

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 3. Another busy week has quickly flown by, with a great finish to last week with a group of around 20 senior students travelling to Semenoff Stadium to watch the Northland Taniwhā train, as part of the Captains Run. Tamariki were able to watch the training and then participate in a meet and greet with the taniwhā team, and even have a race against a team member. Our tamariki were able to get signatures from players and also talk with team

members. A couple of rugby balls and a school shirt were signed by members of the team, which were brought back to school.



It has been great to see our attendance numbers growing again after ongoing rain and bouts of illness within the community. We have seen a number of classes reaching near perfect attendance with Rooms 9 and 11 having only one student away on a couple of days, and Room 5 reaching 100% on Thursday. A reminder also that any student who we have not received communications from is now recorded as truant each day. Students identified as being of chronic attendance are now required to be reported to truancy services for follow up as part of the Government's attendance target requirements. If your child is ill or there is a reason for non attendance please let the school know.

Today our Year 6 students travelled to Kamo Intermediate for a look around the school. This is an exciting time for our tamariki to check out our local intermediate and see what takes place there. It is also a great opportunity for our staff to catch up with a number of Year 7 and 8 students who have recently passed through our school. This is always a popular trip and our tamariki enjoyed their visit today.



Finally a reminder that the PTA organised Disco is taking place this coming Friday. Our tamariki are looking forward to this event so please check out the latest updates later in our newsletter. Have a great week whanau and we look forward to a great turnout on Friday afternoon.

Nga mihi, Steve Jenkins
Principal/Tumuaki

PRINCIPAL AWARD

At assembly on Friday it was wonderful to acknowledge a couple more of our tamariki who have gone above and beyond in the past week. Patariki from Room 9 was nominated for the way he was seen supporting a fellow student to calm himself down and avoid what could potentially have escalated into a more serious moment. He was seen keeping his friend company, talking to him calmly and helping him to self regulate. The student was able to de-escalate and join back in at playtime. Awesome mahi Patariki.

Miracle from Room 10 was nominated for supporting another student who had accidentally

locked herself in the toilets. She managed to get in and get the door open, and later visited the student in class to check she was okay. This was all done without needing to do so but she wanted to make sure the other girl was okay. Fantastic to hear these stories about our tamariki supporting one another. Well done you two.



ATTENDANCE

<u>Term 3 - Week 5</u>	<u>Monday 11 August</u>	<u>Tuesday 12 August</u>	<u>Wednesday 13 August</u>	<u>Thursday 14 August</u>	<u>Friday 15 August</u>
Daily attendance rate	83%	85%	82%	85%	77%
Unexplained absences	21	17	27	21	43
Late students	33	39	43	30	22

A reminder that at the end of this term we will be having a lucky draw for all children that have achieved 70% or greater attendance for the second half of this term. Two lucky winners will receive a \$500 grocery voucher each.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3 2025



Friday 22 August	School Disco 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Friday 29 August	Daffodil Day Whole School Assembly 8:45am
Tuesday 9 September	Year 6 overnight camp
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

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NGA KERERŪ

Raffle Fundraiser

NGA KERERŪ ARE FUNDRAISING FOR THEIR END OF YEAR TRIP AND YEAR 6 CAMP.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE OFFICE

\$2 EACH

WINNING TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

YEAR 6 REMINDERS

Polite reminder to all Year 6 students attending camp to please pay their \$20 to the office by next **Friday 29th August**.

ENROLMENTS

Well done to all the whanau of Year 6 tamariki that have already enrolled them at an intermediate school ready for next year. It helps a smooth transition for our tamariki if they are enrolled on time. Enrolments for intermediate schools are now open.

