

Newsletter

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Te Whakatipu i to Uira - Growing Your Glow

Term Two 2025

Week Three - 16 May

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Term 2, a shorter term than usual of nine weeks.

At the end of last term we farewelled Carter and Harvie Wanden who have moved to live in Te Kūiti. We wish them all the best at their new school in town. Thank you to Talitha for her contribution to governing the school in her role on the Board of Trustees.

Trail Run - Thank You

On Saturday 12 April with the sun shining down the Waitomo Trail Run returned. As in previous years, Waitomo Caves School was given the opportunity to run the Frog Pond Aid Station on the Stubbs farm. We would like to say thank you to Monica Clark for bringing the gear to the site, to Julian and Reuben Dimond for packing up and bringing the gear out and to Ben Stubbs for providing guidance to the site. A big thank you to our aid station volunteers who spent the day making sure runners kept hydrated, had snacks and first aid; John Houlihan, Steve, Ellarose, Samantha and Thomas McLennan.

COPs Winter Sports

The COPs Winter Sports day will be held on Wednesday 21 May which involves Years 3 to 8 students. Year 3 & 4's will play soccer at Ōtorohanga South School and the Year 5-8's will play rippa rugby at Ōtorohanga Island Reserve as a combined team.

Children will need a water bottle, snacks and suitable clothes for exercise. The WCS school sports top will be worn on the day. Soccer children will need shoes to play in but not soccer boots. Play is from 10.00am to 2.00pm and teams need to assemble by 9.30am at their venues. Thank you to those helpers who have indicated they are available to help with transport.



Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

We are providing food at the soccer venue and appreciate helpers. If you can donate some baking for the food stall that would be great. Please send it along to school on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Life Education

We have enjoyed our visit from the Life Education mobile classroom which we shared with Piripiri and Kinohaku Schools this week. Kowhai class have been learning about Relating to Others and Problem Solving. Kauri class have been learning about Team Building. Both classes have linked their learning to positive relationships with others and solving problems developing resilience.



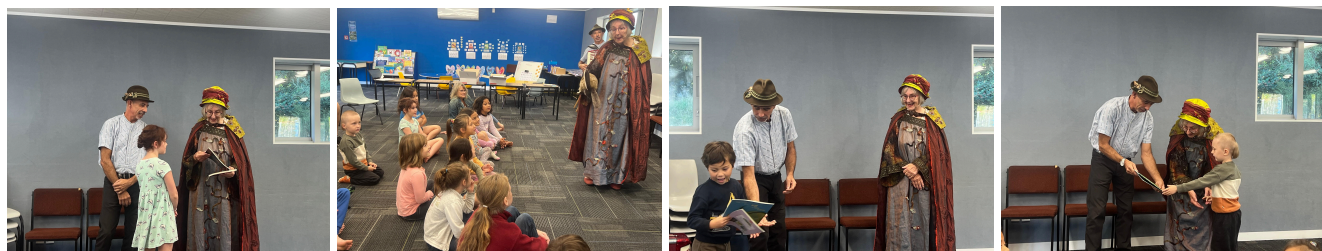
Community Assembly

Our next Community Assembly will be held in the multipurpose room on Friday 23 May starting at 1.15pm. Please come along and find out more about our learning.

Duffy Role Model Assembly

Our Duffy Role Model assembly took place last term with special guests storyteller Lesley Dowding and musician Aaron Bosch. Our visitors helped celebrate reading and presented special books.

Their message was simple: "It's Cool to Read and It's Cool to Achieve". The purpose of this assembly, beyond celebrating/presenting the books and encouraging reading, is to inspire your akonga on their journey of learning by showcasing the diverse range of career pathways available and to encourage them to follow their dreams too.



Click Happy

Click Happy is an award-winning wellbeing programme wrapped inside a photography workshop. Principles of Nonviolent Communication, Design Thinking, and Positive Psychology

are presented in a format that helps you to remove some of the barriers to your best creative work. You learn to look more creatively at your world. The Embodied Innovation Framework:
Head Brain

- Where we get our best ideas and how to lay the foundations for them to arrive
- Creative problem solving
- Innovative thinking
- Critical thinking without killing our best ideas before they have had a chance.

Heart Brain

- Connection
- Collaboration
- Self-compassion
- Empathy
- Compassionate Critical feedback



Gut Brain

- Intuition
- Responsibility
- Doing the right thing at the right time
- Accountability
- Courage
- Mana

Ground Brain (Connecting to Papatuanuku)

- Grounding, taking our ideas from vaporous thoughts to manifested reality
- Understanding and taking responsibility for what we bring into the world and understanding its impact on others
- Iterating to the next better version of our idea.



Ruben the Road Safety Bear

Ruben the Road Safety Bear, who is also known as Rūpene te Pea Haumarua Huarahi, gets a buzz in his fuzz from helping children learn about keeping safe around roads and traffic. Kowhai students were very excited to have such a cool visitor in their class.



Board of Trustees News

Board Hui - The next Board of Trustees hui will be held on Tuesday 20 May at 2.35pm.

Our Tamariki

Students have had a very creative time making Mothers' Day projects.



Kauri Class had a great time of fun learning at the Space Centre.



Tino pai tō mahi tamariki ma!



What's Coming Up

20 May	Board Meeting
21 May	COPs Winter Sports
23 May	Community Assembly
2 June	King's Birthday (School Closed)
11 June	National Young Leaders Day
18 June	Reach Awards
19 June	Aria Orienteering
20 June	Matariki (School Closed)

Mrs Tamae Dimond, Tumuaki ☺