



17th September 2025

Principals Post

The end of Term 3 has finally arrived! Our students have been very busy over the last two weeks as they wrap up their subjects.

Our last event for the Kāhui Ako is **kapa haka**, and our students have been working hard to embrace their learning. The more they understand, the more professional their performance becomes. Our junior students have been working just as hard as the seniors, as you'll see when they take the stage at Inglewood High School on **Thursday, the 18th**.

We are all looking forward to the school holidays! This is a great time for our staff to reset, take a break, and tend to their own well-being. It's a chance for our students to relax and celebrate all their hard work, and for the school itself to have a quiet moment to breathe.

However, the holidays aren't a complete break for everyone! The first week will be dedicated to our playground. After a recent safety inspection, we are happy to have ACG Property Services coming in to give the playground some much-needed TLC. Once it meets the necessary safety requirements, we will look at painting it when the weather improves.

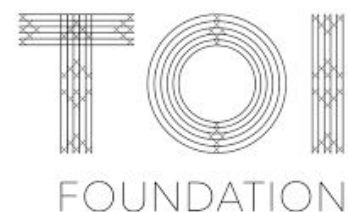
During the second week of the holidays, the senior classroom will be getting new carpet due to asbestos. For this reason, the school will be **OUT OF BOUNDS** from **September 29th** until the asbestos is safely removed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support in your child's education. It is a privilege to have such a wide range of talents, skills, and authentic vision within our school community.

I encourage you all to spend some quality time with your children over the break and value the wonderful parenting you have all done. Our tamariki are just amazing!

Nāku noa iti, (Yours sincerely)

Victoria Greening-Winiata (Whaea Vix)



We would like to thank Toi Foundation for funding our Playground.

TIMETABLE FOR TERM 4

OCTOBER	
Monday 6th	School starts back-Term 4
Friday 10th	Backyard Skiffle at Inglewood Primary - tbc
Saturday 18th	Lamb and Calf Day
Thursday 23rd	Teachers/Principals/support Staff strike.
Friday 24th	Athletics Day at Norfolk Primary
Monday 27th	Labour Day
NOVEMBER	
Tuesday 11th	Kāhui Ako Athletics- Winners only from Athletics Day at Norfolk Primary.
Thursday 27th	Swimsafe water skills training
Friday 28th	Learn to Sail Day
DECEMBER	
Week 9	Trips and outings on various days. Tbc
Thursday 11th Dec	Prize Giving and Student Concert

STUDENT COUNCIL- KĀHUI TARIKI

Kia ora the term has been great. With lamb and calf day coming up we have been very good at designing and merchandising our stores. Everyone has been great with teamwork. We can not wait for....

Lamb and Calf Day!

Happy Holidays to all my friends and all our teachers! Happy holidays to all our juniors! Hope everyone enjoys their time together! Be safe, be happy, be awesome!
- See you all next term, Journey and the council.

If you are not making mistakes, then you are not making decisions... Catherine Cookson



Goings on...



Lennox prepares our resources ready for kapahaka.



JUNIOR CLASS WITH MRS SIGNAL

Something a little different this month. Melody and Willow did a lot of problem solving/maths to build their cuisenaire rod tower. They were very excited to build it 'nearly as tall as Mrs Signal'. At the end they literally blew it over!



SENIOR CLASS WITH WHAEA VIX

As Term 3 comes to a close, our senior class, which includes students from Year 4 to Year 8, has been immersed in a wide range of learning experiences.

Some have seized every opportunity to broaden their horizons, while others have contended with personal challenges and the complexities of growing older. In our diverse, multi-leveled classroom, we've focused on making our school's core values "living" principles, not just words we speak. While this period has been challenging for some, we've worked together to develop strategies that support everyone. Through it all, the whakatauki below reminds us of the beauty of being a child—a truth we must never forget.

**‘He tamariki he wāwahi taha’
*Children who break calabashes.***

The calabash (or hue/gourd) was a valuable taonga that had many uses, such as storing water and kai. In this whakatauki it can also represent rules and guidelines. It is natural for children to challenge boundaries as they navigate through life — that is how they learn. It is our duty as parents and caregivers to guide our tamariki to respect the world around them (people and things).

We must accept their inquisitive nature and understand that making mistakes is part of their journey to discovering who they are in this world

We have been very busy trying to close all our Term 3 work. There are still some of our students away from school due to being sick. Look after yourselves. As we enter the last few days, we have been setting goals for Term 4. Our Financial Literacy Math Programme is now coming to fruition as we reset for Term 4. Merchandising and Advertising are the focus points at this time and we will develop our customer service and cash handling in Term 4 at the Lamb and Calf Day!

SENIOR CLASS WITH WHAEA VIX



Morning fitness-shuttles.



Kahoot- crafted assessments on what they have learnt. They love Kahoot!



Reading to self turns into reading to class. Randomly selected readers share a section of the book they are currently reading.



STAR assessments begin, Seriously focussed! Such an awesome class!

SENIOR CLASS WITH WHAEA VIX



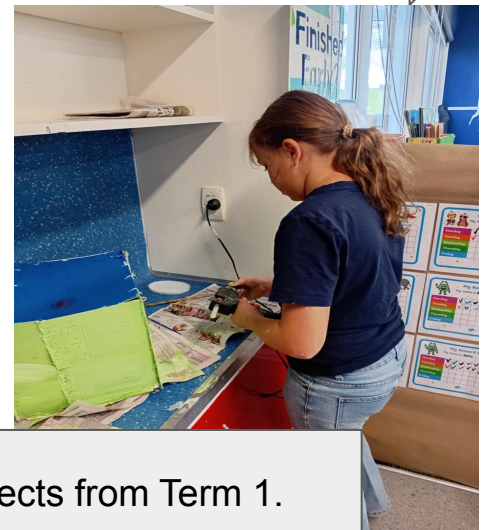
From this...



