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Term 1 week 3 2024

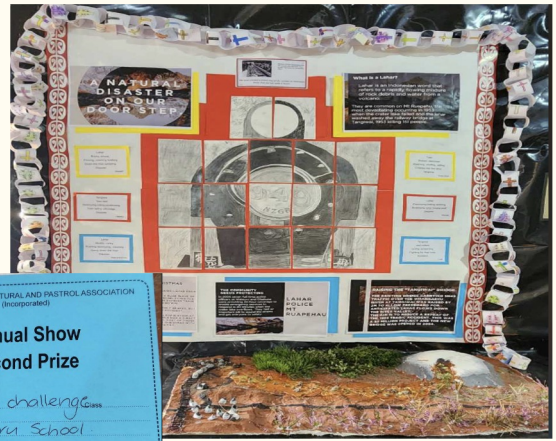
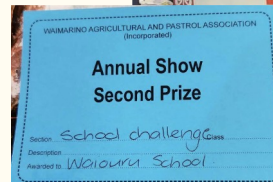
Tēnā koutou,

Our Learning/Ako

Term One is about setting up classroom routines and building relationships. Our Inquiry is called "Turangawaewae - A place to stand."

Under this umbrella we will inquire into our Pepeha, being custodians of our area and what makes Waiouru Special. We have been learning about the tragic accident at Tangiwai. This was our inspiration to create a Whole School Art Project at the Lilburn Transport Waimarion A & P Show. We were so delighted with our Second Place.

Outside of our Inquiry we are looking at safety and the choices we make e.g. water safety, being sun smart, bike/road safety, etc. Later in the term we will also complete our Bike Safety with Constable Paul Marks.



As a school we are further developing our Enviro knowledge and skills - being Kaitiaki. Each class has taken on an area of our kura to care and develop. Jess and Rob Grant, along with other community members have been caring for our community garden in the holidays. We are looking at developing this area and including an orchard area. If you would like to join this dynamic duo in supporting this area please contact me at the kura. If you have green fingers and have some spare time on a Friday afternoon, please join the tamariki as they take on their responsibilities.

We will be having 3 Way Conferences soon to discuss your child's learning. This is a great time to ask all your questions about your children learning.

Date for your diary:

Week 8 - Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March. (Normal school day)

School will close early on the 12th at 1.30 pm - Interviews will start at 2.00pm



Welcome
To our youngest addition.
Congratulations to Emily and Owen on the birth of their beautiful bonny Kaia. We look forward to seeing you all soon.



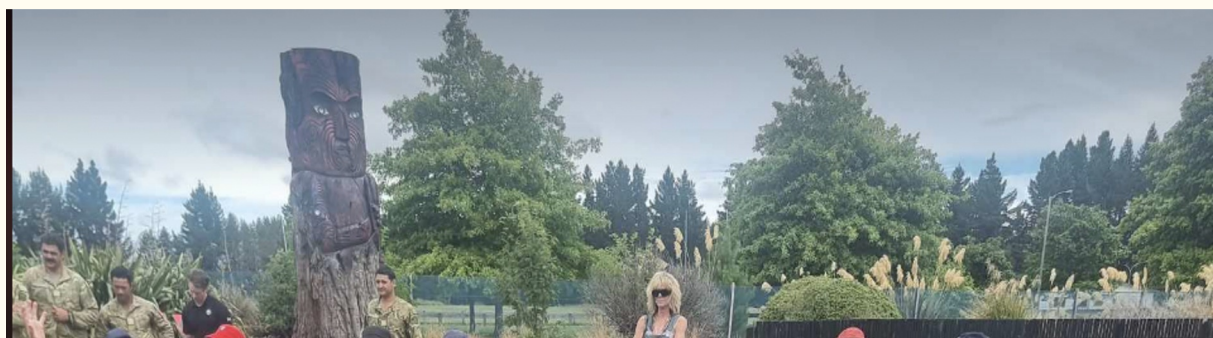
What have we been up to so far?

