



"A Great Learning Adventure"

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7th september 2023 | TERM 3 WEEK 8

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

Principal Chat

Kia Ora Koutou / Velkommen / Welcome

It seems Spring has sprung. The fine weather has been a welcome boost to everyone and our tamariki have enjoyed being out in the sunshine and playing. We appreciate that this is an extra busy time around farms, so if you need any support with your children, please let us know. We have a breakfast club and Lunch in School programme, which ensures all our children are ready for their day of learning.

The School 150th is now only weeks away. We will be looking for commitment from pupils and families to help. This is a big milestone for our school and it would be great to see you there.

As our school will be on display for the 150th weekend, we need to it to be sparkling. Next week a list will go out with jobs that need to be done around the school. This will mainly involve cleaning, so we sparkle inside and out. If you are able to help with any jobs, please let us know.

The Kapa Haka festival is next week and our students have been practicing hard for the event. Please make sure your tamariki have returned their permission slip for this. We will be travelling to Dannevirke by bus. Uniform will be worn on the day for this performance.

Our School Support Group are constantly working in the background to ensure our students are getting the best we can give them. The calf scheme is our main money earner. If you can help in anyway, or know someone who can take a calf, please phone Michelle Brown. Donations of milk powder or money to buy milk powder are also gratefully accepted.

Finally, our internet upgrade started today. This has been a long time coming. We may still experience some difficulty with our internet as the technician's work through each stage of the upgrade, but fingers crossed, this will be the start of internet being available in the school.

Our school value for the week has been 'Respect'. Discussions around this at home, help with the home-school connection.

Have a great weekend.

Angela McQuarrie

Principal



REMINDERS

- ⇒ **Kapa Haka/Labour weekend returns**
- ⇒ **LUNCHES IN SCHOOLS** is now in full swing. No junk food, or food that needs to be heated, to be sent to school please.
- ⇒ **Headlice treatment/ COVID tests are still** available free from the school office.

UPCOMING EVENTS for SEPTEMBER

- Thurs 7th Aerobics Festival
- Thurs 14th Kapa Haka Festival**
- Wedn 20th Year 7/8 quiz at Dvke Library
- Friday 22nd LAST day of Term 3
- Sunday 22nd October—150 years school celebration*

This week's GREAT card winners

James Taylor - *For willingly helping his classmates with their work— This week's book winner*
Amelia Brown — *Being GREAT at setting up an awesome relay course for the younger tamariki*
Sienna Ranui — *for making an outstanding improvement in her handwriting. Well done!*
Braxton Rose— *You having a really cool dress up costume for daffodil day.*

LUNCHES IN SCHOOLS—KA ORA KA AKO

We are now into our third week of Lunches in Schools and the children are enjoying a range of new foods. As we navigate our way through new recipes, nutritional guidelines, portion sizes and time schedules, we feel we are finally winning. Our first stage is to find what works with the children so



we can plan ahead with the menus they really like. We are currently having “Burger Fridays” which is a great hit. Once we establish supplier reliability, this will allow us to inform you of the upcoming week’s meals; but these will always be subject to change. The tamariki are loving the fruit and have been great at trying new foods. Because we are able to make everything on site, we are able to keep our food waste to a minimum and can save on packaging. This is inline with our Enviro School policy. Please contact Jackie, our kitchen manager, if you have any concerns. *Jess and Jackie*

SCHOOL CATTLE SCHEME

It’s that time of the year again when we call for your support. If you are able to rear a calf for the cattle scheme, can you please let me know. We are always on the hunt for people to rear calves. I can find grazing for them at 100kg if needed. Also we are looking for supplies to rear 3 calves that the awesome Te Miro farm donates to us. So, if you can donate money, a bag of meal or a bag of milk powder that would be amazing.

This fundraiser makes about \$10,000 a year that goes back into supplies or events for the kids at school through the School Support Group. **If anyone can help us out at all, please can you ring or text Michelle Brown on 0272016209**



**Let's get active
and enter into our
WAI SPLASH
TRIATHLON**

\$10 ENTRY FEE
Receive a bag, bottle and cap when registered.

Swim, bike and run/walk - various age categories.

Limited spaces available!

See registration form for more details on our website:
waisplash.org

On a GREAT Learning Adventure

Tāmaki-Nui-A-Rua Kapa Haka Festival
KAPA HAKA—Thursday 14th September

We will leave school at 10.00am and will travel by bus to the Dannevirke Town Hall, arriving at 10.30am. We will watch the second section of the festival which includes our school's performance.

*We will take a packed lunch from school. Your child will require a named lunch box from home to pack lunch in to. It would be great if this could be brought to school a **few days earlier**.*

Children will also need to bring their own water bottles and morning tea.

We expect to be back at school by 2.30pm.

Parents are welcome to come and watch.

PERMISSION SLIP

I give/do not give permission for _____ to participate/perform and travel to the Kapa Haka Festival in the Dannevirke Town Hall.

I would like my child/ren to travel in on the bus

I would like to attend the Kapa Haka Festival with my children and we will travel to the Dannevirke Town Hall independently

Parent/guardian signature _____

Date _____

Please return this form to the school office by Monday 11th September

150 years of Norsewood & Districts School

Labour Weekend

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd October

On Sunday 22nd October, our school will celebrate being 150 years old.

As part of the celebrations we would like to have a display of Scandi dancing and a Kapa Haka performance from our current students. We need to have a commitment from parents to have their children here on the day.

We also need parents to help in various areas around the school, especially on the Sunday. We hope to get as much help as possible so we can allocate hour slots to people so everyone gets a chance to enjoy the day.

Could you please fill in below, as an indication of what you may be able to help with over the weekend and we will get back to you nearer to the time.

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- My child _____ will be available to dance on the Sunday
- I would like my child/ren to be involved in the Kapa Haka performance.
- I will be able to help over the weekend on Saturday /Sunday—please tick preference
- I am able to help from:

8.30 to 9.30 9.30 to 10.30 10.30 to 11.30 11.30 to 12.30 1.30 to 2.30

Please circle a slot that suits.

Some of the jobs we will need a hand with include manning our classroom displays, help in the marquee and with the morning teas and parking.