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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



"WHERE STRONG VALUES ANCHOR LEARNING"

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Nau Mai Haere Mai, Greetings ● Tena Koutou ● Talofa Lava ● Malo e Lelei ● Fakaalofa Lahi ● Namaste Fakafeilooki ● Ni Sa Bula ● Noaia'e Mauri ● Kia Orana ● Asalam Alykum ● Ni Hao ● Konnichiwa

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

What a vibrant, energetic, and busy term it has been so far and there is still a lot more to come! Walking through our school every day, I am constantly reminded of what a special place this is. Our dedicated team is continually striving to offer our students new, exciting opportunities that spark a love for learning while bringing our wonderful community together.

We've had so many fantastic events to celebrate recently:

- **HPPA Touch Tournament:** Our touch rugby teams represented the school with outstanding skill, sportsmanship, and pride. It was a hugely successful and enjoyable day out, and our team made us all immensely proud!
- **Frosty Friday Delights:** Fridays have quickly become a favorite around here! Seeing the long lines of students, eagerly waiting for their delicious treat, has brought so much fun to the end of each week.
- **Book Week & Parade:** Reading came alive across the school with incredible classroom competitions, author explorations, senior classes visiting our local Pakuranga library and their librarians visiting our junior classes right here at school and, of course, our dazzling Book Character Parade. The creativity on display in those costumes was simply phenomenal!
- **"Wear Your Culture to School" Day:** Our annual celebration of diversity was a rich, beautiful success. Seeing our students proudly wearing their traditional clothing and sharing their heritage brought our school to life with colour and unity which is one of our school values.

Thank you to our talented staff, supportive parents, and incredible students for making our school such an inspiring place to grow and learn together!

Attendance

This remains a big focus for our school and continues to be quite challenging to achieve what is classified as **regular attendance.** That means, your child is present at school for more than 90% of the school term (which generally equates to missing fewer than 5 days per term, or less than 1 week out of a 10 week term). Everyday there are students who are missing whole days of school due to appointments or other unjustified absenteeism that significantly impacts the progress your child is making at school.

What we ask from you:

1. Reserve absences strictly for genuine illness or unavoidable medical reasons
2. Avoid taking students out of school for routine errands, trips, or leisure activities during term time
3. Reach out to us early if there are real challenges keeping your child from attending so we can support you

Your children deserve the best possible opportunity to succeed. Please support your child, their classmates, and our teachers by ensuring school attendance is your family's top priority every single day.

Congratulations to everyone for ensuring that hats are being worn during break times at school. The children are managing their hat wearing responsibilities incredibly well and are managing not to forget them or lose them. Kai pai to mahi!

A gentle reminder to parents to check that your child's hat is named as they all look the same!



On Tuesday the 15th of December, our school will be taking part in Reindeer Run 2026, a fun-filled fundraising event supporting KidsCan. Reindeer Run is all about kids helping kids. Our students will be getting active,having fun and raising funds to help provide food, jackets, shoes and other essentials for Kiwi kids who need them most.We are looking forward to a fantastic day filled with lots of laughter, reindeer antlers and plenty of festive fun! More details to follow.

New enrolments for 2027

We are looking to grow our school roll and welcome both in-zone and out-of-zone enrolments for 2027.

Our strong values create a safe, nurturing environment where every child is known, encouraged, and inspired to grow into confident, capable learners.



If you have friends, neighbours, colleagues, or whānau with school-aged children, we'd be grateful if you spread the word about Anchorage Park. Sometimes the perfect school is just waiting to be discovered!

Term 4 important dates and events - please take a look!!!

- Friday 13th November (and every Friday thereafter) Frosty Fridays
- Saturday 14th November Te Kotuku Kapa Haka festival at Ruapotaka Marae
- Friday 11th December 2026 Prizegiving at 1:15pm in the school hall
- Friday 11th December Reports go live on HERO at 12:00pm
- Tuesday 15th December PB4L whole school reward day
- Wednesday 16th December - last day of school (school finishes at 12:00pm)

2027 Term Dates

Don't forget to add these dates to your calendar.

Term 1 - Tuesday 2nd Feb. - Friday 9th April
Term 2 - Tuesday 27th April - Friday 2nd July
Term 3 - Monday 19th July - Friday 24th Sept.
Term 4 - Monday 11th Oct. - Wednesday 15th Dec.

Ngā mihi nui
Tracy - Tumuaki/Principal