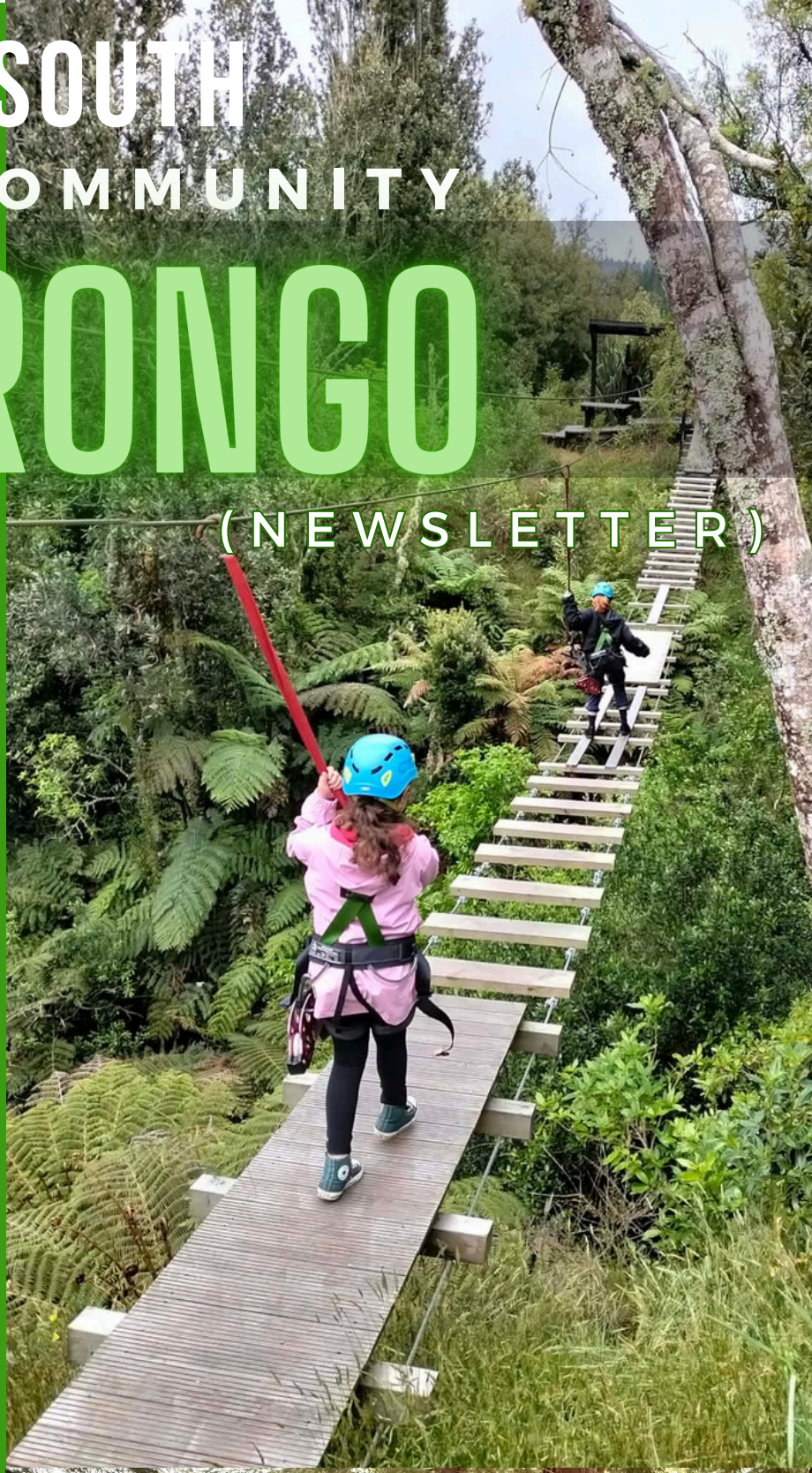
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DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

