



MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 2025

Principals Greeting

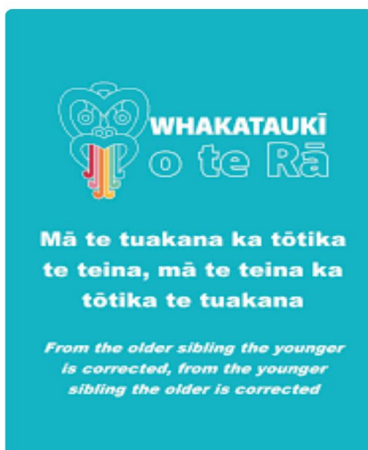
Tēnā koutou, Dzień dobry, Mālō e leilei, Madainn Mhath, Namaste, Me Wo Kye3, Greetings.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in the best of health. Week 6 has quickly come upon us as we start the month of June.

The month of May had our students working hard and exploring with new games and activities. Senior class have had 4 new students and 1 student return. Whanaungatanga has been the biggest focus for the Seniors and their Teacher during this short space of time.

Mid Year Reports will be ready by the end of this term. These reports will give you a progress report on where your child is currently at.

2025 is a transition year. Reporting may still reflect parts of the existing curriculum and assessment, until 2026 when we have completed our professional development and have assessment tools that are fully aligned to the new curriculum. Year 7 and 8 English curriculum is still under review, therefore they will be assessed on the existing assessment and curriculum framework. If you have any queries please feel free to ask.



This whakatauki encourages our older students to be great examples and embraces our younger students to do the same. The fruition of learning together.



Month of June:

- 3rd June-Matariki GlowShow
- 9th June-International Language Week
- 11th June-School Spellathon
- 16th June-Puanga Week/ERO visit
- 19th June-Kaumatua Luncheon
- 20th June- Matariki Day (Public Holiday)
- 26th June-End of Term 2



Seniors set out and enjoyed their Enviro Literacy in the Maara.

Our Enviro Classroom has had a facelift with some new systems in place.

From working benches for produce and tools have been erected and all resources were recycled. Compost bins have been boarded to minimise overgrowth. Enthusiastic Enviro kids!



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THE MAARA- A fiction story written by Adison Barton.

The garden is in the dark deeps of the haunted vegetable school. You have to go through the flaming room to get there. Once you are through the flaming room, you have to enter the unicorn room cautiously and through the zombi field!. The school is in Alaska! Therefore you have to swim to get there! Be careful of the polar bears!

The potatoes and kūmara have wars every month at night to see who tastes better! They use pitchforks. There are ones that have passed away because they got stabbed. They were buried in dirt coffins. After a week they pop right back!

The garden protects all the endangered animals, however they died because they had no food! The garden is used for planting vegetables. Disgusting! No kid likes vegetables!

The spirit of the Principal Whaea Vix and all her students of Ratapiko School 2025 still linger around, even though it is now 4038! All the people who blessed the maara and the people who visited are also lurking around!

The garden is still alive because the unicorn used her magic and thunderstorms! The lightning makes the vegetables magical, but if you eat them before 24 hours, you may die! However, you can survive, if you had 5 hours left, before the vegetables are ready! Good luck in the Maara!

Kāhui Ako Rippa Rugby Yr5/6

Fantastic day had by our 4 students who repped our school for Year 5&6 Rippa Rugby. They joined up with St Patrick School and made a team. Great experience and whanaungatanga!



Whole School Happenings!

MATARIKI GLOWSHOW AT TSB THEATRE!

Excited bus ride as we travelled into town. Talkative and identifying various buildings in the city, especially McDonald's! Arrived at the Theatre and settled in to watch the glowing theatrical play. Rather noisy as other schools and playcentres attended, however an experience for the imagination as some children started talking about creating their own show!



ROAD SAFETY!



A wānanga on Road Safety led by Mr Jeffreys and Mrs Gibbins. We love playing at our school, the trees are fun to climb and sometimes jumping fences is exhilarating! But we know that we are safer playing within the school grounds!



A gentle reminder to our students and ourselves about keeping safe is all that we need to create a safe and happy environment.

OUR STUDENT COUNCIL-Year 7/8 Leadership Programme.

We have just had an influx of Year 7 & Year 8 students. As part of a Leadership Programme, we are now able to have a Senior Student Council. Because our Year 7's and Year 8's are quite new to our school, we have co-opted Year 6's to join the council at various meetings.