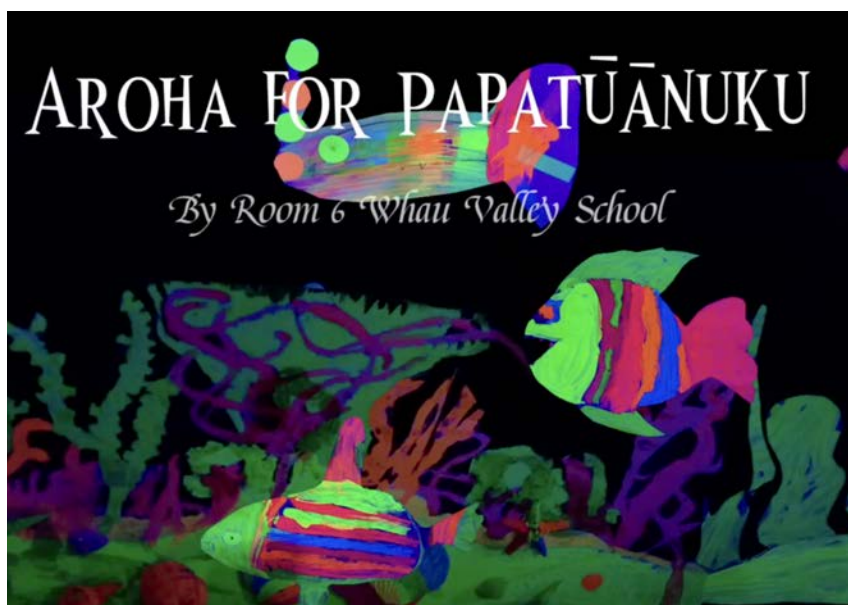


- Kamo Intermediate
- Whangarei Intermediate
- Tikipunga High School

ROOM 6 NEWS

Room 6 recently made a short film about showing aroha to Papatūānuku. During the process, they learned about ways to care for the Earth such as bringing rubbish free lunch to school and picking up rubbish if they see it. The topics were covered in their reading and writing. They presented the information to their peers and in the film. They were lucky enough to enter the Te Tai Tokerau Climate

Action film competition and some of the students watched it with their whānau in a special viewing at the Whangārei Library. Room 6 came 3rd in the competition and thanks to our awesome Whau Valley whānau, they also won the People's Choice award. We would like to thank the Climate Change Te Tai Tokerau Northland Trust and Creative Northland for the prize which will be used to further enhance learning and kaitiakitanga in Room 6.



NGA KIWI



Every Friday, Nga Kiwi (Rooms 1 -7) spend the middle block doing Discovery Time. This is something that all the tamariki look forward to and is a great way to end the week.





FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 5:00pm - 6:30pm

- ★ sausage sizzle
- ★ mussel fritters
- ★ bake sale (Whānau, we'd love your contributions on the day)
- ★ juicies
- ★ drinks
- ★ spot prizes
- ★ glow sticks & much, much more..

🎵 Music by the amazing Ms Daske – guaranteed to get everyone dancing! 🎵
Let's make it a fun evening for all our Whanau & Tamariki!!

UNIFORM UPDATES

Sports Uniforms

Last week at our school assembly our new sports uniforms were shown to the school. These uniforms were provided through money that came from a grant that we applied for to support our school.

These uniforms will be worn when students are off site representing our school at events. As you can see these look very smart with the new sports uniform consisting of t-shirts and jackets.

These uniforms were modelled at Friday's assembly by Whaea Jez, Luke and Hayley from Room 12 & Mr Law.



Staff Jackets

You may have also noticed that our staff have been provided with very smart looking Whau Valley School jackets.

Our staff are loving having these warm hooded jackets to keep the winter weather at bay. Our staff jackets are modelled by Ms Smith & Whaea Renee.

School Uniform

We have seen an increase in the number of tamariki wearing our correct Whau Valley School uniform to school everyday. If you have any uniform your tamariki no longer fit, you are welcome to drop it into the school office for other tamariki to borrow.



BUDDY CLASS!!!

Last week for buddy class, Room 11 had suggested practising some different ball skills with our Room 3 buddies. Skills such as throwing, catching, dribbling, shooting, kicking, attacking and defending. From practising getting goals into the basketball hoops and soccer goals to learning the ins and outs of how to play four square, Room 11 did a fantastic job explaining and demonstrating different skills to their buddy. The rain did catch us out of the field but how lucky are we to have a sheltered tiger turf to play under.



BUDDY CLASS!!! (continued)



LOST PROPERTY

We appear to have accumulated another massive pile of lost property including uniform items, school bags, footwear, sweatshirts and socks! Please check lost property on a regular basis for your child's belongings. Any lost property unclaimed at the end of the term will be donated or disposed of.





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