November

Thurs 19th - Athletics @ T.A Stadium
Mon 23rd - PP for Athletics
Thurs 26th - Rm 1 Sleepover Camp
Mon 30th - School Photos

December

Tues 1st -Yr 8 Trip to Rainbow's End
Wed 2nd - Thurs 3rd - Life Education
Fri 4th - Double Principal Award Lunch
Mon 7th - Thank you Morning Tea
Thurs 10th - End of Year Prize Giving
Fri 11th Last day for Bus Run
Wed 16th - Last day of Term - ½ day





Tumuaki MESSAGE

Ana Stites - Principal

Kia ora koutou,

What an action-packed couple of weeks we've had at Wharepapa South School! With camps, adventures, plenty of learning and a visit from the Education Review Office, there certainly hasn't been a dull moment around here!

Room 2 Takes on Rotorua! ⛺

What an incredible adventure our Room 2 tamariki had on their Rotorua camp last week! There was no shortage of fun, laughter, challenges and opportunities for students to push themselves well outside their comfort zones. From trying new activities to supporting each other through some pretty big challenges, it was awesome to see our CARE values shining through.

One of the coolest parts of this camp was seeing it all come to life after the HUGE amount of planning and preparation that went into it. Miss Moorhead and the students put in an incredible effort, with the students taking ownership of everything from budgeting and travel arrangements to researching activities and making connections to their classroom learning. What a fantastic example of authentic, real-world learning!

And the learning hasn't stopped now that they're home! This week, students have been busy creating tourism brochures based on their favourite camp experiences, putting their persuasive writing and creativity to good use. It's great to see these adventures continuing to inspire learning back in the classroom.

The weather certainly threw a few challenges our way, but it definitely didn't dampen anyone's spirits! If anything, it gave our tamariki even more opportunities to demonstrate their resilience, adaptability and positive attitudes.

A MASSIVE thank you to our wonderful parent helpers, Johny, Hollie, Jess and Jazmin, who gave up their time to come along and help make this adventure possible. Camps like these simply couldn't happen without people like you, and we are incredibly grateful!

Room 1's Turn Next! 🌟

Not to be outdone, our Room 1 tamariki are gearing up for their very own overnight camp next week! There is plenty of excitement building, with lots of fun activities planned. A particular highlight will no doubt be their trip to the Waitomo Caves! We can't wait to hear all about their adventures and see our youngest learners making some special memories of their own.

ERO Comes to Visit! 📚

We've also had the Education Review Office (ERO) visiting us this week to take a good look at how we've been tracking as a school.

While having your school reviewed in such depth can be a little nerve-wracking, it's also a fantastic opportunity to show off a little! And we certainly have plenty to be proud of.

It's been wonderful to share the learning and progress our tamariki have been making, showcase the incredible way our teachers naturally adapt and respond to the needs of their students, and reflect on the enormous amount of work that has gone into keeping up with the many curriculum, assessment and reporting changes over recent years.

It's hard to believe that five years have passed since our last ERO review! Thinking back to 2021, we were still navigating COVID lockdowns, distance learning and a very different set of curriculum and assessment expectations. Wow, how things have changed!

There has been a huge amount of work behind the scenes over those five years, and I am incredibly proud of how our little kura has navigated it all. Through every change, challenge and new expectation, our focus has remained firmly on what matters most — the learning, wellbeing and success of our tamariki.

Our School Board will meet with ERO again in a couple of weeks to discuss their initial findings following their review of our documentation, classroom observations and school practices. The final report is expected to be available in Term 1 next year.

Although it's always a little daunting having someone look so closely at everything you do, I feel confident that the genuine care, strong relationships and values that make Wharepapa South School such a special place have shone through.

As we head into the final few weeks of the school year, I want to acknowledge our incredible staff, students, Board and wider school community. There is so much that happens behind the scenes to keep our little school humming along, and it's moments like these that remind me just how lucky we are to have such a supportive and dedicated school whānau.

Ngā mihi nui,
Ana
Tumuaki | Principal



Wharepapa South Hall AGM



When: 25th November 2026

Where: Wharepapa South Hall

Time: 6.30 pm Happy hour.