To this...



To this...



Touching up their 'whanaungatanga' projects from Term 1.



Sport and Recreation, Arts and Crafts are all integral components to a child's growth and well being. There are not enough hours in a day! Speaking of sport, we have Matua Kaarena who is a Basketball Coach coming in Term 4 to take Basketball for 5 weeks.! Matua was a Basketball rep player. We are so lucky to have someone available, as it is clear that our tamariki need structured sport!

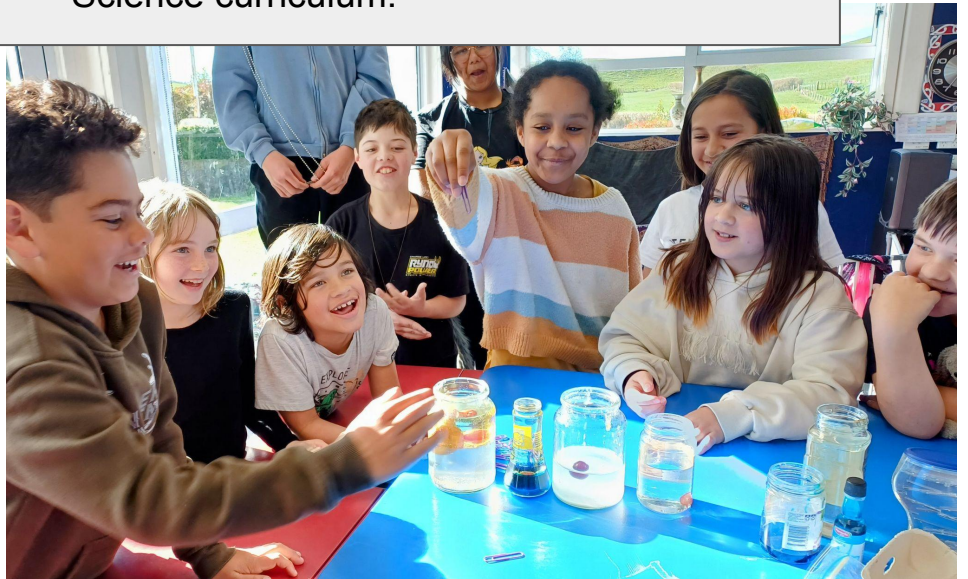
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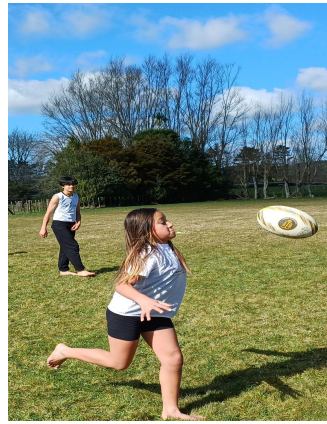
SCIENCE BOUYANCY DISPLACEMENT AND BOATS



We would like to thank Matua Mike for his wonderful support in our Science curriculum.



SENIOR CLASS WITH MR JEFFREYS



We would like to thank Sport Taranaki for sending Tangi Takie to take our sports for the last 4 weeks!



SENIOR CLASS WITH MR JEFFREYS



TIME TO GET BACK INTO THE **MAARA**

Preparing the
ground ready for
planting!



Community Happenings...



OUR LAMB AND CALF DAY IS now on the 18th october due to work being done at school.

THANK YOU TO THE PTA FOR ALL THE BACKGROUND WORK THAT YOU ARE ALL DOING!

THE SENIOR CLASS have been working hard to set up stalls as part of their Mathematics Programme.

As they learn life skills in Financial Literacy and Problem Solving in their Math curriculum they are excited to have an on hands experience of Retail and Marketing. With that in mind they are requesting any donations of the following items. NOT COMPULSORY and do not accept any pressure from your child!

- Used, clean, sellable items for their Op Shop.
- Items for prizes. No stipulation-anything from shop goods to homemade items to weeding your garden chits!



Kāhui Ako Athletics for Term 4...FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

The Kāhui would like every school to run their own interschool athletic day and send all the place getters to the Kāhui Ako Athletic Day.

We have been invited by Norfolk Primary to have our athletic day with them. Will get back to you closer to the time.

Administration

REPORT ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL. Either...

- Ring School Office.
- FB message your child's Teacher..
- Email Admin Office, **not** the Principal where possible.
admin@ratapiko.school.nz-Principal is not always at school.

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.

CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS PLEASE REFER TO SCHOOL DOCS

username: ratapiko

password: ratapiko 4390

ALL concerns and complaints will be dealt with as efficiently and fairly as possible.

RULE OF THUMB:

1. Contact your child's Teacher or Principal.
2. A verbal concern is the first step.
3. If you do not feel a verbal conversation is comfortable for you, then a written concern is encouraged.
4. Depending on the level of concern or complaint, there may be an expectation for a face to face meeting. All concerns are acknowledged.
5. Under NO circumstances are you permitted to enter the school grounds and discipline anyone else's child.
6. Please make an appointment to see your child's teacher or the Principal outside of school hours. Sometimes the Principal is available during school hours. Contact the Office.



Due to Staff reflection we have decided to ban all fizzy drink consumption at school and I have included SCHOOL fundraising events. No selling fizzy drinks as well.

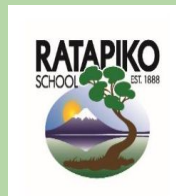
This includes sugar free drinks of any sort.
Thank you for your cooperation!

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
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Opening Registration 2025

Join a caring family environment!

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

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