



## Ratapiiko School & Community

### Newsletter - Pānui

May 2025

#### Whakatauki:



#### School Values:

**W**hanaungatanga - Connected

**A**koranga - Learning

**M**anaakitanga - Confident

**M**āiatanga - Caring

Students earn WAMM vouchers for a weekly draw at assembly.

#### He maioha tō te Tumuaki... *Principal's Greeting.*

Tēnā tātou e te whānau. Greetings to you all.

Focus topic for Term 2. Ākonga- The learner and the Learning.

The above proverb talks about a growth mindset, individuals are encouraged to build their skills and experiences to reach their full potential. Emphasising the importance of developing a wide range of abilities and talents

Week 2 Term 2 and things are going according to plan thus far. Lots of learning, lots of variety, lots of laughter, lots of heads down and lots of talking! As our days start getting colder, we are still battling the weather with morning fitness, sport skills, cultivating and play based activities during break times. It is so beautiful living here in Ratapiko.

Thank you to our Board members who have been working very hard in the background to ensure that our School achieves all our goals and aspirations.

#### Consultations

The latest survey for curriculum core subjects are all due back by the end of next week, Friday 16th May. Please have your say. If there is something that you wish to say other than what is written, please feel free to do so. It is important that your voice is heard and acknowledged. There are no more until next term (3) where we will consult on Health Education and the Localised Curriculum. Term (4) will consult on Behavioural conduct and Extracurricular.

Event:

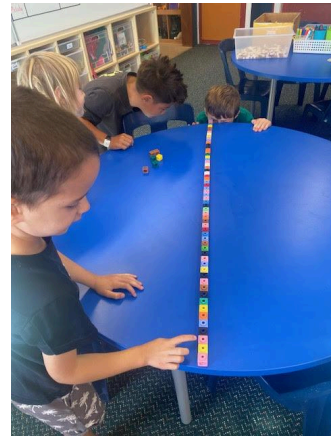
*Tuesday 13th-Rippa Rugby for interested students only. Lincoln, Savvi, Adison and Polly. They will combine with St Patrick's School to make up a full team. Matua Mike will be the Teacher in charge.*

**CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Monday 28th April	Term 2
Wednesday 21st May	Kahui Rippa Rugby
Friday 30th May	Teacher Only Day
Monday 2nd June	Kings Birthday
Tuesday 3rd June	Matariki Glo Show
Thursday 19th June	Puanga Luncheon
Friday 20th June	Matariki (no school)
Tuesday 24th June	Kahui Football
Thursday 26th June	EOT Praisegiving
Friday 27th June	Mid Year Reports go home.
Friday 27th June	End of Term 2 - Holidays start

**Measurement with the Juniors:**

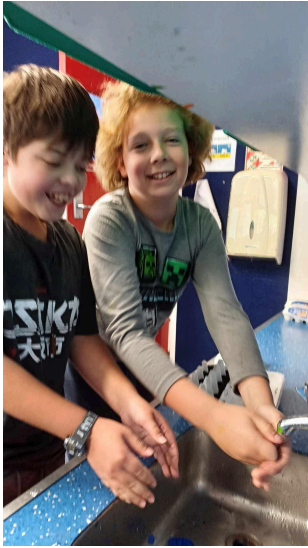
*The students learnt that 'informal' units of measure need to be a consistent size, used end to end, have no gaps and be in a straight line. They used 10's rods, cubes, rako and counters to measure a range of things in the classroom.*





Maara Preparation by the Senior Class:

*The students in the senior room have begun propagation with seeds in egg cartons - to speed up the growing process. They have planted carrot seeds straight into the soil. The students are following the phases of the moon for planting.*





## **Presiding Member Board of Trustees Message:**

The board thought this is a good time to touch base with you all. Firstly we would like to welcome the new students and families that have joined the Ratapiko school family. ERO (education review office) is due in the middle of the year to carry out the triennial review. This process includes checking the required school processes and policies are in place with evidence of them, before a two day meeting with the principal and school staff to ensure policies, procedures and government directions are carried out and that our children are receiving the best education they can. This process will take a large amount of effort from all of the school staff to achieve the best outcome. As you may have heard in the media the government has made changes on the amount of time core subjects are taught. Ratapiko has made these changes and the staff has had to attend training (such as structured literacy) to ensure we are keeping with the government directives. Currently we are working on the school website, the original school website we had, went missing and has not been found. We created a new website, with the help from Lia Young. This site development has now been taken over by another company and the new website should be up and running in the near future.

This year is the triannual school board elections, it will be held mid september. Closer to the time the board will be holding information day and or night, about what is included in being a board member and what role the board has in the running of the school.

Lastly If there is anything that you as parents or the community are worried about or curious about please feel free to email me or the school. We can work through any of these questions or queries.

Thank you

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## ***Community Notices:***

*If you ever want to put information or a notice in the newsletter please email -*

[\*donnas@ratapiko.school.nz\*](mailto:donnas@ratapiko.school.nz)

*Newsletters come out mid month.*

### **Junior Writing:**

*The students are learning about adjectives. They know that they describe a noun. They know that 'you cannot hold an adjective'.*

#### **Nickle Nackle Bird**

My Nickle Nackle Bird is called Kingfisher. She is kind because she helps her baby. She is not scared. Kingfisher likes to eat worms. Her favourite colour is purple. Kingfisher loves worms. She has a fancy curly tail.

Written by  
Willow Simpson



#### **Nickle Nackle Bird**

My Nickle Nackle Bird is called Sassy. She sings beautiful songs in the early morning. She is smart because she can write big words in the air. Sassy has rainbow feathers in stripes on her tummy. Sassy is a cheeky bird who hides special things.

Written by  
Melody Hanscombe

