



SCHOOL WELCOMING BACK NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 3

14th July 2025

Principals Post

Tēnā koutou, Dzień dobry, Mālō e leilei, Madainn Mhath, Namaste, Me Wo Kye3, Greetings.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in the best of health and ready to begin another term. Mid Year reports were sent out in the last week of Term 2. If you did not receive your child's progress report, please contact the Office.

MANAAKITANGA is our overarching core value for this term. Caring, respecting and hospitality are the 3 main attributes that we will be unpacking..

I must say that Manaakitanga was in its' truest form during Puanga as we hosted our Kaumatua Luncheon. Thank you to all the hands that made it possible.

We have four projects that have been floating around the school. They are as follows:

TE TOMOKANGA KI TE AO MĀRAMA- Gateway to Understanding. A deliberate attempt for everyone to get to know each other. To get to understand the why, the what, the when, the which and the how through a Māori worldview lens. Can we we do this together? Yes, we can.

NGĀ HUA O TE WĀNANGA- The Fruits of Learning. A deliberate attempt to utilise our Maara as our Enviro Classroom. So many things happen in our Maara, and by fostering doable systems and careful maintenance we can upkeep a sustainable community whilst introducing our very own Enviro Literacy!

WHANAUNGATANGA KI TE TAIAO- Connecting with the Environment. Another deliberate attempt to make connections with our Environment. In particular, the land, the water, the air and fire. This connection has taken the skills of Ngā mahi a Rēhia, which is inclusive of the Arts. Sports, Drama, and Technology. Everything that sits in these strands are ways of connecting with the environment. The two main classrooms that are helping us to achieve these goals are the Maara and the Lake.

NĀU TE KAIHAUTŪ O TŌ WAKA- You are the Steerer of your Vehicle. A metaphorical attempt to prepare our students for the goals that they wish to pursue. Are we as adults providing as many opportunities as we can to spark a dream, to grow an idea? Are our tamariki prepared for their next steps? We as parents and teachers can not guarantee that we will prepare them for every step of their future, but we can guarantee to prepare them to take ownership of their destiny, the ups and the downs, the tears and the laughter, the hopes and dreams.

Nāku noa iti (Your sincerely),

Whaea Vix. (Victoria Greening-Winiata)

JUNIOR CLASS WITH MRS SIGNAL

STRUCTURED LITERACY

Sunshine is the current platform being used.
iDEAL is being used with Matua Mike.

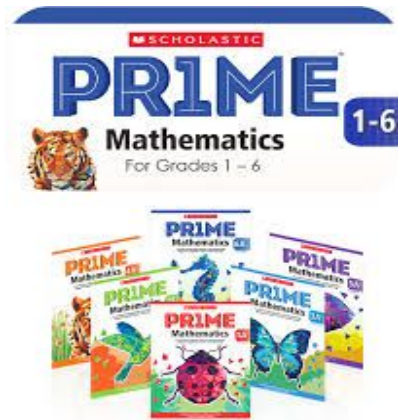


Structured Math Programme

Whaea Vix- Performing Arts
Mrs Signal-Te Reo Māori

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:
Karakia - School Notices Oral Language Handwriting HEALTHY SNACK Maths Maintenance Maths	Karakia Oral Language Handwriting HEALTHY SNACK Maths Maintenance Maths	Karakia Oral Language Handwriting HEALTHY SNACK Maths Maintenance Maths	Karakia Oral Language Handwriting HEALTHY SNACK Maths Maintenance Maths	Karakia - School Notices/Assembly Oral Language Handwriting HEALTHY SNACK Maths Maintenance Maths
Shared Book Reading Activity Instructional Reading Reading Task Board Literacy - Storywriting	Shared Book Reading Activity Structured Literacy Reading Task Board Literacy - Storywriting	Shared Book Reading Activity Instructional Reading Reading Task Board Literacy - Storywriting	Shared Book Reading Activity Structured Literacy Reading Task Board Literacy - Storywriting	Shared Poem Poem of the Week Te Reo Māori Literacy - Word Work
Silent Reading Play Based Learning	Performing Arts Inquiry	Silent Reading Inquiry Physical Education	Silent Reading Inquiry	Buddy Reading Play Based Learning Physical Education

SENIOR CLASS WITH MR JEFFREYS

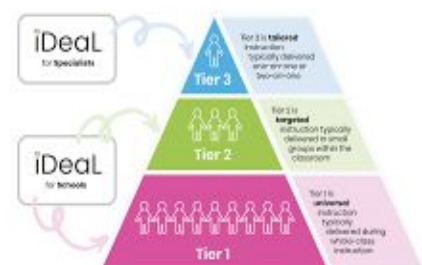


PR1ME Maths is our Maths Programme.
It focuses on understanding numbers and
how they're used
Financial Literacy/Algebra are our topics
across this term.