Come along and join us for drinks and nibbles supplied by the Hall committee.

7.30 we will have a short AGM followed by some indoor bowls and a few laughs.



Please join us and bring any ideas you have for the hall going forward.

No pressure to join committee just love to see you.

Enquiries Karen Saunders
0272871080

END of YEAR

COMMUNITY DINNER

Wharepapa South Christmas Celebration



Friday 4th December

Wharepapa South Hall

6.00pm Doors open

7.00pm Food served

Families are welcome to join us for our final event of the year.

Meats and Desserts kindly supplied by Wharepapa South Rural Women.

PLEASE bring a generous salad or vege dish to share.

*BYO – crockery, cutlery and drinks.



Petals & Twine

Fresh Flowers for Sale

$25 a bunch

Each bouquet is freshly picked with you in mind.
If you have a particular colour in mind,
I'm more than happy to accommodate.

Pick up: **Friday** at Wharepapa South.

Deliveries are an extra **$10** to Te Awamutu, Wharepapa South, Pukeatua and Arohena areas.

Contact for more information: Felicity (Fiss) 0274758152

THANK YOU

To everyone who kindly selected our school to receive proceeds from **AFFCO's 2026 Bobby Calf Cash for School Programme.**

All proceeds go towards extra resources for our students. We really appreciate your support.



Room 1

Waste Management

What happens to our rubbish once we throw it away? And could some of it be put to better use? These were some of the questions Room 1 explored during two fantastic Waste Management lessons with Gypsy from Enviroschools!

We looked closely at different types of waste and worked together to categorize a range of items that had been put out as rubbish. We discussed the different materials they were made from, including glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, aluminum and soft plastic.

It was fantastic to see Room 1 students confidently sharing their knowledge and explaining which items could be put into the compost, worm farm or recycling.

We also turned our attention to revitalizing our own worm farm! We explored what our worms need to eat, what makes a suitable home for them and even what they need to rest and sleep. This was a great opportunity to put our learning into practice and think about how we can reduce the amount of waste going into our rubbish bins.

A big thank you to Gypsy for sharing her knowledge with us and giving Room 1 the opportunity to share what they already know!

Mātauranga Ako - Learning and Knowledge



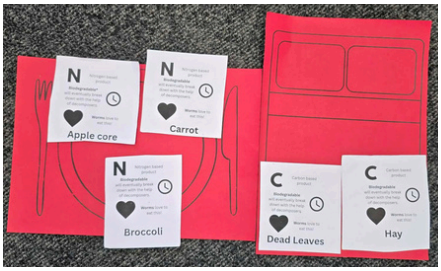
Scientists looking at the different stages of leaves decomposing.











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Sports Sessions – Te Awamutu Sports

A massive thank you to Ollie, Ariana and Jaz from Te Awamutu Sports for delivering five fantastic sports sessions with Room 1 and Room 2 this term!

Our tamariki have absolutely loved the variety of activities, equipment and skills introduced during each session. A definite favourite has been Kiwi Ball (also known as Gaga Ball)! It has been amazing to explore the different variations of one game, with such enthusiastic and passionate facilitators leading the way.

Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm, passion and sporting expertise with our ākonga and staff. We have learnt lots, developed new skills and, most importantly, had plenty of fun along the way!

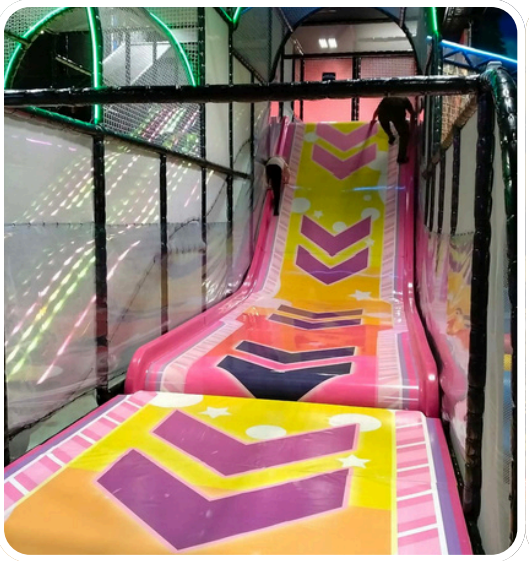
We are already counting down until we see you again at our little slice of paradise here at Wharepapa South School!



