



# TERM 1, WEEK 2

12th February 2025

# Newsletter

Welcome to 2025!

We are really excited about the year ahead and the expertise we have on our staff.

Over the last few weeks we have posted lots of important reminders and updates for our kura onto Facebook and Skool Loop.

We have also included those here with introducing you to our new staff. The newsletter will come out each fortnight on the Wednesday and we will post this to Skool Loop and our website by the end of the week.

### Te Pūtahitanga - Year 0-3 - Auraki

Acting Team Leaders - Whaea Mandy

Whaea Sam - Room 1 - Year 2/3

Whaea Mandy - Room 3 - Year 0/1

Whaea Linaya - Room 4 - Year 1/2

### Te Re Pūtahi - Rūmaki Reo

Team Leader - Matua Stacey

Whaea Alana - TRP6 - Year 0-3

Matua Stacey - TRP 5 - Year 4-6

### Te Kōwhitinga - Year 4-6 - Auraki

Team Leader - Pa Jacob

Whaea Ana - TK 9

Whaea Teresa - TK 10

Whaea Sharon - TK 13

### Māhuri Tōtara Year 7/8 - Auraki

Team Leader - Pa Jacob

Whaea Hannah - MT 11

Pa Jacob - MT 12

## CONTACTS

We ask everyone who has had a change in address, phone number or emergency number please contact the office and make these changes. We have had a number of issues getting through to whānau when children are sick. Emergency contacts must live in Palmerston North, regularly have credit on their phone & have transport to collect a child if we cannot get hold of the main contacts

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We have noticed a resurgence of head lice. It is really important that you treat your child if you have found they have lice or eggs. Shampoo is easily accessed at the pharmacy and using a comb will ensure eradication.

## What's On

Whānau BBQ - Thursday 13th  
February 2:30-4:00pm

Swimming starts for years 4-8  
25th February

Awa Tug of War - Thursday 6th  
March 12:45pm

Elite Touch - Tuesday 25th  
March

I look after my  
environment

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## COMMUNICATION

This will clarify the different platforms we use and what they are for.

**FACEBOOK** - all events, reminders, event photos, class updates, sports draws and school information is shared on here, we also check the messages once a day but not always during school time. So this is not the place to send an important message. We also periodically go live for events to ensure everyone can be a part of our day. Day to day information will go on here first - eg if events are cancelled or postponed.

**EMAIL** - We are in the process of setting up a new website and on this will be all staff emails. Please feel free to email staff about anything, staff check these afterschool. All staff will send an email next week to the students in their class this year which will include their contact email.

**SCHOOL PHONE** - PLEASE call the school for anything that is time sensitive or important, this is the best way to ensure that we receive information in a timely manner. If I am not available straight away I do my best to call you back as soon as I am free.

**OFFICE** - the office staff are available 8.30am - 9.30am each day, I am also around if you need to see me about anything. It is always best to book an appointment if this is important. This can be done by ringing the office.

**SKOOL LOOP** - this is a free app that houses our school calendar, permission slip portal, instant messages, school newsletter and is also where you can log an absence as this is checked daily.

**SKOOL LOOP** - we have used this app over 5 years and have not been able to get more than 60% of whānau connected. Staff spent a lot of time posting and sadly had minimal engagement. To the few parents who used this a lot we appreciate your comments on posts and likes. In the end it was used mostly as a message portal. As you see from the above, the number of platforms we are running is becoming too many to manage realistically.

Staff will be meeting over the next month to talk about ways to connect with whānau using the feedback we have received from the whānau hui survey so thank you for that information.

## ATTENDANCE PROCESS

It's really important that you know how all our systems work. Attendance being a very important one.

If your child is absent and you do not call, send a message in Skool Loop, reply to the text or leave a message on our school phone

- attendance is marked as T - truant

If you reply late to the text we do adjust the code

If your child is sick they get marked with M- medical, but after 3 days if we do not receive a medical certificate then your absence moves to E - explained but not justified.

If your child is absent for 2 weeks and we do not hear from you during this time, and none of our attempts are responded to then your child COMES OFF OUR SCHOOL ROLL - this is an MOE process that we must follow.

This is really important to know as you will need to make an appointment to re-enrol your child. At this meeting we will check contacts are correct and then talk about our attendance process and make a plan.

## OUR GOAL - ATTENDANCE

This year one of our goals is attendance and working to improve this across all year levels. Across the region our statistics were average but we can improve and as we all know attendance has a direct correlation to academic achievement.

Here is a breakdown of what regular in-attendance can look like over time. One day here and there does not seem like much, but when it is regular over a number of years it can equate to quite a deficit.

We hope you will work with us to help support your whānau in getting all our tamariki to school regularly.



# TE REO PŪTAHI



Nau mai, hoki mai, nau mai, haere mai ki ngā whānau katoa o Te Reo Pūtahi.

Ko tēnei te wiki tuarua o tēnei wāhanga. I roto i te akomanga o Pāpaka, e ako ana ngā tamariki i ngā tikanga o te akomanga pērā ngā hurihanga mahi me ngā whānonga pai o te kura. He tino rawe te kite i ngā āhua hikaka o ngā tamariki ki te uru atu ki ngā akoranga o te akomanga.

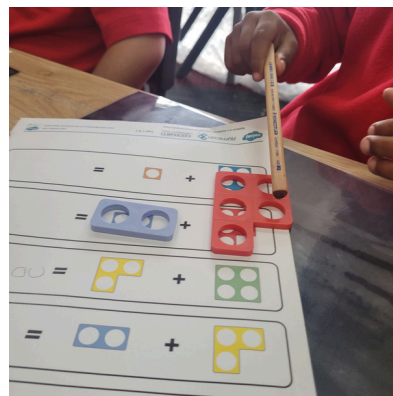
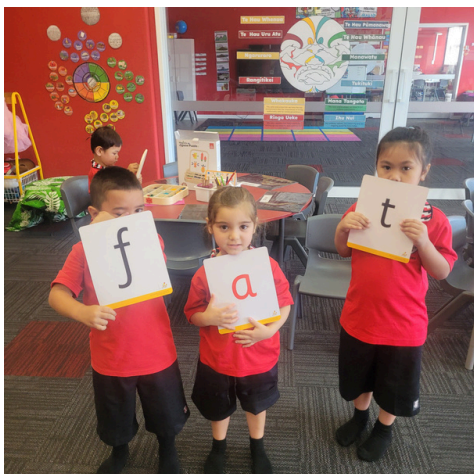


# TE PŪTAHITANGA

In our team we have been learning routines. In TP3, tamariki love books and going to our school library. Playing and learning together is fun.



On Wednesday afternoons we play team sport which is a way we all get to know each other. We have a weekly team hui on Thursday at 2.15pm which whānau are welcome to attend.





# TE KŌWHITINGA

In Te Kōwhitinga 10, we are getting to know our new classmates and setting up our routines for the year. We have started to include some team building games.

The students really enjoyed playing Poi Rakau, a traditional Māori game. The students had to use their taringa to listen our for the instruction.



# MAHURI TŌTARA



In Māhuri Tōtara 11 we have started off the year exploring our new VEX robotics kits. Our task was to make a robot using the parts provided that could move around using a controller and to be able to push, pull, or pick up an object. Everyone worked really hard to problem solve when things didn't quite work they way we would like. Some of us started to write code for our robots on the computer using both block and python coding. Ngā mihi nui Whaea Josie, the Board of Trustees, and PowerCo for purchasing these kits for the tamariki. If you would like to have a look at robotics in action, drop in to MT11 before our whānau BBQ on Thursday. We are so excited to share what we have learnt with you all.