

2025 UPOKONGARO SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Our Upokongaro School kids are so cool!

If you managed to get to the school swimming sports you would have had a very entertaining, possibly a little wet time. If you didn't, here's a peak at what we got up to.

Thank you everyone for a great day.



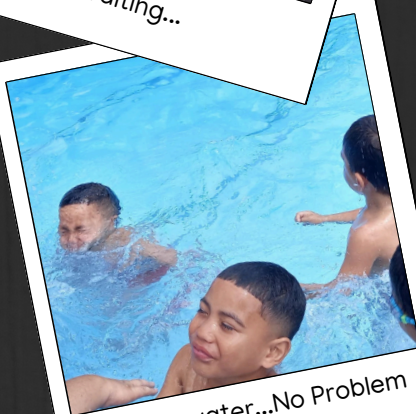
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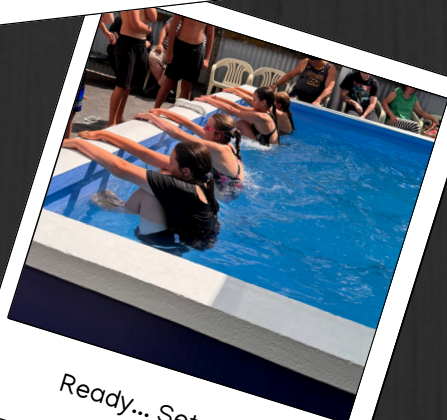
Waiting...



What a race boys!



Under water...No Problem



Ready... Set... Go...



Great job Mrs Handley and Jess



Rewi and Hustle showing their amazing floating skills. Go boys!



Doesn't matter who wins when you've got friends like this.



Kicking up a storm
Way to go TWP!



Anticipation...
Can you feel it?



Follow the leader with
Te Whare Pukapuka

TE WHARE PUKAPUKA IN ACTION

It's a big deal to be a five year old going to school for the first time, but these guys just keep showing up like the champs they are.



Learning is serious business.



Our Teddy Bear's Picnic.



Visiting Mrs Browne for story time.

PUANGA IN ACTION

Look at how focused and engaged these Year 2 & 3 students are. It's so great to see them working collaboratively and independently.



Te Reo Maori games.



Working out the old stencil art.



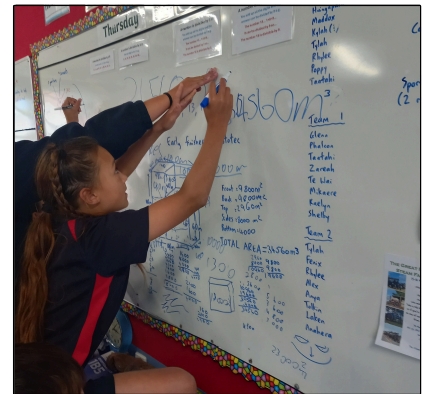
Gamification at its best.

TE RITO IN ACTION

It's not just the juniors who are engaged and focused. Check out Te Rito students responding to a prompt about manaakitanga. Keep up the good work team, it is worth it.



The Seniors are getting it done.



Do you remember how to calculate area?



So many options



I'll trade you... for...

TRADING DAYS AT UPOKONGARO

Trading days are mostly going quite well. Students bring a variety of items to school to trade ranging from cards to small stones. Students seem to be learning the language and consequences of trading with very little intervention needed from teachers, in fact I only know of one mediation that has happened and it resulted in agreed understanding and good learning (although it was a little hard for one wee fella).

With all the excitement of trade days it is becoming noticeable that students are starting to trade outside of trade times. Trading can only happen during second lunch. Before school and during first lunch is not trade time. It's a challenging lesson to learn with lots of excitement and anticipation building up, but it's also a good lesson to learn. Mrs Browne will remind children of trading times at karakia on Monday.

If you get a chance to check what your children are trading please do so before they come to school, I'd hate for dad's pristine, authenticated Michael Jordan card worth \$20,000.00 to turn up.



UPOKONGARO STEEL HORSE TRAIL RIDE

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 10AM-3PM



Every family has had a letter sent home asking about how they will be able to assist with our Upokongaro Community Steel Horse Trail Ride. The profit from this event is always reserved for our kura and it has been a big contributor to the work and materials that are enjoyed by the school.

If you haven't received your letter asking how you can help to make this event happen, please contact Mrs Browne at erin@upokongaro.net.

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4 Mar Cluster Swimming Sports at Splash Centre
- 13 Mar Fluro Golf Day
- 14 Mar Surf Life Saving Competition
- 14 Mar Te Rau Mohio trip to Pakaitore
- 4 Apr Whānau Learning Day 9am
- 11 Apr Last Day of Term 1

Principal's Message



Kia ora whānau

Two quick messages this week from me.

The first is a reminder really to tell the school through Skool Loop or message to your child's teacher why they are absent, when they are absent. Mrs Chamberlain is beginning an inquiry into absenteeism to work towards finding ways to improve attendance throughout the school. Watch this space.

Secondly, our school does not currently have a school administrator. This means that the school office is not manned all the time, so if you have an urgent matter for one of your children you will need to contact your child's teacher directly. If you have a non urgent matter please email office@upokongaro.net and your inquiry will be picked up within 48 hours. You can also leave a phone message on 06 3456424 however this may not be picked up within a 24 hour period.