Rāapa Wednesday	Rāpare Thursday	Rāmere Friday
Karakia/Roll Oral language discussion	Karakia/Roll Oral language discussion	Karakia/ School Assembly
MATHS Number Financial Numeracy	MATHS Number Financial Numeracy	MATHS Number Financial Numeracy
Independent Reading Reading Writing - Speeches Spelling	Independent Reading Reading Writing - Speeches Spelling	Independent Reading Reading Writing - Speeches Spelling
Science Maara Flotation	Physical Education Cross Country	Art Visual 2D Photography Composition

**WARNING !
THERE MAYBE A CLASS TRIP !**

Ideal is our focused Spelling programme
Matua Mike will be running small groups workshops on
the identified needs of the students



SENIOR CLASS WITH WHAEA VIX MONDAY AND TUESDAY



Structured Literacy Platform- Matua Mike will support using this tool for Term 3. Foundational skills approach taught systematically



PRIME Maths is our Programme. Whaea Vix does Tues Math integrated with Te Reo. Financial Literacy/Algebra are our topics this term.

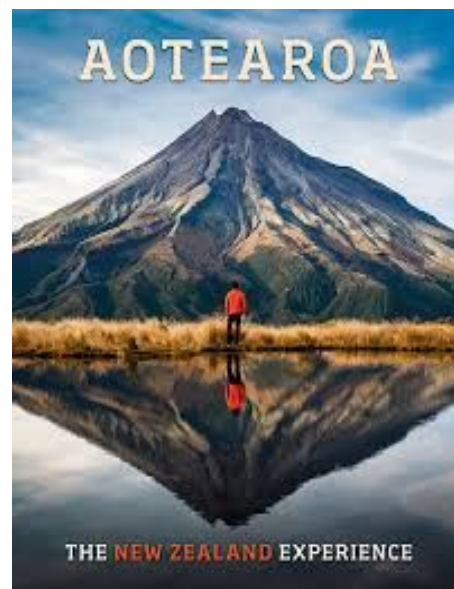


Literacy- Persuasive and or Argument Writing for Speeches. Whaea Vix will integrate elements of performance for speechmaking with Performing Arts.

Karakia	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	End of Day
MONDAY	Fitness Math	Literacy Social Science	Digital Literacy Photography/Art	Chores/Karakia
TUESDAY	Fitness Math	Literacy Te Reo	Performing Arts Speech Conduct	Karakia



Performing Arts will focus on elements of speech performing and kapa haka for Kāhui Ako Kapa Haka at end of term. Māori/English/Sign will make up our Kapa Haka performance.



Photography can also be done at home. Years 4-6- need to do 1 photo. Years 7-8- need to do a photo board of 6.

Social Science and Te Reo will focus on social and cultural interaction within New Zealand.

MANAAKITANGA (Hospitality) is our main topic for Term 3.

Homework Satchels: These will be sent home every Tuesday and due back on Wednesday, where Mr Jeffreys will resend home and due back on Fridays.

TERM 3 TABLE OF EVENTS

JULY Monday 14th	First Day of Term 3
AUGUST	
Thursday 7th	Principal Hui at Ratapiko Library. (No Pōwhiri as they have already been welcomed to our school)
Friday 8th	Teacher Only Day-Kāhui Ako
Monday 18th-22nd	Tongan Language Week
Friday 29th	School Speeches Daffodil Day
SEPTEMBER	
Tuesday 2nd	Kāhui Ako Cross Country
Sunday 7th	Fathers Day
Wednesday 10th-14th	Kāhui Ako Photography Week
Sunday 14th	Lions Speeches
Monday 15th	Māori Language Week
Wednesday 17th	Kapa Haka Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 18th	Kāhui Ako Kapa Haka
Friday 19th	Teacher Only Day-Ratapiko

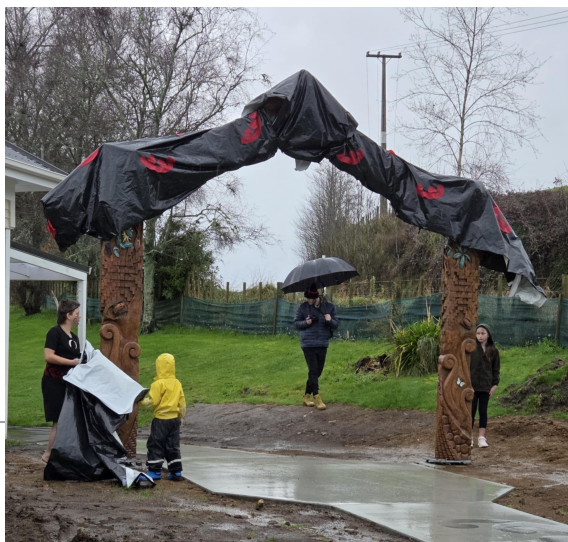
Please note: As TOD did not happen last term, our Staff will be holding our TOD on September Friday 19th.

Note: There will be a Kāhui Ako TOD for Maths on Friday 8th August.

