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23rd March, Week 8 , Term 1 Te Panui o te Kura #2

Message from the Principal

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a while since I last included our student roll in the newsletter, and I am pleased to share that we are now sitting at 86 students.

We have had a very busy few weeks since our last newsletter. This is always the way with Term 1, as we try to fit so many opportunities and events into the first part of the year.

Over this time, we have been up Maungatautari Mountain, had a helicopter land on our back field, held our Community Picnic, run our Junior and Senior Swimming Sports, competed at the Interschool Swimming Sports, hosted our School Triathlon, and had a great fundraiser for Little Heart Day and Heart Kids.

It was great to see so many people come along to our Community Picnic. The weather was amazing for the afternoon, and it was awesome to see families making the most of the pool and enjoying some food together for an early dinner.

Our students did incredibly well at the Interschool Swimming Sports, with multiple placings across the events. It was great to see them out there competing against other schools, and looking the part in our bright yellow swim caps.

Thank you to those parents who helped at our Senior Swimming Sports, Junior Swimming Sports, and Triathlon. Thank you as well to those who donated baking for these events. After costs, we were able to raise over $1,700, which is a fantastic result.

Little Heart Day is always a special day for me, and a great cause for our school to support. We were able to raise $121 for Heart Kids. Thank you to everyone who dressed up and was able to make a donation.

I would also like to acknowledge the families, both from our school and our wider community, who support us by raising stock on their farms for the school. These animals are often looked after for 2–3 years, cared for as if they were their own. This is a significant commitment, and something we are incredibly grateful for. When the animals are eventually sold, the funds come back into the school and help support the many opportunities we are able to provide for our students. This is a really special part of our rural community, and we appreciate it greatly.

Thank you also to those families who are making the right call and keeping children home when they are unwell. We really appreciate this, as it helps keep everyone in our school community healthy. At the same time, the Ministry of Education does require schools to closely monitor and track student attendance, and to communicate with families when attendance begins to drop—this includes situations where absences are explained. If your child's attendance starts to fall below expected levels, you may hear from us so we can work together to support regular attendance at school.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of those parents who are using our Hero App for communication—whether that is reporting absences, responding to messages, or keeping up to date with notices. This makes things much more streamlined and helps us keep everyone informed in one place.

Regards



Dene Franklin
PRINCIPAL

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TERM 1 SO FAR....

Wow! We are in week 8 already of our 9 week first term. Its certainly been a busy one! We started the year with a hiss and a roar (and 14 extra new students...) with Room 2 camp first up followed by a visit to the Maunga, a community picnic, junior and senior swimming sports in the same week, enviroschools and bikewise on the same day, a helicopter visit, Putaruru interschool swimming competition, school triathlon, Little Heart Day, and some numicon PLD as well as daily teaching and learning... All of which has made this term fly by!

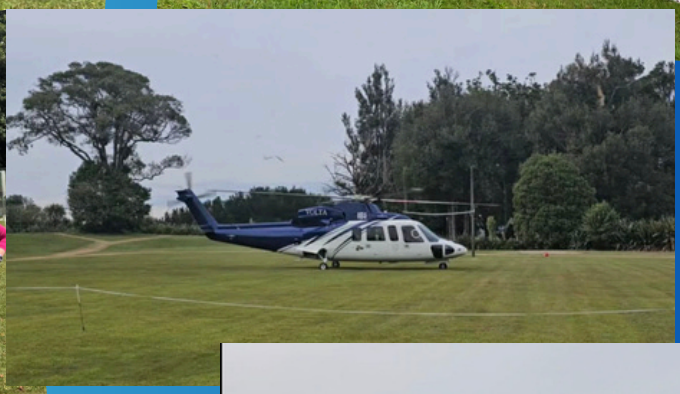
















A wee reminder - when you are coming to school for an event - please DON'T park on the actual driveway. This needs to be kept clear at all times -------->



IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1/2

MARCH

26th	Yr7&8 Technology
27th	Assembly
31st	Orakau Memorial Day

APRIL

1st	April Foods Day
2nd	Yr7&8 Technology
	House Challenge #3
	END OF TERM 1
20th	START OF TERM 2

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

at St John's Church Hall

George St , Te Awamutu - opposite the Warehouse Carpark

Tuesday 7th April
Wednesday 8th April

5 to 12 year olds **10am to 2pm**

Cost:
$5 per child
$20 maximum per family.

Registration starts at 9.45am

Please bring a healthy morning tea and lunch with a bottle of water.

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PUTARURU CHILDREN'S ART HOUSE





Easter / SchoolHoliday ArtClub.

36 Ruru Cres Putaruru
Ph 027 480 3106

Week 1: 7th, 8th, & 9th April

Session times: 10:30.am - 12:30 and 2 - 4 pm



For ages 6 -17.

Cost: $20 per session per child

(All materials included.)

Special Offer **$50 for 3 pre-booked sessions pp**

Places are limited so Bookings are essential.

Contact Lyn for moreinfo. 8837500 or txt 0274803106

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Please Note: **Enrolments for Term 2 are now open, Tuesday and Thursdays 4 - 6pm**

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TE AWAMUTU ATHLETIC CLUB

Golf Course Fun Run & Walk

Saturday 11 April 9.30am

Featuring 3k Run (Students), 3k Walk, 6k Run or Walk and 9k Run

Entry fees $10 for Student Run and $15 for other events.

All entries are online at the link below
https://tafr11042026.events.mygameday.app

Or you can visit the Athletics Waikato Bay of Plenty Website | Events and search 'Upcoming Events' then scroll down to April 11.

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