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PĀANUI

Te Wahanga tua tahi mo te wiki tuawhitu
Tokohia ngā tamariki: 76

25th November 2026

Kia ora e te whanau,

The weather played its part last Friday and we were able to hold our Athletics day. It was a wonderful occasion, with the final race of the day being the parents vs students. For the first time in a long time, the students won. A convincing effort without doubt. A deserved victory indeed. Well done to all the students who participated. A huge thank you to the staff and whaanau helpers. A special thanks to 'Plendy' who offered to help out on the day. Plendy will also help out our Yr 7-8 students to prepare for the Discus field event.

We will have a team entering the Interschools Athletics this Friday 27th Nov. We know every student representing the kura and their whaanau will do their best. If the weather is not suitable, it will be postponed until the following Friday. Our kura has been assigned to record at the Long Jump along side one other kura. One staff member will do this whilst another manages the race program.

We've had a small number of alerts from whaanau about 'kutu'. Please check if your child is scratching and therefore needs to be treated. We do have at the kura a small number of special 'kutu combs' as well as some lotion for treatment. Let us know if we can support you with this (no costs).

The Swim-safe team have been working with students in the pool this week and will continue next Tues, Wed and Fri.

Enjoy the rest of your week whaanau…

Heoi ano
Kevin Ikin, Principal

Upcoming Events this Term

Interschools Athletics	Friday 27th Nov
If due to rain Interschools Athletics	Fri 4th Dec
Swim-safe instructions	1st, 2nd, 4th December
Final Assembly – Prizegiving	Thursday 10th Dec
Last day of kura for students in Term 4	11th Dec

Community Notices

Attendance:

Would you believe that there is still a high number of tamariki away for illness? We were hoping for the magic number of 90% attendance last week. We got to 84%. Tangihanga was also a large reason for absent students
Thank you whaanau for keeping in coms with the kura and letting us know if tamariki are going to be away

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This weekend, there is a wonderful opportunity to whaanau to participate in:

Waiata Tawhito

All welcome at the kura in the Multi Purpose Room
There is a gathering of whaanau who meet to waiata.
From 12 – 4pm
Contact Nanny Hanna Herbert 0220705571
Meeting this Sunday 29th November

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We have the timber to start the last project before the school term ends. A waharoa will be built out the front

of the kura to add protection for our tamariki during rain and sun conditions. It will also serve as a first meeting reference point for manuhiri for our powhiri or whakatau



The next step is to have our students prep the material with either stain or paint



Matua Dimarius working with Nicholas and Hatta, staining the timber



Nicholas has this under control

Centennial Park School Values
Ngā Uara



Wairua Hihiko - (Innovation) their creativity, imagination and flair for innovation

Panekiretanga - (Excellence) in all they apply themselves to

Mana Tangata - Pride in their identity, resilience when faced with challenges and adversity, enduring respect and care for hapū and iwi, integrity of character and as an individual

Maniapototanga – versed in the whakapapa, waiata, karakia, histories of Maniapoto

Senior students involved with the Waitomo Society of Arts - Pottery Class



Students had a choice of making cups or something that was special to them during a pottery class last week.



Taiao, Nicholas and Taiiri focused on their pottery project



Teare with a determined look and an eye for detail with his pottery project



Taiiri made a heart shaped cup for her pottery project.

The items will be painted and then glazed to finish off

Sadly, this will be the last time that the Waitomo Society of Arts will be at our kura. They will be relocating into a building in the middle of town. We are very grateful and thankful for all the Creative Art opportunities our tamariki have experienced during the past 10years +

Athletics Day last Friday (20th Nov)



Te Amorangi prepares for her shotput practice shot



A very close finish for the intermediate boys 100 mtr sprints between Zkaiya and Moses – what a great effort boys…



Great action shot with lots of determination from the intermediate boys



The shuttle relays were a lot of fun – with a close finish in the end



Bless, Misty, Maungarongo and Bronc have an even start in their 60 mtr dash to the finish line

There were some amazing athletic talent out on display last Friday…for sure



Does it show how happy they are to run and how determined they are to win… The 5-year-olds 60mtr sprint was a very even race. So hard to pick a single winner – They were all winners…



The senior boys 100 mtr was a great race with a close finish between Clinton, Kace and Te Maika