We look forward to working with this new council and they have already come up with some initiatives! For wet weather days we have a Reading Club and an Arts and Crafts Club in the pipeline!

We would like to acknowledge Zavair, Lennox, Walker, Aubree, Te Ahungarere and Amara as our Council. Our co-opted members are Adison, Rachel, Aria and Savvi, who are able to attend a meeting each term and assist where needed. Before we had an influx of Year 7's and 8's, Lincoln was chosen as our Mid Leadership for Sports and IT.



Work in progress as they learn to work with each other!



Our very own Council Angels that will support our Student Council as they navigate through their Leadership Programme.

Leadership Programme

Earn credits toward their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

BRONZE-Papatūānuku
Foundational

SILVER-Tangaroa/Hinemanoana
Developing

GOLD-
Tūmatauenga/Hinekeira
Leadership

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Career development/experience
- Attend Leadership Programs



Great start back Lennox! Fantastic initiative cleaning out our sports room!



Lincoln is also our Mid Leadership Rep which has a focus on Sports and IT.

Jack and the Beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a boy named Jack. Jack had a mum. They were really poor. They had a cow. Their cow was called 'Milky White'. His mum said "we need to sell the cow". On the way to the market Jack met a man who gave him five magic beans for the cow.

Jack went to tell his mother. Jack's mother was mad. She sent Jack to bed. She threw the beans out the window. Overnight the beans grew and grew. In the morning his room was full of green light. He woke up and he gasped. He saw a giant beanstalk.

He climbed the beanstalk. He was amazed. Jack saw a huge castle. He saw a giant. The giant had a hen that laid golden eggs. When the giant went to sleep, Jack stole the hen. The giant woke up. The giant chased Jack down the beanstalk. Jack grabbed the axe and chopped down the beanstalk.

Written by Melody Hanscombe



'Jack and the Beanstalk'

The students retold the well known story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They made ogres for up above the clouds. Their stories were published into proper books. A lot of time and pride was taken to complete this writing task - from draft copies, editing then publishing. The stories were based on one particular version of the original story. The students enjoyed making comparisons between different versions. Authors in the making!

Acknowledgement Page!



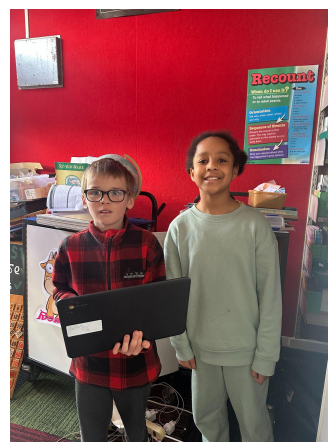
We took time out to thank our Support Staff for all that they do for us as a school, and us as a community! They are the backbone of all that we do and sometimes are left unsung. The cogs of the school could not run without them!



Our latest certificate recipients! There is always something to reward our children, whether it is being kind to topping the class in a test! Every student has a super power waiting to present itself!



This little team used their own time to clear our court of all the fallen leaves!



Te Pare takes time out to reset our device system. Sharing the responsibility with Carter, they are now a force to be reckoned with!



Recent recipients for excellent Ākonga! More this week because of Enviro initiatives as well!

Need to check out our Policies?

School Docs

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Website under reconstruction. Not too long!



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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



Ratapiko School
Year 0 - 8

Opening Registration 2025

Join a caring family environment!



Victoria Greening-Winiata

Principal/Tumuaki

First Aid Certification

**COME ALONG TO GET YOUR
FIRST AID CERTIFICATE!!!**



RE-CERTIFICATION

If your certificate has expired in the last 2 years and 3 months- come along!!

Unit Standard:

06401, 06402

Thursday 17th July

8.30am till 3pm

RSVP: FRIDAY 27TH JUNE



FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

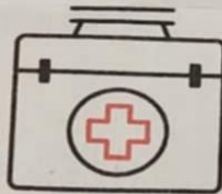
Perfect for anyone who wishes to gain a basic first aid certificate. Valid for 2 years from date of completion.

Unit Standard 06401,
06402

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

8.30am- 5pm

RSVP: FRIDAY 27TH JUNE



FURTHER INFORMATION

These courses will take place at Ratapiko Hall.

The cost will be \$40 payable in cash on the day. Invoices available.

To book the course or for more information please get in touch with Alana Marriner
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