

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4. A very busy start to our term last week with lots of things taking place. After starting the term with whakatau, we had another big event on Tuesday morning for Nga Kiwi syndicate. Ash and Lou, along with Mitre 10 and the Kindness Collective presented our school with a beautiful Icecream themed playhouse. Constructed with the support of Mitre 10, Ash and Lou revealed the playhouse to our tamriki on Tuesday morning. The Kindness Collective work on community projects, and contacted our school to see if we wanted to be involved. It was a very quick yes and resulted in a playhouse being delivered to school as well as a \$500 Mitre 10 voucher. A very special taonga for our school. Check out our school Facebook page for the video of the reveal.



On Thursday and Friday we had our Across School Leaders (ASL's) at school, collecting voice from our staff, tamariki and whanau. This is to get feedback on how the school is going, what is working well, areas for development and anything else that may be discussed. This helps us to make decisions moving into the coming years on ways to improve our school. A big thank you to those whanau who gave up their time on Friday morning to speak with our visitors.

Swimming is well underway with the warmer weather starting to see the pool temperature rising and tamariki enjoying the sun and opportunity to get in the pool. The pool is looking great with a new pool cover, repaired sun screen and crystal clear water. Keep sending those togs and make the most of our wonderful school pool.

Finally another big project will soon be underway which we can't wait to see. We are doing our best to keep this under wraps but know that once work starts, our tamariki, staff and whanau will love it, so watch for updates!! A number of other events are coming up so check out the info in the rest of our newsletter. Have an awesome week whanau!!

Ngā mihi, Steve Jenkins
Principal/Tumuaki

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Two more students were acknowledged at Friday's assembly for the Principal's Award. Hayden from Room 6 was mentioned as having some wonderful manners, discussions and ideas when speaking with our visitors. She is also a wonderful class role model, having a great attitude at school and always being supported by others. Hinarangi from Room 9 was nominated by two teachers who saw her supporting junior tamariki, taking them under her wing and getting them back to their syndicate. She always has a beautiful smile, a wonderful attitude and is another awesome school role model. Both girls enjoyed a well deserved McDonalds breakfast with Mr Jenkins this morning.



WHAU 4's

More good news from Friday's school assembly. Our latest Whau 4 winners are pictured to the left; Samson from Room 13, Nina from Room 4, Ezekiel from Room 3 and Mihiwira from Room 8.

ATTENDANCE

Term 4 - Week 1	Monday 6 October	Tuesday 7 October	Wednesday 8 October	Thursday 9 October	Friday 10 October
Daily attendance rate	78%	84%	85%	82%	76%
Unexplained absences	37	21	27	32	54
Late students	33 (13%)	52 (19%)	35 (13%)	28 (11%)	18 (7%)

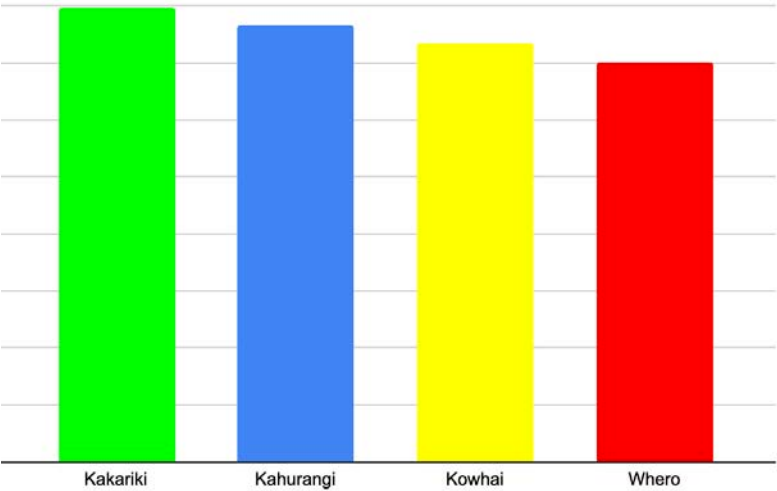
100% ATTENDANCE

Amazing news from our first week back at school, Room 2 achieved 100% attendance for 3 consecutive days (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday). What a great way to start the term. The tamariki were very excited to get their treat on Friday.



WHANAU POINTS UPDATE

Last year, we had a special trophy made to award to the winning whanau group at the end of each year. The winning whanau group in 2024 was Whero. At our school assembly on Friday, the up to date placings were shared with the school. Kakariki is currently in the lead but with things such as Whau 4's, certificates, attendance and special events all contributing to the points each week it could change often between now and the end of the year. We look forward to seeing which whanau group takes out the trophy for 2025.





This week our Local District Council is promoting safe travel to School.

With this in mind we have organised 4 days of fun activities that will encourage our children to be safe while trying different ways of coming to school.

Tuesday 14 (tomorrow) - is being renamed **Tidy Up Tuesday** - asking children and whanau to actively support our environment by picking up litter on their way to school.

Wednesday 15 - Now **Move It Wednesday** - On Wednesday children need to use their imagination and create a fun way or interesting dance to perform as they enter the school grounds. (Mr Jenkins will be checking the cameras looking for the most interesting and imaginative performance).

