

Kia ora koutou,

17 November 2025

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 4. A fantastic finish to our week on Friday with our Annual School Fun Run taking place. We had a great turnout on the day with the weather clearing as the day progressed. It was awesome to see so many tamariki and staff taking part and enjoying the theme of the day. We saw lots of colour being sprayed around, staff being slimed and everyone having a fantastic time. Matua Conor had set a goal of \$10,000 for this year's event and on Friday night we were sitting at around \$9,400. If the last of the fundraising hits the 10k mark, Matua Conor and Matua Luke will have a meeting with a razor and have some trimming done. Once again a big thank you to everyone involved in this event, either with organisation, support or fundraising. This is our big fundraiser for the year so it is great to see funds being generated to support resources and activities for our tamariki at school. This week sees the commencement of syndicate beach trips with two this week and two the following week. We are hoping for the weather to remain stable with sunshine to make these events a real treat for the end of the year.

Many of you will have seen the announcement from the government around amendments to the 2020 Education and training act, removing the requirement for School Boards of Trustees to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The following statement has been issued on behalf of the BOT and has also been shared on our Facebook Page;

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Many of you will have seen recent news of the amendments to the Education and Training Act 2020, removing the requirement for School Boards of Trustees to give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The Board of Whau Valley School wishes to inform our school community that Te Tiriti is, and continues to be an essential part of our schools governance and leadership. Our school's strategic plan reflects this in our School Vision - Tō Mātou Tirohanga, Learning as one, Growing together as one - Kia ako tahi, Kia tupu tahi.

We pride ourselves on the relationships we have built and continue to build with local iwi, our community and whanau. Local stories and knowledge are an essential component of our school curriculum and will continue to be shared. The school actively promotes the practice and development of the use of Te Reo and tikanga Māori.

Te Tiriti will continue to guide our decision making at a Board level to ensure equity, diversity, and that respect for all, are the foundation of our kura. Our Guiding Principles - Ngā Whakapono of Whanaungatanga -Relationships, Hauora--Wellbeing, Ako - Learning and Uara-Values continue to underpin all that we do here at Whau Valley School.

We will continue in the direction our strategic plan guides us, focusing on the needs of all of our tamariki, celebrating our culture and responding to the voice of our community.

Thank you to our wonderful Whau Valley School community for your ongoing support.

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As stated we are very proud of the way we operate and will continue to do so in this way. Have an awesome week whanau and let's all look forward to some great events this week.

Ngā mihi, Steve Jenkins
Principal/Tumuaki

ATTENDANCE

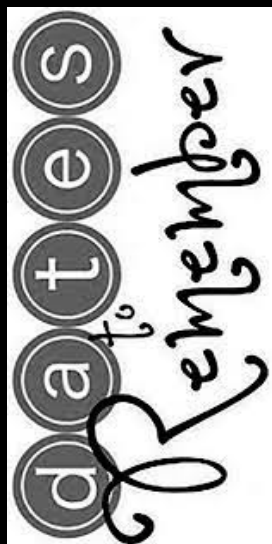
Term 4 - Week 6	Monday 10 November	Tuesday 11 November	Wednesday 12 November	Thursday 13 November	Friday 14 November
Daily attendance rate	79%	84%	81%	80%	79%
Unexplained absences	33	20	29	23	30
Late students	33 (13%)	46 (17%)	33 (13%)	25 (10%)	26 (10%)

A reminder that at the end of this term ALL tamariki that have achieved 70% or greater attendance for Term 4 will have their name put in the draw to win a \$500 Woolworths voucher. We will have 2 gift cards up for grabs and this will be drawn at our end of year school celebration on Wednesday 10 December. Currently we have 260 students that are at 70% greater attendance for this term, that is well over three quarters of our school so well done everyone!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 18 November	Nga Kereru POOL TRIP (Rooms 8,10,13)
Thursday 20 November	Nga Kiwi Beach Trip (Rooms 4, 5, 6 & 7)
Tuesday 25 November	Nga Kereru Beach Picnic (Rooms 9,11,12)
Thursday 27 November	Nga Kiwi Beach Trip (Rooms 1, 2 & 3)
Friday 5 December	Year 6 Prizegiving 11:30am
Wednesday 10 December	End of Year Event 1:30pm Reports sent home with tamariki
Thursday 11 December	Last day for Minder
Friday 12 December	Last day of term 4 - 12noon finish (No Minder)



KERERŪ IWA

Last week our translation activity in Te Reo Māori was a recipe for making fudge. Then, on Friday we went to the library and used the kitchen to make our recipe. Here are photos of our tamariki hard at work and some of the Cinquain poems we wrote after our fudge making.



KERERŪ IWA (continued)



By Blakileigh
Fudge
Smooth edible
Pouring weighing stirring
Thick Soft chocolate
Sweet chocolate

Fudge
chewy, soft,
cooling, spreading, stirring,
Long to cook.
Sweet chocolate.
By Jordan



By Isabella
Fudge



Soft thick
Mixing stirring pouring

It was fun to make with Marcus
chocolate lolly

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