

Kura Pānui

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Te Kura o Hanana

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Te kōrero a te Tumuaki



Mānawatia a Matariki. Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa. As we come to the end of another successful term, Matariki invites us to pause and reflect on our journey as a kura. It is a time to remember those who have passed, celebrate the present, and look towards the future with hope and purpose. It is also a time to acknowledge the many people who make Te Kura o Hanana such a special place to learn, grow and belong.

This term has been rich with learning, achievement and memorable experiences. Whether in the classroom, through sport, the arts, cultural events or our wider community, our tamariki have continued to demonstrate resilience, curiosity and pride. My sincere thanks goes to our staff, whānau, Board and community for the partnership and support that enables our tamariki to flourish.

Next term marks a significant milestone as we celebrate the official re-opening of our Rumaki Reo. This is much more than the opening of a learning space—it represents our enduring commitment to strengthening te reo Māori, tikanga Māori and mātauranga Māori for current and future generations.

This achievement has been built on the vision and perseverance of many. We acknowledge with gratitude the kaiako, tamariki, whānau and supporters who established, taught in, attended and championed Rumaki Reo over the years, along with those who have worked so hard to see its re-establishment become a reality. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with our tamariki, their whānau, mana whenua Ngāti Whakatere, invited guests and wider community as we begin an exciting new chapter in the life of our kura.

As we move into the holidays, we also enter Hōngongoi (July). Within the maramataka, this is traditionally a time to slow down, draw close to whānau and restore our energy through the depths of winter. I encourage everyone to embrace this whakaaro over the break—take time to hunker down, enjoy the warmth of home, reconnect with those around you and return refreshed for an exciting Term 3.

Finally, thank you for continuing to prioritise regular attendance. Every day at kura provides valuable opportunities for learning, connection and success, and your ongoing support makes a real difference. Together, let's continue building strong habits of attendance so every tamaiti is present, connected and able to thrive as we embark on another exciting chapter for Te Kura o Hanana.

Have a safe and restful holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be a memorable and exciting term ahead.

TE RITO HUB

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As we come to the end of another busy and successful term in the Te Rito Hub, we would like to celebrate the growth we have seen in our tamariki. Across reading, writing, mathematics, and all areas of learning, our children have continued to develop their knowledge, skills, and understanding. We are particularly proud of the confidence they have developed, their willingness to challenge themselves, and the resilience they show when learning something new. It has been wonderful to see so many tamariki stepping outside their comfort zones, taking risks in their learning, and discovering what they are capable of.



This term has also been a special one as we have journeyed together towards Matariki. Throughout the term, our tamariki have been learning about the stars of Matariki, exploring what each star represents and the responsibilities and values connected to them. This learning has helped deepen our understanding of te ao Māori and the significance of Matariki within Aotearoa.



A major highlight of the term was our participation in the Kerekere Kapa Haka Festival at Foxton Beach School on Friday 26th June. As a hub, we have spent the entire term working towards this event, practising together and developing our confidence, discipline, and teamwork. We are incredibly proud of our tamariki, who represented our kura with pride and performed exceptionally well. The dedication, respect, and commitment they showed throughout the preparation process and on the day itself was outstanding.

A heartfelt thank you to our whānau for your ongoing support throughout the term. Whether it is helping with homework, listening to reading, supporting events, or encouraging your tamariki each day, your partnership makes a real difference. We are incredibly grateful for the role you play in your child's learning and success.

TE WHARE KĀKANO

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As we reach the end of the term, we also arrive at a special milestone for Te Whare Kākano, the transition to a full-time junior rumaki reo. Over the past two and a half years, we have witnessed a continued passion for learning te reo māori amongst our tamariki, their whānau, our staff and community.

