

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 3. We are finally starting to see a bit more sunshine, as well as seeing the days starting to stretch out a little longer. It's great to be able to get home and start to spend more time outdoors in the evening. Spring is here and it was really noticeable on Friday when a group of kaitiaki travelled out home to assist with some planting as part of the Trees for Survival programme. I have been working on our creek area which was originally surrounded by blackberry and weeds, and had been grazed by the local farmer. The creek had suffered erosion from cattle, and was completely overgrown with weeds. Around 400+ plants were planted on Friday, adding to the other natives that have been planted over the past ten years. A combination of grasses, harakeke and cabbage trees were planted, as well as some karamu and taraire seedlings. Two groups of tamariki travelled out with Whaea Sierra, joined by Whaea Maria and Whaea Ngaio, to assist with the supervision and planting.



Fantastic to see these kaitiaki developing life long skills in protecting and planting for our environment and for future generations. After a session of planting, tamariki had some home made lemonade and baking, before heading down to hang out with the dog, chooks and then to feed the pet eels. Our tamariki were superstars, getting lots of natives planted and helping to prevent further creek erosion. Our next lot of seedlings will be delivered next term at school, ready to raise for another community planting. A big thank you to Kate from Trees for Survival and all of our staff and tamariki for a fantastic day!!!!

Tomorrow I will join our Year 6 students as they travel for an overnight stay at the Tangihua Ranges Lodge. Around 40+ students will be heading south with our staff and a group of parents in the morning, returning to school on Wednesday afternoon. Great to see our tamariki getting out into our beautiful environment and making the most of these activities. Looking forward to a couple of wonderful days away. Have a great week ahead whanau!

Ngā mihi, Steve Jenkins
Principal/Tumuaki

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3 2025



Monday 8 September	BOT Meeting @ 4:30pm
Tuesday 9 September	Year 6 overnight camp
Friday 12 September	Whole School Assembly - 8:45am
15-19 September	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - Māori Language Week
Friday 19 September	Last day of term 3 - 2:45pm finish
Monday 6 October	First day of term 4 - 8:45am start

ATTENDANCE

Term 3 - Week 8	Monday 1 September	Tuesday 2 September	Wednesday 3 September	Thursday 4 September	Friday 5 September
Daily attendance rate	76%	82%	81%	85%	76%
Unexplained absences	38	24	28	21	45 😞
Late students	24 (10%)	26 (10%)	27 (11%)	34 (13%)	24 (10%)



SIGN OUT PROCEDURE

We're excited to let you know that Whau Valley School is moving into the digital age! Coming soon, when you collect your tamariki early (for an appointment or if they are unwell), you'll simply use the tablet at the office to sign them out.

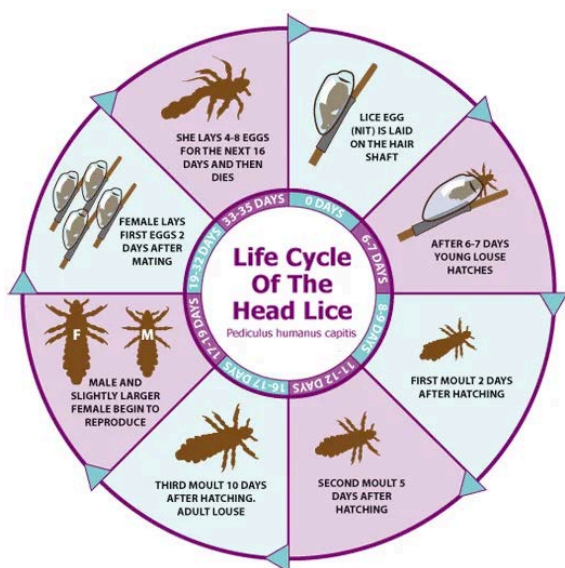
The tablet will print a slip with your child's name on it – take this to the teacher, just like the old green slips to show you have signed your tamariki out at the office. If you're collecting more than one child, you'll need to sign out each child and take a



slip for each.

We know it might take a little time to get used to, but we're confident this new system will make things easier and smoother for everyone. Thank you for your support as we make the change!

HEAD LICE (NITS / KUTUS)



- FREE headlice shampoo and nit combs available through the school office.
- Treat hair every 7-10 days AND use nit comb every 2-3 days on damp hair with conditioner until they are gone.
- Brush hair every day, this can help kill or injure head lice to stop them from laying more eggs.
- Don't share brushes, combs or hair accessories.
- Tie long hair in a ponytail, bun or braid.
- TIP: Straightening hair after treatment can help kill any missed eggs.

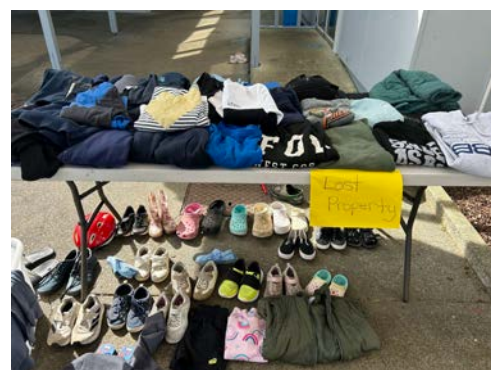
- You DO NOT need to hot wash bedding & toys etc.

LOST PROPERTY

We have accumulated another massive pile of lost property including uniform items, footwear, sweatshirts and jackets.

Please check lost property on a regular basis for your child's belongings.

Any unclaimed lost property at the end of the term will be donated or disposed of.



NEWS FROM NGA KIWI

Room 3 have really enjoyed learning all about NZ Native Birds this term. Each week we have learnt about a different bird - where they live, what they eat, predators, some interesting facts, if they are endangered, and what we can do to help all our native birds.

Did you know Kereru 'teenagers' don't have red beaks, eyes and legs - they go red when they are adults.

Did you know Kakapo are the only flightless nocturnal parrot in the world.

Did you know Takahe were once thought extinct - now there are 300 in the whole wide world.



Trees for Survival Planting Day

Tēnā koutou katoa. As previously mentioned by Mr Jenkins, 2 groups of Year 4 and 5 tamariki from our Ngā Kererū Syndicate took part in the Trees for Survival programme last Friday. Trees for Survival is an environmental education programme that supports schools and communities to grow and nurture native plants in their spaces. Here are some photos from our day, and as Mr Jenkins mentioned fresh lemonade and home baking from Whaea Sally was enjoyed by all.



TREES

for Survival

