

A big welcome to Week 2 of school and how quickly the first week passed. It has been wonderful to see a number of new tamariki joining us this past week with more to come. We are very close to the 300 mark once again and we have loved the way our new tamariki have settled in, made some wonderful connections with their peers and are enjoying their time at Whau Valley School. It has been awesome to get more positive feedback about our school, with recent visitors looking around the school commenting on the beautiful vibe the school has, how friendly and welcoming tamariki and staff have been, and how nice the school looks. These are the comments we love to hear, is something we focus on daily and are very proud of our kura. The recent upgrades are being loved by everyone with our Minder room and Room 13 getting new wall linings installed at the end of last week. As mentioned previously, there are a number of new projects coming up and it is great to see many areas being modernised, warmer and quieter in classes. The classes have a great feel as you walk around, and the reduced noise levels are certainly helping our tamariki and staff focus in class. New blinds will soon be installed in Room 6, 7 and 8.

We are very excited to be looking at a couple of new projects that will be school funded. After spending a number of years building school funds, we are now in a position to be looking at things such as a nature style playground, with discussions and planning currently underway. This will link our cycle track, plantation and field area, and provide some great activities for our tamariki. Another proposed plan is a possible outdoor teaching area which would be based in the school plantation, linking in enviro studies and include the planting of native trees and shrubs, new bug and bird houses, bush studies and using things such as water collection and solar to power the room. This will be a wonderful school resource for the future. Tamariki had requested some of these 'Wish items' during our Matariki art display, unaware of these plans, so hopefully they will see some of their wishes come true shortly. Have a great week ahead whanau and lots to look forward to!

Nga mihi, Steve Jenkins  
Principal/Tumuaki

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

A bit of a bumper week for our Principal award with three students enjoying Mc Donalds with Mr Jenkins this morning. Our normal two awards expanded, with three nominations which were all well deserved. From left to right, Kenula from Room 11 was nominated for always putting others before himself, being supportive of his peers and stepping in to help whenever he sees someone needing assistance. Klaus from Room 2 has been a star student, helping to get things set up each day, having awesome manners and being a genuinely kind and caring student. Finally, Lawrence from Room 8 was recognised for his kind and supportive attitude, always willing to help others and modelling our school values daily. Certainly a well deserved breakfast for these star students. Way to go you three!!



Tomorrow we have the NED show in the theatre at 1.45pm. NED stands for **Never** give up, **Encourage** others, and **Do** your best. We are looking forward to this awesome show which visits hundreds of schools each year. Part of the programme involves Yo-Yo's and these will be available for sale at school following the show. Look for details in the information sheet included later in the newsletter.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3 2025



Tuesday 22 July	NED show 1.45pm in theatre
Friday 1 August	Disco 5.00pm to 6.30pm
Monday 4 August	BOT meeting @ 4:30pm
Tuesday 9 September	Year 6 overnight camp
15-19 September	Maori 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

<u>Term 3 - Week 1</u>	<u>Monday 14 July</u>	<u>Tuesday 15 July</u>	<u>Wednesday 16 June</u>	<u>Thursday 17 June</u>	<u>Friday 18 June</u>
Daily attendance rate	80%	83%	83%	86%	79%
Unexplained absences	20	17	24	15	29
Late students	26	39	47	38	29

We are seeing some good attendance figures and a number of student's attendance rates improving significantly, but are also aware that weather and health have had an impact recently. **Our biggest concern is the number of students that are still being marked as truant, with no communication from whanau.** We ask that school is contacted when your child is away, or respond to the text messages when these are sent out.



The Skool Loop app on your phone is also an easy way to quickly let us know if tamariki are away. We would love to see our attendance rates back in the 90% range daily. We are also seeing a continued trend of Monday's and Friday's as our lowest attendance days. As a school we see the difference regular attendance makes for our tamariki, particularly in being settled, making good progress in learning and having strong and positive relationships with their peers.



This continues to be popular each morning with around 60 tamariki participating daily. They enjoy toast with spreads, weetbix, fruit salad and hot milo each morning.

We have been very fortunate to have had Dan Weaver from Subway supporting this last term, generously sponsoring the fruit salad, Margarine, Jam and Milo. This has been greatly appreciated by everyone. Whaea Maria has also been busy stewing surplus apples over the holiday break with our tamariki having stewed apples as an option also. Our tamariki are extremely lucky to have this available each day, and to be able to go to class with a full puku.



## WHAU 4 WINNERS

**At Friday's assembly we had our latest Whau 4 draw. A BIG congratulations to Kaley from Room 12, Dallas from Room 9, Thea from Room 7 and Blue from Room 2. An awesome way to start the new term!**





## Sausage Sizzle

Ngā Kereru are working on ways to fundraise for a Senior Camp and trips at the end of the year. We are offering Friday sausage sizzle for \$2. Tamariki can place orders with their classroom teacher each week from Monday to Thursday **ONLY** so that we have Thursday evening to prepare the orders for Fridays! The hot sausage sizzle will then be delivered on Friday at second lunch.

### NGA KERERU

We have had a good start to Term 3 settling back into our routines for school.






