Ngaruawahia Primary School

"Mana te Tuatahi"

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T1 Wk2 2025



Kia ora e te whaanau,
Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome back to the 2025 school year!

A special welcome to all our new whaanau and staff –
it's wonderful to have you join our learning community.
We're excited for another vibrant and successful year at NPS.

This first newsletter introduces our fantastic staff,
shares a few reminders, and provides information on our new Hero app to keep everyone informed about important dates and updates.

Communication and Support

If you have any concerns about your child, please follow these steps:

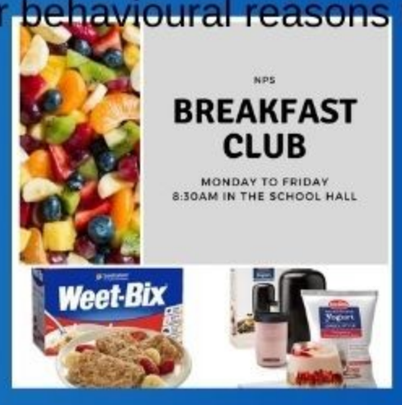
1. Classroom Teacher: Discuss any concerns with the teacher in the first instance. They are available between 8:30 am - 9:00 am or 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm.
2. Associate Principals: If further support is needed, contact: Whaea Kim (Puaawai Hub)
   Whaea Maggie (Puanga & Whanakee Hub) AND Whaea Pratima (Technology)
3. Principal: Only if the above steps have not resolved the issue.

Next week, kaiako (teachers) will be calling home to introduce themselves. This is a great opportunity to share any important information about your tamariki.

07 824 8426/ office@ngaruawahia.school.nz

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

Whaea Maggie, Associate Principal of Operations and Learning Support, leads our PB4L initiative. This includes our reward and behaviour systems. Students collectively earn points for their houses, with rewards such as mufti days, ice blocks, prize box selections, kai shouts, and end-of-term trips.
Each akomanga (classroom) also selects a Student of the Week, who receives a book and hot chocolate as recognition.
Whaea Maggie will be based in Room 4, our new Ākonga Ora Room, where students may be sent for reflection, time out, or redirection. If necessary , Whaea Maggie will contact whaanau if your child is sent here. If a child is sent to this room for behavioural reasons three times in a term, referrals may be made to RTLB (Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour),
SWIS (Social Worker in Schools), Counselor or a stand-down for continued disobedience may be issued.



Healthy Habits & School Reminders

Lunch & Snacks: Lunch is prepared and provided daily, and fruit is also delivered every day.
Breakfast Club runs from 8:30 am - 8:55 am four days a week.
Please note fizzy drinks, energy drinks, sports drinks, chewing gum, and noodles are not permitted at kura.

Uniform: Full school uniform is expected every day, except Fridays when students may wear house colours.

School Van : We anticipate the school van service will be operational by Week 4. Please note that this service has a waiting list and prioritizes trips and events.



Mobile phones: these must be handed into the office upon arrival to kura.

It has been fantastic welcoming everyone back over the past week. The NPS team is pumped and ready for an exciting year ahead. We can't wait to see you at one of our school events soon!
As always, if you would like to discuss anything with me, don't hesitate to make an appointment through the office. I always enjoy the koorero with whaanau around how NPS can continue to mold the next generation.

Ngaa manaakitanga,
Matua Murray and the NPS team

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Leadership Team		Administration Hub	
Principal *Whanakee + Weka Leader*	Murray Borrows	Office Manager / Principals PA	Raewyn Tarawhiti
Associate Principal: Planning, Assessment & Communities *Across School Teacher* *Puaawai + Huia Leader*	Kim Rangihika ***Leader of Enviro-schools*** ***Leader of Numeracy***	Student / I.T Administrator	Hohi Moeke
Associate Principal: Operations and Learning Support *Puanga + Kiwi Leader*	Maggie Gillies ***SENCO*** ***Mentor Teacher***	Learning, Behaviour and Well-Being Support Hub	
Associate Principal: Technology *Hangarau + Tui Leader*	Pratima Achari	Learning Assistant	Ann Rota
Puaawai (Years 0-3) Whaea Kim - Hub Leader		Learning Assistant	Hohi Moeke
Puaawai Tahi Year 0	TBC	Learning Assistant	Mazina Ponga
Puaawai Rua Year 0-1	Hinengakau Potaka-Osborne ***Cultural co-lead***	Learning Assistant	Jackie Apihai
Puaawai Toru Year 1-2	Charlotte Marshall	Learning Assistant	Briana Gillies
Puaawai Wha Year 2-3	Celeste Clark-Robinson ***Leader of Literacy + Mentor Teacher***	Learning Assistant	Dakota Moeke
Puanga (Years 4-6) Whaea Maggie - Hub Leader		Learning Assistant	Torrin McCleary
Akonga Ora (Rm 4)	Student Wellbeing Centre	Social Worker (SWiS)	Eta Toromona
Puanga Rua Year 4	Keana Ronquillo ***Leader of the ARTs***	Counselor	Andrea Baker
Puanga Toru Year 5-6	Heramahina Eketone ***Cultural co-lead + Mentor Teacher***	Youth Officer	Thomas Pearce
PCT & CRT Release Teacher	Iriarangi Panapa ***Leader of Language***	KiwiCan Leaders	Jared Tayla
Whanakee (Year 6-8) Matua Murray - Hub Leader		Student Wellbeing Mentors (Volunteers)	Rebecca Rowe Kerry McGregor
Whanakee Tahi Year 6-7	Kylie Savage	Nurse	Airiini Hopa
Whanakee Rua Year 7-8	April Orleans ***Leader of Sports***	Property Hub	
Akomanga Iwa	RTLB Office	Caretaker & Van Driver	Preston Maru
Te Whare Hangarau Whaea Pratima - Hub Leader		Cleaner	Ann Rota
Food / Textiles	Pratima Achari	Cleaner	Mazina Ponga
Bio-technology	Johnny Regnier	Ka Ora Ka Ako: School Lunches	
Electronics	Scott Callis	Kitchen Manager	Leesa Sunnex
Hard Materials	Peter Nolan		