We opened our year with a lovely welcome assembly –

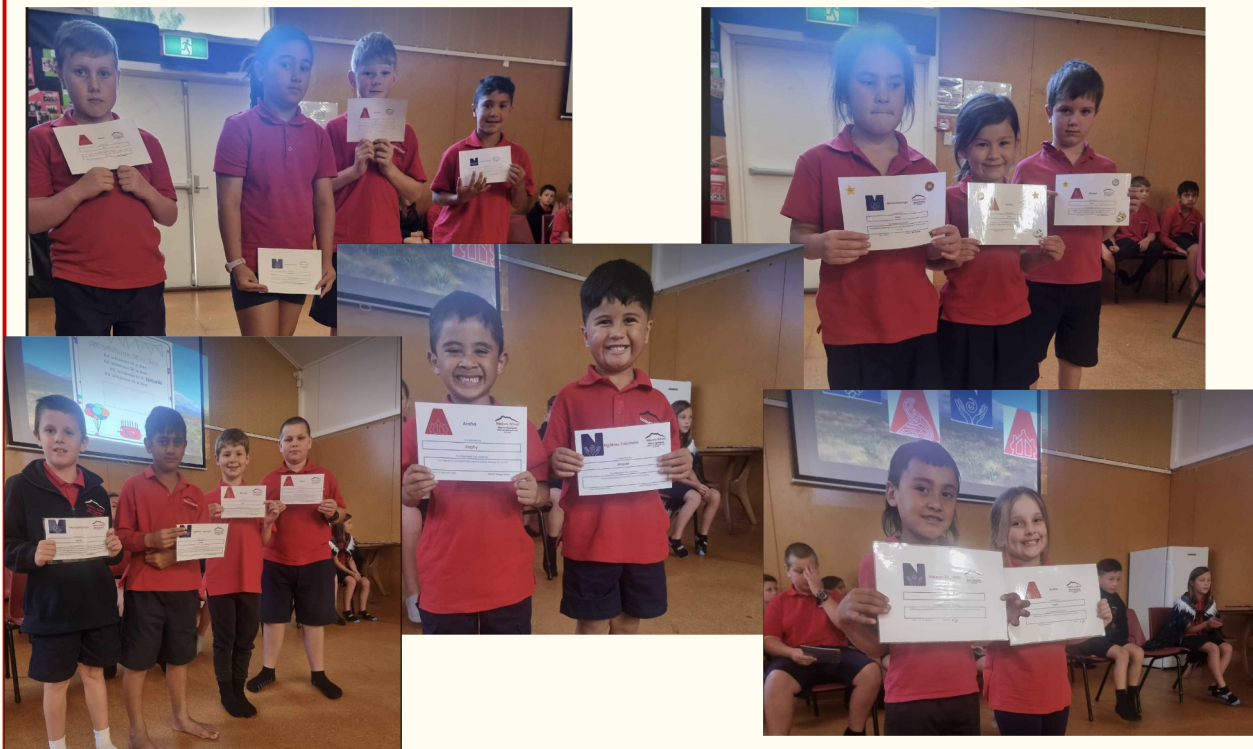


Breakfast club started 😊

We joined our Waiouru Community for the welcome Powhiri at the Marae.



Our first student led hui. Congratulations to Hautapu Awa who presented a great hui. All these wonderful students receiving their Value Certificates.



We also were delighted to present the Senior Korowai William Tweeddale.
Wonderful to see parents and whanau in our hui today.





Thank you to all our **helpers** that supported our **working bee**. A lot of great work was carried out. I really appreciated not having to move the gymnastic boxes and staging. 😊😊
We will be having another one nearer the end of term.



It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the meet and greet BBQ. Our new and old Board members had a lot of fun on the BBQ. Steve, Gwyn and Emma you were amazing. 😊



2024 Staffing

We have a change to some of our staffing. We try to keep you up to date with this information however sometimes it gets out before we blink. For that we are truly sorry and will keep trying to do better.

Makiokio Junior Hub

Year 0 – 2 Miss Sinead Darmody and we welcome Mrs Marg Madsen.

Waitangi Awa

Year 3-4 Ms Louise Collier is due to be with us in July. We thank Mrs Deb Gibbs for offering to support us for the first 4 weeks and wish her well on her next adventure. Ms Sharon Birch has kindly agreed to stay until the end of Term 2.

Whangaehu Awa

Year 4 –5 Mrs Cath Donaldson

Hautapu Awa

Year 6 Mrs Deirdre Hearmon

Moawhango Awa

Year 6-7-8 Miss Abigail Bitoun

Uniforms for 2024

We are currently in our Summer uniform, please can children wear the correct uniform to school. Bike shorts and leggings are not school uniform any term. Crocs, boat shoes and jandals are not school footwear. All tamariki must have a bucket hat at school. Thank you for supporting this policy.



School Times

Breakfast Club is 8.30am – 8.45am

School starts at 9.00am.

Please can children be at school by 8.45am. This helps them get organised and meet with their friends and reduces interruption when learning starts at 9am. Thank you for your support.

1st Break at 10.00am (Fruit/Veg)

2nd break at 12.00pm (Lunch)

3rd Break at 1.30pm

School finishes at 3.00pm (Children to be collected by 3.15pm)

Children need to have a named water bottle.



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School Term Dates for 2024

Term 1: **Wednesday 31 January 2024** until Friday 12th April 2024

(Holidays during Term 1: Tuesday 6/2, Good Friday 29/3, Easter Monday 1/4 & Tuesday 2/4)

Term 2: **Monday 29 April 2024** until Friday 5th July 2024

(Holidays during Term 2: Monday 3/6 King's Birthday, Friday 28/6 Matariki)

(Teacher Only Days During Term 2: Will advise asap if any are scheduled)

Term 3: **Monday 22 July 2024** until Friday 27th September 2024

(No holidays during Term 3)

(Teacher Only Days During Term 3: Will advise asap if any are scheduled)

Term 4: **Monday 14 October 2024** until TBA 2024

(Holidays during Term 4: Monday 28/10/24- Labour Day)

(Teacher Only Days During Term 4: Will advise asap if any are scheduled)

**Facebook is our main form of communication.
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Further information will be sent out when the term starts.

Ngā mihi nui

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Term 1 2024

Important Dates and information

Welcome to Term 1 2024. This is our Summer term and summer uniform must be worn, including a plain bucket hat. Please find some important dates for your dairy.

- Tuesday 27th February - School Board Meeting 5.30pm
Start. All welcome
- Thursday 7th March - Swimming Carnival 9.30 am -
2.30pm (More information to follow)
- Tuesday 12th March - School closes at **1.30pm** for 3 way
Conferences
- Wednesday 13th March - School closes normal time - 3pm
3 Way Conferences.
- Tuesday 19th March - Senior Bike Day with Cons Peter
Mark
- Thursday 21st March - Junior Bike Day with Cons Peter
Mark
- Friday 29th March - Good Friday
- 1st and 2nd April - Easter Monday and Tuesday
- Friday 12th April - Last day of Term 1
- Monday 29th April - Term 2 starts