Some of the most special moments throughout this journey have been watching our tamariki grow in confidence and find their voices. Seeing tamariki who were once too whakamā to utter a few words now confidently stand and share their pepeha, lead karakia, mihimihi and use full sentences during learning activities. We have noticed a growing sense of identity as tamariki see themselves as speakers of te reo Māori, developing pride in who they are, and where they come from. It has been a pleasure to see the growth in our tamariki's understanding of te reo Māori as they demonstrate their abilities to listen intently and read to help comprehend the reo around them.

Now, as we transition into a full-time rumaki reo class, we recognise this reflects the commitment and aspirations of the many people who share the same goal — that our tamariki continue to thrive in an environment where te reo Māori is the medium of ako. We acknowledge the many people who have supported, encouraged, and walked alongside this journey, helping to nurture and strengthen this kaupapa along the way.



Looking ahead, we also want to acknowledge that for some of our tamariki and whānau, this transition may look different. For those who may not be physically entering Te Whare Kākano in this next phase, your te reo māori will continue to grow and flourish throughout your learning journey here at kura, and your connection to Te Whare Kākano and this kaupapa will continue. So don't be a stranger, come into the whare and "Kōrerotia tō reo māori". Kia pai te wā hararei ki a tātou katoa.

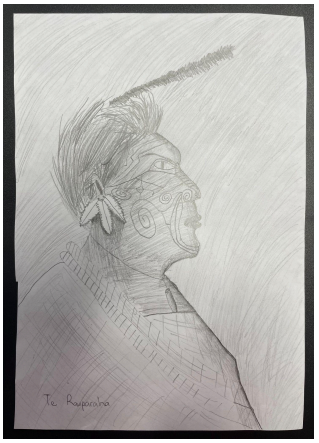




HARAKEKE HUB

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He Rerenga Raukura, He rerenga noa tua whakarere
The flight of a feather is a flight from ancient times.



What an action-packed term it has been at our kura! Our tamariki have been engaged in rich learning experiences across the curriculum, exploring our history, culture, identity, leadership, and future pathways.

Our inquiry learning focused on how Aotearoa has changed over time. Year 5 students explored Matariki as a rerenga that carries knowledge, remembrance, and aspirations from the past into the future. Year 6 students investigated the hekenga of Te Rauparaha, learning about the movement of people, knowledge, culture and leadership. Year 7 and 8 students examined Tino Rangatiratanga me te Kawanatanga, exploring the significance of He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi and their ongoing impact on Aotearoa.

These kaupapa were integrated across reading, writing, and mathematics, strengthening understanding, engagement, and critical thinking. We have also been delighted by the growing confidence our tamariki are showing in their use of te reo Māori.

Fortnightly FriYAY continues to provide exciting sporting, cultural, and environmental opportunities for our students. A huge mihi to our principal, Whaea Rochelle, who coordinates all of the staff and community providers to help make these experiences possible.



On the sporting front we had 43 tamariki participate in the Junior Tough Guy/Gal Challenge earlier in the term. What a fantastic day they had. We have had the Kerekere Rippa Rugby tournament and the Manawatū Ki o Rahi tournament in the past couple of weeks. Our tamariki continue to have opportunities to represent our kura outside of school, in a variety of sporting events.

We were also extremely proud of our kapa haka performances this term. Our students represented the kura with pride, confidence, and mana. Tumeke!

As the term comes to a close, we celebrate the achievements, growth, and enthusiasm of our tamariki and look forward to the learning ahead

Office

Kia ora,



Our kura was very excited to win the **Read for Bees** initiative. Thanks to our community for all their support.
The Read for Bees initiative was a community reading challenge where logging pages helps your nominated local school win a pollinator garden. During the Challenge, 83,732 pages were logged, with the highest average per student at 670 pages. KA PAI!!

We now have our new garden installed by the Green by Nature team.

Another highlight of Term two was when some of our Year 7 & 8 students attended NYLD (National Young Leaders Day) and had the opportunity to hear William Pike speak and then meet him. They are doing the William Pike Challenge this year, so this was very inspiring.

