



"On A Great Learning Adventure"

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th February 2024 | TERM 1 WEEK 2

Give it a Go, Respect, Excellence, Attitude and Teamwork

Principal Chat

The school has been a hive of activity over the last few weeks with the asbestos removal and rebuild of ceilings. The teams involved have been very professional and great to work with. I am grateful for the constant communication with these teams, and the hours they put in, to get our kura ready for the start of the year.

Although our wharekai is part of our school, it is not Ministry building. Therefore, any work we do, has to be funded by us. Before school started, we had an amazing team of Dad's rebuild the ceiling. A huge thank you to Colin, Daniel, Robert and Gary for giving up your time to help bring our building up to code. As the buildings had to be empty for the asbestos removal, everything had to be reinstated for the new school term. Over the last two days a team of workers have moved all the school resources and library back into the main block. Thank you, Anne, Jenny, Vanessa, Margaret, Jess, Charlotte and Zack for the hours spent moving and sorting books. We can now get back to some sort of normality.

We are very lucky to have a school swimming pool, that we can access every day, weather permitting. Next Monday we have swimming lessons at Wai Splash for **Kahikatea and Rata**. We will be travelling into town by bus for this. **Please double check your tamariki have togs on Monday.**

There are still a lot of students without hats. **Hats are compulsory at school**, and our uniform is dark blue bucket hats. Please ensure your children have these.

It is great to see so many of our whanau have settled their stationery accounts. Due to a relatively large number of accounts that were not paid for last year, **we will not be handing out stationery until accounts have been paid**. There is the option of paying these off. Please contact the office if you need any help.

Our School Support Group do an amazing job raising money for all students in the school. The first SSG meeting for the year is on **Monday 26th February at 3pm**. Please consider joining us.

Next Tuesday at 3pm, we are having a **hui on Matauranga Maori**. This consultation is a chance for you to have your say on what you want for our kura. All whanau, who share, will go into a draw for a \$100 New World voucher. The questions have been attached to the newsletter. If you wish to answer them and hand them in before Tuesday, then you will also go into the draw.

The year has started on a really positive atmosphere around the school. Please check you can get on the Dojo app for communication, so teachers can share all the great things your tamariki are doing. Please note that this is a FREE platform. We have been made aware this week that there is a scam going around where they will ask you for an annual charge. Do not pay this and do not give them any bank details under any circumstances. Please also make sure you have the Skool Loop App available to you, as this is where all whole school notices go.

Ka Kite, Angela McQuarrie, Principal



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Some early photos sent in today of the senior leadership camp at Ranui Farm

REMINDERS

- ⇒ Hui on Matauranga Maori after school on Tuesday
- ⇒ Togs for Monday for Rata and Kahikatea children
- ⇒ Stationery accounts to be paid before stationery can be given out
- ⇒ SUN HATS
- ⇒ Class dojo
- ⇒ Brain food
- ⇒ Download Skool Loop app
- ⇒ SSG meeting on Monday 26th February—all welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

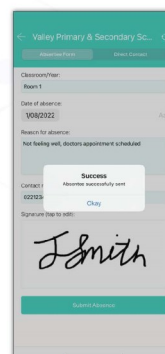
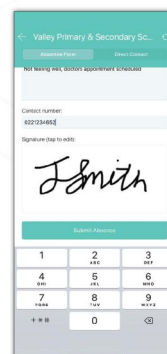
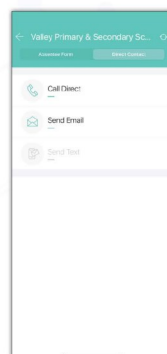
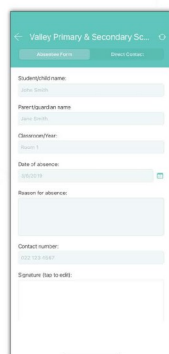
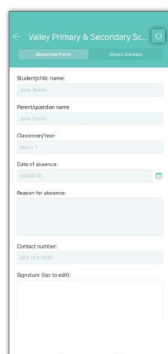
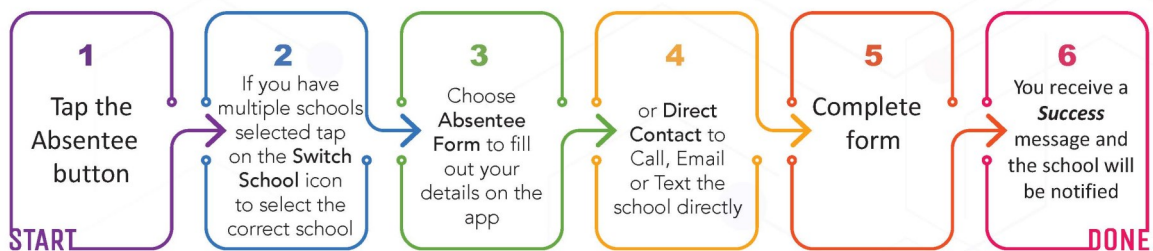
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| February Monday 19th | Rata & Kahikatea—swimming lesson at Wai Splash |
| Tuesday 20th | Matauranga Maori hui at 3pm |
| Friday 23rd | Pohiri Group to town |
| Monday 26th | SSG meeting at school |
| March Tuesday 12th | Rata & Kahikatea swimming lessons at Wai Splash |
| Monday 18th | Country Schools Swimming Sports |
| Tuesday 26th | Interschool Swimming Sports |
| Friday 29th | Good Friday—School closed |
| April Monday 1st | Easter Monday—School closed |
| Tuesday 2nd | Easter holiday—School closed |

Submitting Absentees

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School consultation for Matauranga Maori

1. What does success look like for your whanau?



2. How can we as a kura, engage, empower and enrich your family values?



3. How, as a kura can we elevate
Mataurangi Maori?



Please either:

1. Fill in this form and hand back to school by Tuesday 20th February.
2. Join us after school on Tuesday 20th 3pm, to help us understand what you want for your tamariki.