



## School Newsletter

### Term 1 Week 1, 2025

Welcome back to the new 2025 school year. We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. It was lovely to see all our students' happy faces when they reunited with their friends and teachers.

Over the holidays, all teaching staff participated in professional development in Hamilton in relation to the new mathematics resources. We are using the resource Maths, No Problem which is based on the Singaporean maths system. We are now ready to integrate the resources into classrooms.



We will be having a '**Back to School' Mass and BBQ** which will be held on Tuesday the 18th of February. We invite the whole school, whanau and Mass starts at 5.15pm followed by a BBQ on the school grounds afterwards. Thank you to the Friends of the School who are organising the food for this event.

**Marae Camp** will be on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th of February at Pikitū Marae. All students are invited to the camp this year. Letters have been sent home yesterday with more information, and will also be emailed to parents/caregivers. The permission slips need to be returned to school by the 7th of February.

### **Maths Accord Day 2nd of April-school closed**

The Ministry has advised schools that they can close for professional development around the new mathematics curriculum. We have joined a number of other schools in Tokoroa for this and have just heard that it will be on the 2nd of April. School will be closed on this day so all staff can attend the course.

**Attendance** is at the forefront of ministry requirements in 2025. Weekly updates now go directly to the ministry and we will need to follow up with any absentees. Please send your children to school unless there is a justified reason for them to be absent.



## Every day at school counts!

1 or 2 days doesn't seem like much, but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 minutes per day	1 hr 40mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	3 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

### EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school, YES, attendance does matter!

### Term 1 Dates 2025:

- Thursday 30th January - **School Starts Full school day**
- Tuesday 18 February - **Back to School Mass and BBQ**
- Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February - **Marae Stay**
- Wednesday 2nd April - **School Closed Teacher Professional Development**
- Friday 11th April - **Term 1 Ends**

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