Room 13 has shown some great resilience by being flexible at the end of last week by moving their classroom into the Library while construction was being completed in their usual working space. They moved back into their classroom this morning with lovely new Autex on their walls. However it was great to have a much larger space in the library where they can spread out to complete their work. Everyone is looking forward to some of the surprises that the teachers have planned for us this term.



## **SCHOOL DISCO!**

**Friday 1 August**  
**5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

**Put your dancing shoes on –  
it's time to PARTY!**

-  Sausage Sizzle
-  Bake Sale – (Whānau, we'd love your contributions on the day!)
-  Mussel Fritters
-  Glow Sticks, Juicies, Drinks & More!
-  Music by the amazing Ms Daske – guaranteed to get everyone dancing!

Put your dancing shoes on, ***we are finally having our SCHOOL DISCO***, we are hoping the weather holds for us this time!



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**Help Wanted!** Our wonderful PTA would love help from any whānau willing to assist with organising or running the disco.

➔ Get in touch via our PTA Facebook Page  
OR Pop into Room 8 and give your name & contact to Sandra Campbell

**Let's make it a fun evening for our Tamariki! ✨**



# Term 3 2025

## Rubbish Free lunch box challenge

Our winner for Term 3 is.....

Room 4! An Avocado Tree for the class to be proud of securing for our orchard.

A very close 2nd is Room 7 a prize is a worthy incentive coming to you too!



Let's continue this great kaupapa and support No rubbish, no waste.....Who will win this term? Can you help support this kaupapa?



For the class who has the LEAST amount of plastic waste in their lunch each Thursday, will at the end of the term win a mature fruit tree for our kura orchard.

They will plant, nurture and name their chosen tree. This promotes a pride for school, conservation and kaitiakitanga.

This circle of life will ensure that our school will eventually have an abundance of Kai to share within our community of learners.



Thank you to our sponsor Northland Painters, Tyson and Miranda for our healthy Avocado Tree. So excited for this to produce Kai for us! We appreciate and value your business supporting our rubbish free kaupapa within Whau Valley School.





Hi,  
I'm NED!



## Hey KIDS and families!

NED's Resiliency Ride is visiting our school! The assembly is filled with storytelling, humor, illusions and amazing yo-yo tricks where our kids learn the hidden message in NED's name:

**N**ever give up  
**E**ncourage others  
**D**o your best®

Parents...  
See a short  
PREVIEW  
of the show!



Do you want to learn to yo? A yo-yo is both a learning tool and a tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again and improve.

### Our school yo-yo sale

Our school received this assembly at no-cost because another school paid-it-forward to us. We want to help pay-it-forward too, and you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo.

SALE DATES: **23 July - 1 August** TIME: **daily**

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: **School Office**

### STUDENT ORDER FORM:

#### REPLACEMENT STRING PACK

Ten assorted strings to  
change color or  
replace a  
worn out  
yo-yo string.

**NZ\$6**



**NZ\$12**

#### YO HOLSTER

Keep track of your yo  
and have it ready to go.  
Attach it to your belt loop or  
backpack (yo-yo not included).

#### CLASSIC YOS

**NZ\$16**

Learn the basics of  
yo-yoing with assorted  
fixed axle yo-yos.



NED YO



GOYO

#### SUPER SPINNERS

Great for basic and intermediate tricks. With a  
strong throw, these auto-return yo-yos 'sleep' at the  
end of the string & then come back automatically.

**NZ\$20**



MAX



TRIXIE



YETI



SNAPBACK

#### SPECIALTY SURPRISE SELECTION

Assorted professional yo-yos for next level tricks! For younger players, add 5 string wraps around the axle for easy play.

**NZ\$25**



SPARK



FLASH



UFO



XBOT



STARBURST



STORM



GALAXY



EXCELERATOR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

For more yo-yo fun and  
to learn tricks, check out:  
**NEDkids.com**



Yo-yo designs, colors and  
availability may vary.  
Prices include tax (where applicable).

ITEM	PRICE	QTY.	SUBTOTAL
String Pack	NZ\$6		
Holster	NZ\$12		
Classic Yo	NZ\$16		
Super Spinner	NZ\$20		
Specialty Yo	NZ\$25		
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>			



# Te Rito - Room 1

Term 3 2025



We explore our natural surroundings, discovering creatures and their habitats.



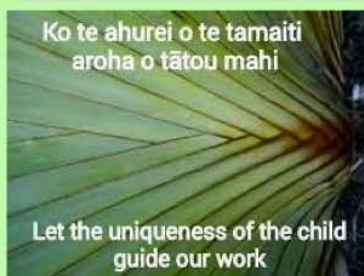
Being able to express ourselves through art.



Play dough is a staple resource available to support writing skills and social skills.



Safe to be who you are.



Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti  
aroha o tātou mahi

Let the uniqueness of the child  
guide our work



We have a balance of formal learning, our maths and writing is alongside our friends

Oh how we have missed everybody over the holidays! Everyone has come back full of energy, laughter, cheekiness and a willingness to learn. A Play based setting promotes and encourages a thirst to learn at their own pace and level. This is where the magic happens. Term 3 is going to full of rich experiences.

