing a relieving driver to start the term until a permanent employee can be found. At this stage, I am assured that the current run remains the same (drop off and pick up places and times).

SUPPORTING OUR BUSY PARENTS/CAREGIVERS



At Ngutunui School we want to support our families in 2023 by providing transportation to The Safe and Happy Club (after-school care) based at Pirongia School. For further information or get in touch

principal@ngutunui.school.nz

<https://safeandhappyclub.co.nz/>



Waiwhakata Farm

This year we are privileged to be able to bring our localised curriculum to life through our students being able to have education outside the classroom on the Waiwhakata Farm. Where our students will be experiencing pest and predator control, save the tress programme, studying and creating swamp lands, tuna (eel) and bat studies. These will also be focuses of kaupapa back at school for our students over the year. A small group of 10-12 students will travel to the Farm each Wednesday afternoon starting week 4.

2023 Camp to Lake

Our camp this year is at Lake Okataina Outdoor Education and Recreation Centre. Situated 30 kilometres away from Rotorua. We will be travelling to camp on Monday 13th February. On Tuesday the kids will have some time in Rotorua seeing the sites and having a fun experience all set to go. On Wednesday the students have the day at Lake Okataina, where the Te Waiariki Putea Trust will take us through some lake activities such as waka tete and kayaking. On Thursday we travel home and hope to be in time for the school bus.

Full permission and health slips, a hard copy of the gear list will come home with students on Wednesday.

Please ensure that you have paid your camp fee, an invoice has been sent out to you with all the payment details.

School Van run

The school van run starts again to begin this term, up Pekanui Rd to the crossroads. Please get in touch if you have any quires.

What's coming up:

- Wednesday 1st February
DAY 1 Term 1
- Mon 6th February Waitangi Day
- Wed 8th February Health Nurse Education Session with Y7&8 re Tdap HPV vaccinations
- 13th-16th February Ngutunui School Camp at Okataina Outdoor Centre
- Wed 22nd weekly group visits to Waiwhakata Farm start: EOTC
- Wed 8th March Waikato Touch workshops
- Thurs 9th March Y7&8 weekly Exploration (Tech Arts) starts @ Pirongia School
- 17th March Lower Waipa Swimming Sports (those who qualify)
- 6th April Last day Term 1
- Monday 24th April TOD (MOE Curric Refresh)
- Tuesday 25th ANZAC Day
- Wednesday 26th First Day Term 1
- Waiwhakata Farm visits continue
- Y7&8 Exploration fortnightly
- 16th May Y6-8 National Young Leaders Conference Hamilton

Keep up to date with what's on with the school calendar on the school website

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At Ngutunui in 2023, this overview is a working document. It is subject to change as we come from a student led inquiry perspective. We provide an overarching kaupapa/theme for each term which is intended to spark interest and begin a journey. Our inquiry based approach is driven by students' curiosity about the world around them. It encourages connection, co-operation, and collaboration by allowing students to pose and solve problems together and with their communities in shared, authentic learning experiences. We aim to weave the areas of the curriculum and localised curriculum together rather than teaching in isolation.

2023 brings about the Curriculum Refresh, we will be implementing Te Mataiaho; English and Mathematics.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Key Competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thinking ● Relating to others ● Using language, symbols and texts ● Managing self ● Participating and contributing <p>The five key competencies display the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn. We believe they should be developed and promoted through our school curriculum. They encompass knowledge, skills, attitudes and values. Key competencies are complex and will look different in different contexts. We will demonstrate and incorporate opportunity to learn, develop and display these in all areas of school life.</p>			
Values	<p>3 Bees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be Kind ● Be Respectful ● Be Curious <p>☰ Our Values – what do they mean?</p>			
Kaupapa/ Inquiry	TREATY OF WAITANGI Whakapapa – our family Histories (Te Takanga o te Wa + NZ Histories + S.S)	Our place Turangawaewae (Te Takanga o te Wa) – local history	Mana Motuhake	Kaitiakitanga / Whanaungatanga
Localised Curriculum & <u>Waiwhakaiti</u> Trust	Local stories & families Introduction to the farm / Pests and predators (science)	Cultural narrative of Ngutunui & local heroes (NZ Histories / S.S) Our Natives (Tree Planting)	Ngutunui Changes over time – farming, schooling Save the trees Project	Guardianship Linking with local Marae & iwi (Hiiona Marae) Wet lands (Tuna & Bats studies)
within our kaupapa always looking through a Māori world view, looking into history / the way it was/ traditional use / tikanaga etcetc				
<u>Waiwhakaiti</u> groups : each Wednesday at the farm, checking traps etc plus at least 2x class visits each term				
ENVIRO SCHOOLS	School waste – how we combat? Composting	Worm farming (science)	Composting /Save the Trees Project	Kaitiakitanga

Te Mātaiao – English : Teaching progressions – Understand, Know, Do

Oral Language	Purposely and intentionally provide opportunity in all areas of school life to develop and practice Oral language skills. These skills include <i>independent listening, independent speaking, using social language and applying discussion skills</i> . This will look different in different situations and contexts and we aim to meet the current and changing needs of all tamariki.		
Reading	Teacher guided reading sessions through the week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading authentic texts for comprehension for those reading above 8yrs • Reading de-codable texts for those reading below 8years 		
Spelling /Structured Literacy	Structured Literacy		
Written Language	Memoir Writing & Personal Recounts Poetry (3weeks)	Personal Recounts Report writing	Personal Recounts Narrative writing
The teaching and learning within written language will also weave through the kaupapa learning areas throughout each term.			
Te Mātaiao – Mathematics : Teaching progressions – Understand, Know, Do			
Number	Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division. Fractions/Ratios and Proportions Y1-3 maths planning is based on 70% number, 20% strand, 10% fractions each term. Y4-8 maths planning is based on 60% number and fractions, 40% strand each term PRIME Math supports our planning and learning through setting our a structured approach to teaching and learning within Mathematics		
Math Strand	Time Statistics	Measurement: Mass, volume and capacity Space: Movement/position	Algebra Measurement Geometry /Space
Te Reo me ona tikanga Māori	Te Reo Tuatahi Karakia / Uaiata/ Pepeha /Te Pepeha o te kura/ Te Kawa o te marae		
Science: link to kaupapa	Pests and predators	Tuna & swamp lands	Native trees – save the tress project
Social Sciences: Link kaupapa	local Histories and stories /NZ Histories / S.S		