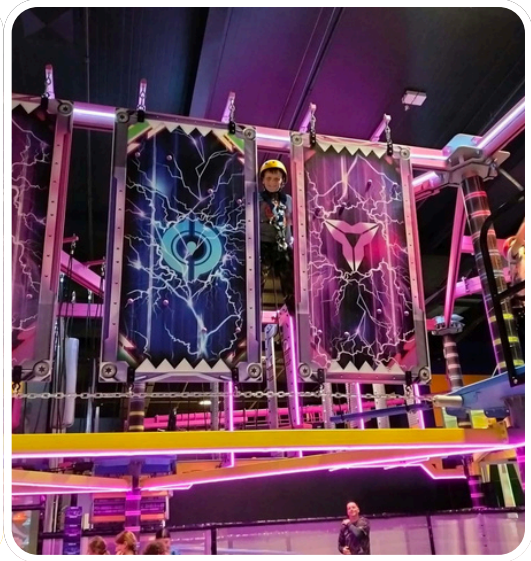


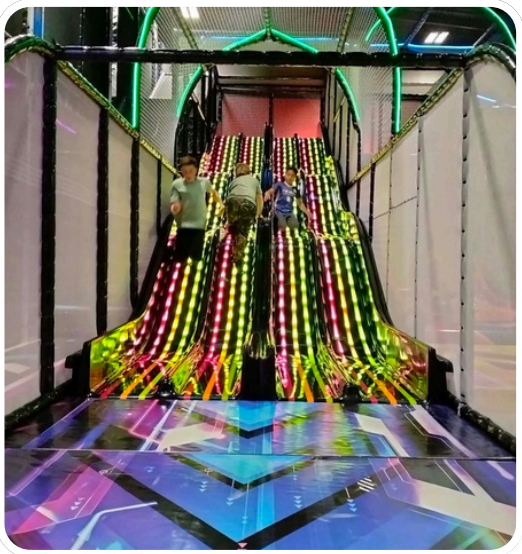




















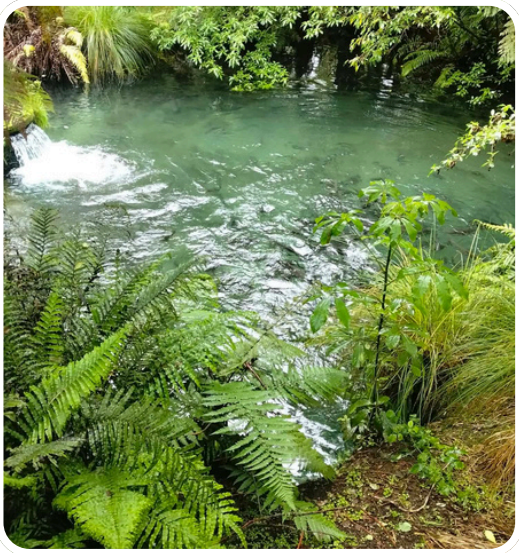





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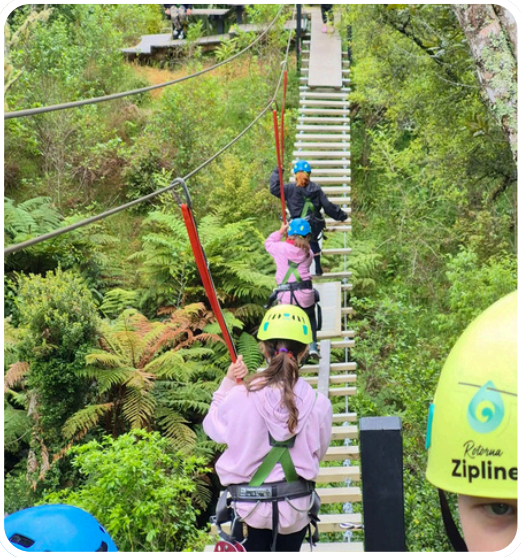











