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NGUTUNUI NEWS

LEARNING & GROWING TOGETHER
AKO TAHI ME TE TIPU TAHI



Kia ora te whānauo te kura o Ngutunui,

Our school/kura is celebrating its 110th anniversary this month. The students have been researching our school's history with the help of the Te Awamutu Museum. It's been fascinating to look back at old photos and learn about life in our area 110 years ago!

In week 5, We had a fantastic turnout of 99% for our Learning Conversations and Goal Setting with Teachers. We're thrilled to be growing our whanau partnership in student learning, and this is an excellent way to start. To support this whanau engagement and connection to children's learning, we've changed our assessment and reporting schedule in 2024. We have reflection stages throughout each term and formal reports to parents during Term 2 and the beginning of Term 4, alongside learning conversations with parents and students to understand the report and the next learning steps.

Last week we said goodbye to Miss McOnie as she heads away on maternity leave. We wish her and her growing family all the best and look forward to meeting baby boy number 2!



What's coming up:

- 15th March Lower Waipa Swimming Champs
- 19th March Y7&8 Rock Climbing
- 20th March Board hui 3:15pm
- 21st March Y7&8 Exploration (Tech) @ Pirongia School starts weekly on Thursdays
- 22nd March - Teachers PAID UNION MEETING: school finishes 12:30pm
- 25th March Kawhia Moana Swimming Comp Y4-8
- 29th March-2 April Easter Break
- 5th April FA Cup Football Tournament
- 12th April Assembly 2:30pm(last day of Term 1)
- 25th April ANZAC day
- 29th April Term 2 starts
- 30th April Trees for Survival planting on Waiwhakata Farm Y4-8
- 11th May Community Planting Day - School Fundraiser
- 17th May Waikato Touch Module Y3-8 rugby, touch & rippa students

Keep up to date with school events on the school calendar on your Skool Loop App

Welcome to the Ngutunui Whānau

It is with great excitement that we welcome Jess Lorimer to our Ngutunui Team. Jess's true passion lies with learner agency and enabling children to explore their own passions and curiosities, exploring learning in an engaging, self-driven environment. She truly believes that primary school should be an opportunity for all akonga (learners) to grow a lifelong love of learning and that she is in a privileged position, as a teacher to enable that

Welcome Mrs L!



We also welcome Lakin Fitness and Jackson Strawbridge to Ngutunui School who have recently turned 5 and are ready to start their learning journey at Ngutunui School.

Trees for Survival

Our seedlings have been growing exceptionally well! They will be ready for planting on **Tuesday 30th April**, which is the first week of Term 2. The planting will take place on Waiwhakata Farm, and Years 4-8 students will be participating. In case of a postponement, we have scheduled the event for Friday 3rd May. We would appreciate some parental support on this day, so please mark it on your calendar.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We are also organizing a community planting day on **Saturday 11th May** to support us financially with camp this year, as well as a Junior Big Day Out. We would be grateful for your support on this day. Remember, many hands make light work!



Y7&8 Exploration (Tech)

This Thursday 14th March our Year 7&8's start Exploration (Tech) at Pirongia School. Leaving school at 11am and arriving back at school at 3pm. This Thursday, March 14th, our Year 7&8 students will begin Exploration (Tech) program at Pirongia School. The students will leave school at 11 am and return at 3 pm and they must be dressed in their school uniform. Students need to be in school uniform.

NOTICES:

Please be advised that our teachers have a Paid Union Meeting (PUM) scheduled on Friday, March 22nd at 1 pm. As a result, school will be ending early, at 12:30 pm, to allow our teachers to attend this meeting. We kindly request that parents/guardians make arrangements to pick up their children from school at 12:30 pm on Friday, March 22nd. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Pick-up and Drop-offs

This is a friendly reminder that for pick up and drop off times, please use the Pekanui Road car park. The car park on Ngutunui Road is too busy and dangerous during these times. Please note that only the school bus and van are allowed to park on the Ngutunui Road side of the school.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our students.

Absentees - A reminder that all absences must be recorded on either the school loop or school website before 9 am. It is worth noting that a student who misses five school days every term, or one day per fortnight (90% attendance) from Year 1-10, will miss the equivalent of one year of school by the time they reach Year 10."