



TERM THREE, WEEK EIGHT

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

Community assembly for Term 3 will be Friday 19th September at 2:15pm with a focus on our science inquiries. For this community assembly we ask that every family brings a small plate of food to share. We will start with our assembly, then move throughout the classrooms to view all the amazing science work in each room before coming back to the library for afternoon tea.

TOUCH RUGBY:

Touch rugby begins next week. Draws and team lists have been sent home today. We are still looking for someone to sub/ referee the senior team. This is compulsory. If you know any high school students, this would be perfect for them! Teeny touch (year 1-2) doesn't start till next term so draws will be sent home then!

GOLF:

Thank you to Shonelle, Richard, Rebekah, Nga, and Mrs Roxburgh for transporting students to the golf tournament. Unfortunately, we were not informed that the event had been cancelled. We hope to provide the children with a golfing experience before the end of the term.

PRINCIPAL WATSON MESSAGE

Kia ora, Talofa

Week 8 was cold, wet and windy with a sprinkling of sunshine!

We continue to have lots of bugs. Across the district, there have been high numbers of people affected by Influenza this year. You can buy kits from local Chemists that tests for Influenza A and B, Covid and RSV. These kits cost around \$12.00. With all of these illnesses, the main message from the medical team is to rest. Stay home, be warm, drink plenty of fluids and limit device time so you are fully resting.

Two weeks left of term and the classes are putting on the final touches of their science projects. We can't wait to share all our learning with you.

There is a lot of clothing/lost property that is piling up in our resource room. If your child has come home without their hoody, socks, spare t-shirt - please come and take a look. We will display it before the assembly, but it would be great if it was all gone beforehand.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Stirling Star values certificates: Toeleiu (Māhuri), Leah (Rākau), Jaxx (Tupu), and Axel (Kākano).

Classroom certificates: Sophie (Kākano), Max (Rākau), Te Ata-Rangi (Tupu), Amelia (Māhuri).

Principals Award: Bonnie W (Tupu) for being a positive role model and great school leader.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA KĀKANO

We've had another fun-filled week in the Kākano classroom! We have started working on creating our very own solar system model. The tamariki have been learning interesting facts about each planet and are now working in groups to design and build paper-mache planets.

On Wednesday afternoon, we joined the senior students for some exciting activities they had set up around the school. The stations gave us a chance to practise our gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and teamwork. There was lots of laughter and smiles as the tamariki worked together and gave everything a go. A huge thank you to Māhuri and Rākau for organising such a fun afternoon!

To finish the week, we also made some special Father's Day cards to celebrate our wonderful dads. The children put lots of thought and care into their creations, and we are sure they will bring big smiles on Father's Day.



RUMA TUPU

This week during Tūhura time we have continued our science focus on the solar system. The children have been learning the order of the planets and discovering interesting facts about each one. In groups, we have begun creating planet models using papier-mache and balloons. We can't wait to see how they turn out! Next week, we will be making information posters about our chosen planet to go alongside our models.

In writing, we have been learning about similes. The children enjoyed writing sentences that compared themselves to different things in fun and creative ways.

On Wednesday, we had a fantastic afternoon when Mahuri and Rākau designed a PE rotation for Kākano and Tupu. The children rotated around five different stations, practising their coordination, fine motor skills, teamwork, and large ball skills.



CLASSROOM NEWS:

RUMA MĀHURI

Māhuri has had a busy week! We started exploring Te Whare Tapa Whā, which is all about our wellbeing. We did an experiment where four people each held a leg of a chair and observed what happened when one leg was let go. This symbolises that if one of the four pou (walls) of our wellbeing where is weak, it affects our overall wellbeing.

This week, we focused on Taha Tinana – our physical wellbeing. Everyone got to choose from a range of activities. Some of us created a rap about hygiene, some found healthy recipes to make at home, while others made posters for the juniors on how to wash their hands. We even had a shop called Taha Tinana, which offered self-care packages! We can't wait to explore the other three pou in the weeks to come.

On Wednesday, we had fun with all the other classes. Our class and Rākau planned skill-based games for the juniors. It was a fantastic day out in the sun with the whole school.

On Friday, we celebrated Father's Day by thinking about what makes our dads special. We made unique cards that reflected our dads' personalities, including what they do for work or what they love.



RUMA RĀKAU

Rākau have had another great week.