Rotorua
Zipline


WELCOME
TO Fabulous
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NEW ZEALA


STOP

Values Tickets CARE HEROES

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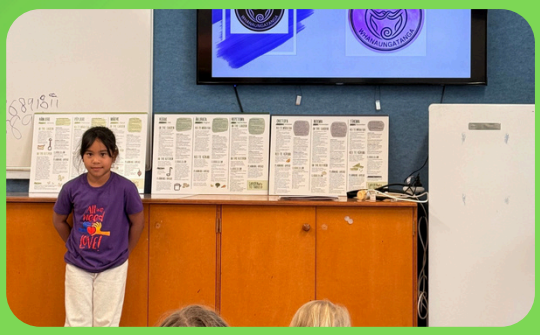
Ko te ohu hoahoa, akotahi, kia whaia ai te angitu.

A community of friendship, united in learning, to pursue success.

WEEK 4

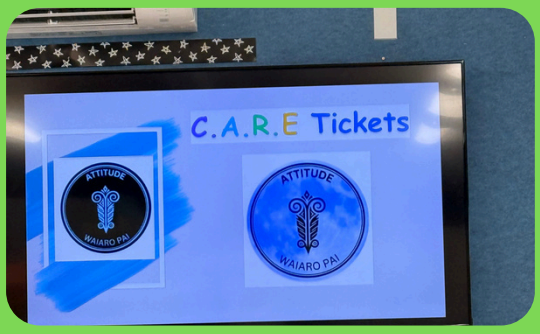


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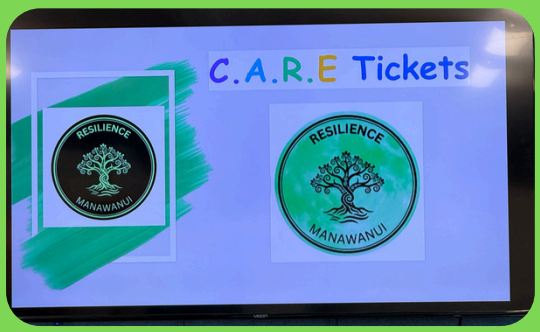


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EXCELLENCE HIRANGA

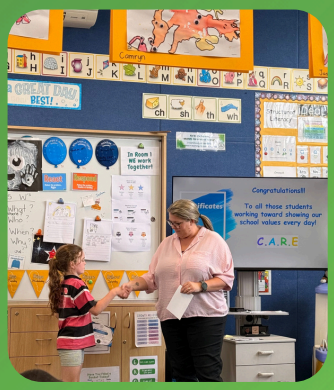
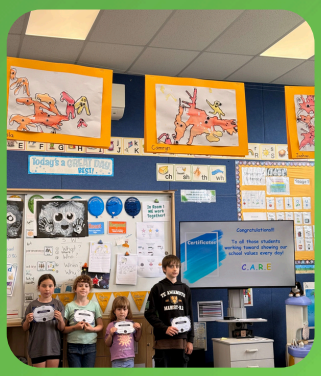


WEEK 5

CARE Certificate SUPER STARS

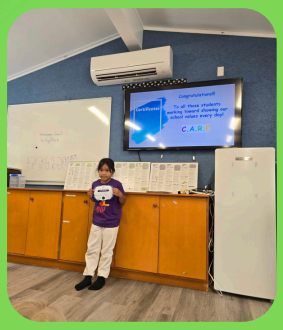
Congratulations to these students who have received their CARE Certificates

Week 4 CARE Certificate Super Stars



Week 4 & 5 CARE Certificate Super Stars

Principal Awards

Congratulations!






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