

Thursday 19 June

Kia ora e te whānau,

Ngā mihi o te tau hou Māori ki a koutou katoa! At this special time of year, we look to the sky — to the rising stars of Matariki and Puanga — which signal the beginning of a new year.

The staff and students have worked incredibly hard to present what they've learned over the past few weeks. Their displays and contributions reflect deep learning, creativity, and a genuine connection to the values and meaning of this time of year.



This is a special time to remember those who have passed, to celebrate all that has been achieved, and to set our intentions for the year ahead. We will continue to acknowledge and practise the traditions of Puanga and Matariki — honouring our past, nurturing our present, and inspiring our future.



Thank you to everyone who generously contributed vegetables for the soup. We had more than enough to serve – and even some to spare!

Just a quick reminder that tomorrow is a public holiday. Enjoy the long weekend — take time to rest, celebrate with your whānau and friends, and we'll see everyone next Monday!

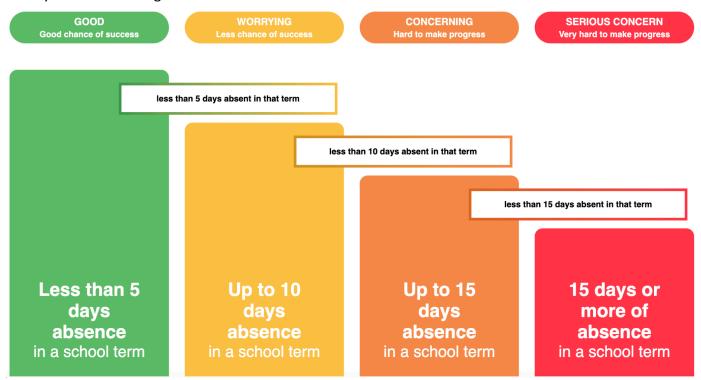
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Anau Kupa TUMUAKI

ATTENDANCE TERM 2

We are still committed to ensuring students are at school and learning alongside their peers. This term our overall attendance is 61%, a slight increase from term 1 2025.

In line with the Ministry of Education's attendance objectives, our goal is to ensure that **at least 80% of students attend school 90% of the time or more**. Regular attendance plays a vital role in your child's learning, progress, and overall success at school. To support this, we closely monitor attendance and classify it into four categories:



Let Us Know About Absences

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, it's essential that you let us know as soon as possible. If your child is absent frequently or for an extended period, we will be in touch to discuss how we can support their return to regular attendance.

We're committed to helping every student attend school consistently. If you're finding it difficult to get your child to school, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact us by:

- Speaking directly with your child's teacher
- Calling us on 0800 115 053 and asking to speak to Anau Kupa (Principal)

We're here to work with you and can help create a support plan to address any barriers to attendance. Your child's attendance matters, and we're here to help.

SPORTS

Saturday Netball

Yes, there are netball games this weekend — so come along and support our teams! They've been doing really well in the competition, winning most of their games so far. Both teams play at 12.00pm on Saturday 21 June - Mungavin Courts.

WHANAU NEWS

Talanoa Afternoon – Year 1–2 Whānau

Last week, the junior team held a Talanoa Afternoon for our Year 1–2 parents and whānau. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the korero. As part of our talanoa, we shared some simple tools to support learning at home — especially ways to encourage meaningful conversations after school. Here are some questions you can ask your child to help them reflect and share about their day.



These open-ended questions encourage your child to think, reflect, and communicate, helping to strengthen the connection between home and school. We look forward to more talanoa opportunities in the future. If you'd like support or ideas for helping your child at home, please feel free to get in touch — we're here to support you and your tamaiti.

Earthquake Drill

Last week, we had an earthquake drill. The staff and students participated and followed all safety procedures. We will be having frequent drills so that children know what to expect during an emergency.

During our last fire emergency, there were adults (not staff) driving out of the school on Mungavin Avenue while the fire brigade was on-site. This creates unnecessary risk and can delay emergency services. Please remember that these events are usually resolved quickly, and it's important that everyone remains calm and follows instructions. Also, make sure *your contact details are up to date in our system* in case we need to reach you during an emergency.

BOARD NEWS

School Board Elections are approaching, it's important to ensure your contact details are up to date so you don't miss any critical information, and voting rights.

Calendar Dates - Term 2 Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June

- Friday 20th June Matariki (holiday)
- Monday 23 June Board meeting at 5.00pm
- Tuesday 24th June Regional Cross Country Yr 4-8
- Friday 27th June Term 2 Ends