

Newsletter

17 October 2025

Mauri tū mauri ora
An active soul is a healthy soul



Kia Ora ē te whānau

What a fast beginning we have had to term 4! Can't believe we have already finished two weeks. We have so much happening this term and these events are going to be here faster than we expect. The first major event is Lamb and Calf day. I know there is a lot of work that happens when rearing a lamb, calf or goat and I hope things are going well and that you thank those that are supporting you. Don't forget to do your diaries if that is what you are choosing to do. How is your pet rock going? Have you made a plan for your baking? We are looking forward to a magical day. We have cancelled school lunches that day, there will be a sausage sizzle available or you can bring lunch from home. Don't forget that we will be having a cake auction to raise funds for our year 8 end of year celebration day. We are all looking forward to a day of fantastic animals and excellent trainers.

Don't forget to get your tea towel orders in, we have a limited number that were printed \$12 - great Xmas presents - you don't want to miss out.

Lamb and Calf Day - item reminders

We also realise that some students don't have pets to show on the day, for those students we will have a new section - we will have a **'pet rock'** section. Students can find a rock and paint/decorate it to be an animal - this could be a great Labour Weekend activity. We will have senior and junior divisions with judging taking place. Room One is doing this and we thought this would be a great way to include everyone in this special day.

Baking:

Rooms 4/5 - making a cake to be auctioned off with a spooky theme.

Room 1 - A gingerbread person, decorated as a beach theme - wearing beach gear

Room 2 - A decorated cupcake with a flower theme

Room 3 - A decorated biscuit with a flower theme

**** Baking will be judged on decorations, not taste.

We have received our term 3 attendance report!

Thank You...

Our regular attendance rate for term 3 was a massive 76%! Compared to 45% at the same time last year and 62% last term. The MoE target is 80%! Such an awesome effort from everyone

The City to Sea Rail Trail - Manawatu
Find out about the Rail Trail project and how it relates to you.

Join the Trustees for ONE hour, Wednesday 12th November.

We will give an overview of the project then open the floor for a group discussion. Giving you the opportunity to hear about the project, discuss thoughts, concerns, ask questions and share ideas. Alleviating any Chinese whispers, gossip, or fake news!! Together, we can shape a project that honours our past, enriches our present, and builds a legacy for generations to come.

Wednesday November 12th, 5.30 - 6.30pm.

Rangiotu Hall

RSVP: banddcdtrust@gmail.com

SLEEP - *This is massively important to have a successful day at school. Are digital devices removed from bedrooms during the night? Gaming updates and social media are impacting on sleep. Have you had this conversation with your child or are they telling us porkies?*

Celebrating our Tamariki



Virtues: Harry, Khaleesi, Van, Lovely and Edith

Class Certificates: Jackson, Holly, Khloe, Ian, Cai, Yraneil, Kiana, Liam, Charlotte

Bus Certificates: Dylan and Cath

PB4L Voucher: Royle

Kapa Haka: Noah and Harry

We will be sending home **calendar order forms** next week. This is another chance to purchase some gifts before Christmas. There will only be a small window in which you can order, the orders will need to be in by 5th November so we can get the orders in and the products back before the end of the year.

Exciting News!!!

Our Kapa Haka group has been officially invited to open the KMart wishing tree on 11th November! This is a huge privilege and an exciting opportunity to showcase the amazing talent and passion we have at our kura. Our tamariki are excited and are busy putting in extra training for this event. We will be getting a bus to the event, whanau are welcome to join us, there will be a notice sent out next week.

I wish to congratulate our new Board:

Kate Lemon, Steve Chadwick and Jason Kennerley. We look forward to working with you and taking our kura into the future. I very much would like to thank our past Board members for their long service and hard work. It is not always an easy role and we very much appreciated all the time and work you have put into our kura. Thank you Rueben, Lucy, Brad, Kelly and Stephen.

Important Dates coming up...

These are the events that are locked in at the moment, there will probably be more so keep an eye out, our website and skool loop app have our school calendar on them too.

Important Dates:

23 October - STRIKE DAY - school will be closed.
 27 October - Labour Day - School is closed
 31 October - LAMB & CALF & Pet day
 (Dogs and Pets 9:30, Lamb and Calves at 10am)
 7 November - ODS Athletics - starting at 9am
 8 November - Championship Day - Manawatu Ag.Club
 13 November - Diabetes Mufti Day - Dress in blue, Sausage Sizzle.
 14 November - TeKawau Athletics Day @ Massey Track
 28 November - Badge Assembly - 11am
 5 December - TeKawau - Ki ō Rahi Tournament - seniors
 13 December - Himatangi Christmas Parade
 15 December - Prizegiving at Himatangi Hall
 17 December - Final day of the year - half day

Last year we had a small group of whānau that got together and made a great lot for the Himatangi Xmas Parade.

It was magic to see the smiles on the faces of the kids as they participated in a such a special event.
 Is there anyone that would like to manage this again this year?

Please let use know at the office as soon as you can.

Thank you in advance

Diabetes Day -14 November - Dress in blue, bring a gold coin donation to support Diabetes Awareness. We have cancelled lunches that day as Sarah and Rodger are going to be cooking and selling sausages to raise funds for a great cause. This is a great chance to support our fellow community members that manage this condition daily.

Ngā Mihi - Team ODS