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Fortnightly Newsletter - Paanui

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Kia ora koutou,

As we move into the final few weeks of the school year, we are working hard to make the most of this important learning time.

Our Junior students had a fantastic time at the Junior Sports Games hosted by Ruawaro School. They thoroughly enjoyed their day out, participating in various activities and showcasing great teamwork. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success! This coming Friday, our Senior students are off to Glen Massey School to give it their absolute best at the Senior Athletics day. We wish them all the best.

Wellbeing and Safety Programmes:

Next week we will complete the valuable 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme with the students, which provides essential knowledge and skills for personal safety. We appreciate your support in discussing these important topics at home.

On a separate note, we are disappointed to receive a cancellation for the visit from the Life Education Trust van that was scheduled for this week. We are actively working with the Trust to find a suitable date and hope to postpone this important visit to the end of this term so that our students don't miss out on this fantastic learning opportunity.

With the weather growing increasingly hotter, please ensure your child is coming to school prepared for the sun. Sunscreen application and wearing the school hat are essential for keeping them safe during play and sports. We keep some sunscreen here but please send a named tube to school if your child is allergic to any mainstream branded sun lotion.

We also ask that you continue to monitor your child for any signs of illness, particularly symptoms associated with measles. Please visit your doctor or call Healthline on 0800 611 116 if you are unsure of the symptoms when your child is sick.

These final four weeks are crucial for completing learning units and final assessments. Teachers are collecting the last pieces of evidence for the year before they begin writing the end-of-year student reports. We are busily organising the end of year celebrations so there is still a lot to do. We encourage students to stay focused and engaged right up until the last day.

Naaku noa,

Bernie Denton-van Loon
Principal / Tumuaki



Friday Pie Day

Every Friday we will heat up any food the children bring (pies, sausage rolls, toasted sandwich etc) for lunch in the pie warmer. Please let them know to give their wrapped (not clingfilm), named food to a teacher in the morning.

Attendance and Lateness

If your child is going to be absent, please notify the school as soon as possible by either the Skool Loop app, email or by calling the school.

The roll is taken daily at 9am.

If your child/children are arriving late or leaving early, please make sure you go to the office to get signed in or out.



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 14th November
Year 4-8 Athletics Day

Tuesday 18th November
PhotoLife (school photos)

Wednesday 3rd December
Dog Smart Visit

Thursday 11th December
School Prize Giving 5pm.

Friday 12TH December
End of Term 4

Friday 30th January 2026
Teacher Only Day

Monday 2nd February 2026
Term 1 starts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AYLA WHO TURNS 7 ON
THE 12TH OF NOVEMBER





Community Notices

We appreciate that many members of our local community use our school grounds outside of school hours, and we welcome this continued connection. However, we must address a recent, disappointing incident that occurred over the weekend.

Our students and staff arrived Monday morning to find an empty glass bottle of alcohol and several sandpit toy pipes were broken and thrown onto a shade cloth.

Incidents like this are concerning for several reasons, especially due to the safety risk posed by broken glass and the disappointment of having school resources damaged.

We are happy to keep our grounds open, but we ask for your continued support in keeping our school a safe, clean, and respectful place for our children.

Respect School Property: Please ensure that any school equipment, toys, or facilities are left undamaged and tidy.

Zero Tolerance Policy: There is a total and absolute ban on alcohol, drugs, vaping, and smoking on the school grounds at all times—including evenings and weekends. This is non-negotiable for the safety and well-being of our school community.

We urge all community members to be mindful and respectful when using our facilities. We want to avoid having to restrict access to the school grounds, but we will take steps to ensure the safety and integrity of our property.

Thank you for helping us keep our school grounds a safe and positive environment for everyone.





Community Notices Continued



WAIKARETU PLAYGROUP

Bring your Tamariki along for a play, have a chat and coffee and making lasting connections with the other mothers/caregivers and the school. Please contact Catherine Hore 021 113 7770

NAIKE/GLEN MURRAY PLAYGROUP

Naike/Glen Murray Playgroup have changed the day which they operate to Wednesday 10am - 1pm. It is for children 0-6 years old, please bring their lunches and togs and come and have some fun.

For more information, contact
Shelly Cox 027 580 0275 or
Facebook under
Naike/Glen Murray
playgroup.

Assembly & Awards Friday 31st October



**Libby, Margo, Ben and Will
received the WAI Way
assembly certificates**



**The WAI-Way prizes went to
brothers Will and Jack.
Congratulations and well done
for making great choices for
your learning!**



**Monday 10th
November
was:**



Junior Sports @ Ruawaro School



Garden to Table



EASY LEMON CORDIAL

Lemon Juice
Sugar

For every cup of lemon juice
add a little less than a cup of
sugar.

Put all together in a bowl or
large jug and stir until the
sugar has dissolved.

This takes quite a bit of
stirring, put it in a mixer or
food processor on low until
sugar is dissolved.

Store in the fridge for many
months.

Dilute with water to your
taste.



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