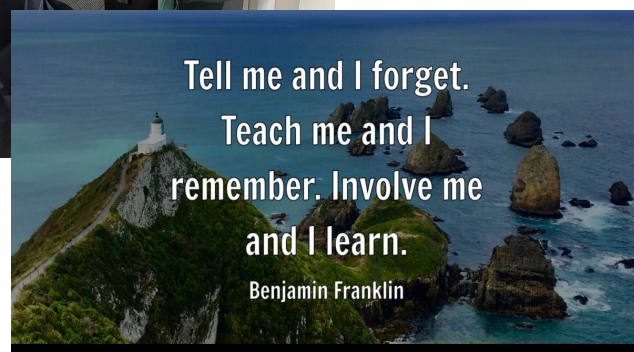
STUDENT COUNCIL



Our Council Reps did us proud as they attended the Opening of Kaimata Schools Tomokanga (Gateway) with Whaea Vix. Although it was wet, the occasion continued and it was honourable to witness. Well done Kaimata School!



Our Leadership Programme (Kāhui Tarata) Chairman and Kaikōrero represented our School with humility and respect. Well done to Lennox, who stood and thanked Kaimata School for the invite and the lovely food prepared, whilst handing over our koha.



Prepping and painting the fence ready for Puanga.

Administration

REPORT ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL.

Either...

- Ring School Office.
- FB message your child's Teacher.
- Email Admin Office, not the Principal.
admin@ratapiko.school.nz

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION...You MUST

- Sign a consent form at the Office.
- Medication is in a secure container.
- As we do not have a school nurse or a full time Administrator, please support your child's Teacher to administer.

All students will have the opportunity to enter this year. Year 7's and Yr 8's will present differently. This is a good opportunity for our tamariki to have a digital learning experience. Your Teacher will send out a newsletter explaining your child's goals and expectations. It is hopeful that each student has access to a digital device at home. If not, they will have an opportunity at school with the devices.

**2025
PHOTOGRAPHY
SHOWCASE**
TE KĀHUI AKO O TE KŌHANGA MOA

**10 – 14
SEPTEMBER 2025**
PRIZEGIVING:
11 SEPTEMBER (EVENING)
INGLEWOOD ROTARY HALL
13 MOA STREET, INGLEWOOD



EXPERIENCE OUR WHENUA
THROUGH THE EYES OF THE
NEXT GENERATION.



Please take care of our Playground.
We are currently seeking funding to
give some TLC to our fantastic
playground!

Welcome to

Ratapiko School

This playground is for everyone to enjoy. There is an element of risk in all play. Parents and caregivers are respectfully asked to supervise their children at all times when using this playground

- This playground has been designed for children aged 5 - 12 years of age
- Please respect other users - no pushing, shoving or throwing soft fill
- Always use the play equipment as intended
- Wear proper footwear
- Be aware of potential hazards such as draw strings and hoods on clothing
- Do not wear bike helmets when playing on this playground



Don't Litter



No Dogs



No Glass or
Alcohol



No Smoking or
Vaping

EMERGENCY DETAILS

You are here: (4 Ratapiko Road)

Phone: 111 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY OR SERIOUS INJURY

Phone or email: (06 762 4818 or email
admin@ratapiko.school.nz) to advise of any maintenance
requirements



Community Term 3 Happenings...



Whaea Vix attended the post opening for the new re-location of Toi Foundation during the holidays.

A lovely way to keep our whanaungatanga with our leading Funder. Came back with some little goods for our School Koha/Praise Box!



Our Rūma Manaaki- Hospitality Room will have it's own door to the hallway/toilets/staffroom/classrooms. What a rigmarole to get started...all the checking from the Sparky etc! Anyway...BIG smiles now..x



Quiz Night! Great night! Regardless of another Puanga wet event! Warm atmosphere, competitive spirit and some loud noise! They came first or second!



Principals Quiz Night Team! A wealth of knowledge between these Guardians of knowledge! Our ex students grandparents! Now we know Rosie Young!

We would like to thank the Committee of Ratapiko Hall for all their support to our School. Our Hall, Our People, Our Place, Our Marae.

FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. You will hear us talking about this with you, with our students and it remains a strong subject of conversation in the staff room.

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school can be tricky. If you are still unsure, get in touch with us and let's work together to support your learner.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us.

If you are finding it hard to get your child to school, please talk with us so we can work together. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

Our school continues to build a culture that fosters attendance every day by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and family.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who you are, where you come from and what you value.
- A school whānau that takes all practical steps to make sure your child is at school and progressing in their learning.
- A school that is safe and welcoming for everyone in our school community.

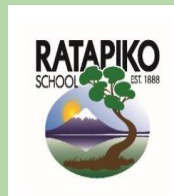
If you have any attendance queries and issues, please contact us so we can work together.

Need to check out our Policies?

School Docs

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Ratapiko Primary School
Year 0 - 8

Testimonial

"This school really helps my Adhd child develop, both in terms of academics and character. So my message to parents, don't hesitate to send your child to school here!"

(Student Parent)

"I feel that the teachers here are very good at guiding me, learning becomes more fun because the methods they use make me never feel bored"

(Student)



Ratapiko School
Year 0 - 8

Opening Registration 2025

Join a caring family environment!

Looking for a humble, caring school? Look no further! Give us a call here at Ratapiko!

Victoria Greening-Winiata

Principal/Tumuaki

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