Thursday 16 - **Travel Together Thursday** - At three points around our community,

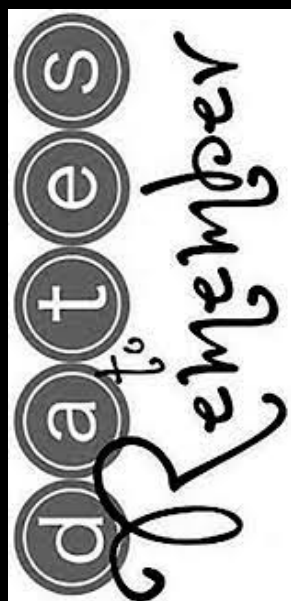
1. Intersection of Keyte Street & Jack Street
2. Walker Crescent just by the underpass
3. Outside Whangarei Gymnastics in Park Avenue.

Teachers will be waiting from 7.50am (10 to 8) till 8.05am (5 past eight)

Those children that wish to walk to school with the teachers may do so. So parents if you wish to drop off your tamariki at these points, at these times we will be operating a walking bus to school. A safe and fun way to start the day.

Friday 17 - **Wheels Day and Whanau Group Colour Day** - Bring your wheels to school for a fun day but also if you wear your whanau colours on the day you will get points for your whanau group.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



Tue 14 - Fri 17 October	Walk or Wheel to School Week
Friday 17 October	Wheels Day AND Whanau Group Colour Day
Thursday 23 October	Strike Day - School closed for students
Friday 24 October	Staff only day - School closed for students
Monday 27 October	Labour Day (Public Holiday - School Closed)
Monday 3 November	BOT meeting @ 4:30pm
Friday 7 November	Book Dress Up Day (more info to come)
Friday 14 November	Colour Fun Run!!
Thursday 20 November	Nga Kiwi Beach Trip (Rooms 4, 5, 6 & 7)
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)



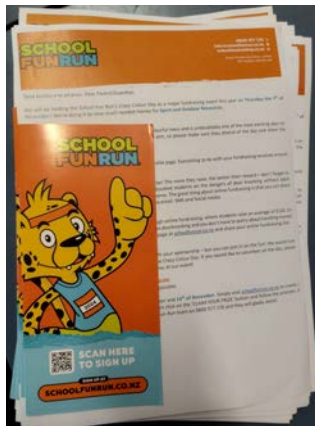
Whau Valley Fun Run - Coming Up Soon!

SCHOOL FUNRUN

Fundraising kicks off **Monday 13 October** and our big event is **Friday 14 November**!

We look forward to LOTS of whanau joining us on the day to enjoy such an awesome school event!

This year's Fun Run will be full of colour, excitement and fun surprises. Just like last year, but even better. The course will include **colour stations**, where tamariki get splashed with colour. We're also planning a **waterslide** obstacle and creative little challenges along the way. Think of it as a mix of fun, fitness, and a splash of colour!



*The best part? All the funds raised go straight into new **sports gear** for our school.*

Things like balls, cones, nets, you name it. Every child benefits from the fundraising. We encourage whānau to get behind it: help your child share their fundraising page, support them to reach their goal, and come along to cheer them on during the run. Let's make this year's Fun Run unforgettable!

Sign up now – forms and information are coming home today!

Ngā mihi nui to everyone – your support makes all the difference!



★ **Enrolments
for 2026 Are
Now Open!** ★

If your child/tamariki will be starting school in **2026**, now's the perfect time to get them enrolled.

- ✓ Early enrolment helps us prepare a warm welcome and the best start to their learning journey.
- ✓ Pop into the school office or call us to get an enrolment form.
- ✓ Don't leave it too late — secure your child's spot today!

We can't wait to meet our newest learners and their whānau.

WHEEL'S DAY & WHĀNAU GROUP COLOUR DAY

This Friday 17 October will be our **Wheels Day** and a **Whānau Group Colour Day!!**



Tamariki are invited to bring a 'wheels' to school, such as a bike, skateboard, scooter or skates to school.

Please ensure tamariki have suitable shoes to help prevent injured toes and a helmet if possible

NGA KERERU

Swimming season has started! Check out the photos of tamariki from Nga Kereru enjoying our school pool last week...



What does measles look like?

Common symptoms



Fever



Cough



Runny nose



Rash (starts on head and neck)



Sore and watery pink eyes

www.health.govt.nz/measles

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Ngā Kiwi – Ruma 5

It's been an exciting start to the term in Ruma 5! The tamariki are buzzing about our upcoming **Whau Valley Fun Run**, and we've been out running each day to train and improve our fitness.



Last week's focus was on **Whanaungatanga** and building strong **communication skills**. Our students have been practising using kind, assertive language through fun games and team challenges – a great way to grow confidence and cooperation.



It's also been rewarding to reflect on the wonderful progress our class has made on the **Reading Chart**. The tamariki have done an awesome job filling it with stickers, showing how much effort they've put into their reading. We're also excited to be unlocking our brand-new **Writing Licences** soon!