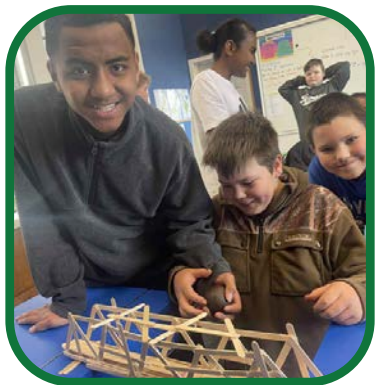
On Monday, we finished our bridge-building STEM unit with Whaea Ezra by seeing how much weight each bridge could hold. Well done to the group of Simon, Max, Timothy, and Blair for holding all the shot puts we had at school, equaling 20 kg!

Miss Latta joined us on Tuesday morning for some PB4L. She asked the class to draw pictures for all of our school values. We then used watercolors to bring them to life. They are dotted around the school on display and look wonderful!

After a small mix-up with our golf tournament on Wednesday afternoon, we returned to school and joined Māhuri in leading some games for the Tupu and Kākano classes. I was really impressed with the leadership from all of our students and the strong tuakana-teina relationships that were strengthened throughout the afternoon!

In reading this week, Whaea Ezra has been testing the children with some direction-following texts, seeing who reads instructions carefully, or not! It was quite a laugh to see them play out.

In class this week, we have been focusing on Te Whare Tapa Whā and each element of having a fulfilled well-being: Taha Hinengaro (Mental and Emotional), Taha Whānau (Family), Taha Tinana (Physical), and Taha Wairua (Spiritual). We did a writing activity to boost our Taha Hinengaro (Mental and Emotional) well-being by writing kind messages to each of our classmates. We hope this helped make everyone feel warm and fuzzy!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Mason and Matauaina, who competed in the Otago Secondary Schools Cross Country in Dunedin on Friday. We are very proud to have had two students representing our school at this event. A big thank you to their families for transporting and supporting them on the day!



HAPPY



Thank you to all the people that step up to fill this important role. For always being there with your strength, your wisdom, and your love. You are more than just a father, uncle, grandad, neighbour – you're heroes!

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Week 9	Year 7-8 Technology
10 th September	Bob Bickerton - performance at school
16 th September	Little Learners - 2pm
19 th September	Community Period 2:15pm (please bring a plate for shared afternoon tea) Last Day of Term Three



SIGN THE PETITION

To Government: Back education that works for all tamariki

What we are asking:

As educators, whānau and community, we are calling on the Government to back our future. This means:

Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom

Fund a teacher aide in every class in Budget 2026.

Value educators fairly and ensure their work is secure

Attract – and retain – the best people to educate our tamariki, by delivering fair pay and secure work to all educators – and restoring pay equity.

Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi in education

Protect te reo Māori as a taonga for our tamariki by reinstating funding for te reo Māori learning for education professionals.

Defend quality early childhood education

Make early childhood education accessible, affordable, culturally appropriate and high quality for all tamariki, by retaining 100% qualified teachers and pay parity, and by improving teacher: child ratios.

Why we are asking for this:

All tamariki deserve an education where they can learn, feel included and access learning support when they need it. However, the Government is taking public education in the wrong direction and tamariki are being left behind.

Schools, kindergartens, and early childhood centres have faced cuts to school lunches, te reo Māori programmes, beginning teacher pay, and literacy and te reo jobs. Some schools have to fundraise to help pay for teacher aides, whose support in the classroom is invaluable for all students. Many tamariki sit on learning support waitlists for months due to inadequate learning support staffing.

Attacks on quality early childhood education and scrapping of pay equity claims for our lowest paid in education make it clear the Government does not value the work of education professionals nor our children's learning.

Primary and early childhood education teachers, learning support workers, principals and support staff, kohanga reo, wharekura and whānau are coming together to seek a new dawn in education.

Join us in demanding better for our tamariki!
Kimi Haeata.
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10am-6pm

Sat 4-Sun 5 October 2025

10am-4pm

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FOOD

TRUCK
Nights

**GOLD
COIN
ENTRY**

2025

**10 October
14 November
12 December
5.00-8.00pm**

2026

**13 February
13 March
10 April**



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Perfume Making

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10.00-11.30am
\$85 per person



Candle Making

Saturday, 1 November 2025
2.30-4.00pm
\$85 per person



Dried Floral Arrangement - Pot

Saturday, 22 November 2025
10.00am-12.00pm
\$85 per person

- multiple colour options available



Dried Floral Arrangement - Hoop

Saturday, 22 November 2025
1.00-3.00pm
\$85 per person

- multiple colour options available



Acrylic Painting

Saturday, 6 December 2025
2.00-4.30pm
\$50 per person

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