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5th June, Week 7 , Term 2

Te Panui o te Kura #5

Message from the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

Again, we have had an incredibly busy two weeks. The Chiefs are into their qualifying final on their way to the semi-finals (all a bit overly complicated to be honest!), the Warriors are sitting comfortably in second place, and the Test match against England at Lord's is shaping up to be an interesting few days. I suppose I'd better congratulate Auckland FC on winning the A-League Men's Final, although as a Wellington Phoenix supporter, I am somewhat reluctant!

With our Student Management System, Hero, finally having the functionality for us to develop reports, I am pleased to be able to share dates for both reports and parent interviews. Reports will be released to parents on 23rd June, with parent interviews taking place on 24th and 25th June. This will give teachers, parents and myself the opportunity to discuss the reports together and ensure everyone understands the new format. Reporting requirements have changed following updated Ministry of Education expectations and specifications. A notice will be sent out next week with further information about parent-teacher interviews and instructions on how to book a time.

We recently had a fantastic Teacher Only Day with our PLD provider, David Kinane, helping us unpack the new Mathematics Curriculum. There were many valuable takeaways from the day, but one point that stuck with me was the ongoing nature of curriculum change. We were advised that the Ministry of Education is unlikely to provide physical curriculum documents in the future, as the online documents are continually being updated and refined. While it is positive to see improvements being made, it can also be challenging for schools and teachers to keep pace with constant change. On that note, I have been incredibly impressed with the way our teachers and support staff continue to adapt and thrive in this environment. As always, thank you to our staff for their commitment to providing the very best opportunities for our students.

Over the past few weeks, we have enjoyed a variety of events, and it has been wonderful to see the support from both our students and wider whānau. We had an incredibly successful Wheels Day, a vibrant and diverse Cultural Day, and an enjoyable and inclusive experience at Paaraawera Marae. These are the types of experiences that students remember and talk about for years to come. Thank you to all the parents and whānau who have helped make these events possible and who continue to support our school in so many ways. A special thank you also to the whānau who joined us at Paaraawera Marae and helped make the experience such a success for our students.

Alongside these events, it has been fantastic to see the learning happening in classrooms, with students continuing to engage positively with their literacy and mathematics programmes as we move towards the midpoint of the year.

We also have several exciting events coming up over the next two weeks. Next Friday, we have our Staff and Board of Trustees versus Students 7-a-side football match at 1:45pm. The quality of football on display is expected to be almost as good as the upcoming FIFA World Cup! The following Friday, we have the Eastern Zone Cross Country at Arohena School. This is always a fantastic event, and hopefully the weather plays its part. A notice will be sent home shortly for families who are new to the school, but as a reminder, parents are responsible for transporting students to and from Arohena on the day.

Finally, have a wonderful weekend and try not to get washed away by the weather front that appears to be heading our way.

Ngā mihi nui,

Dene Franklin
PRINCIPAL

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Paaraawera Marae Noho (Te Taumata ki Paaraawera)



For two days this week we had the opportunity to stay at Paaraawera Marae as a whole school.

Koro Joe and Nani Ruth welcomed us on to their marae with a Powhiri on Tuesday morning. We had some morning tea then learned about the whakawhanaungatanaga and history from Koro and Nani. After lunch we had a tour of the marae then went to our first lesson of the day. Following our lesson we had afternoon tea and ruma tahi left for the night. We then stood and watched Koro and Nani take down the flag. Afterwards we made our beds up in the main wharenui ready for the night. For dinner we got to try traditional boil-up, which was yum! For pudding we had steamed pudding, custard and cream. We finished off our first day with waiata from each class and a night show followed by a movie then bed.

The next morning we got up and packed up our beds before breakfast. After breakfast we cleaned up the dining room ready for our first lesson of the day. At lunch time we were treated to fry bread burgers! We got to try eel, mussels, fish, chowder and wild pork - what a feast! After lunch it was time to clean up the marae and head back to school.

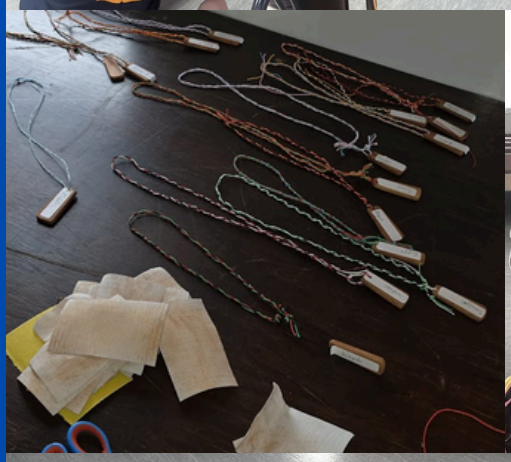
We had an amazing time at this beautiful marae and tried so many new things. Our lessons included weaving flax, making a taonga, learning new games and waiata. We all want to go back again soon!
A massive thank you to all the parents who came along to help as well as our fabulous staff for making this opportunity possible for our tamariki. An extra thanks to Josephine Fitzell, AJ & Anaru Preston for providing some of and preparing all of the kai. Last (but not least) thanks to Whaea Viki who planned this experience. Without her enthusiasm and connections to arrange the stay at her marae this would not have been possible. Check out some of our photos -









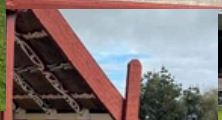





















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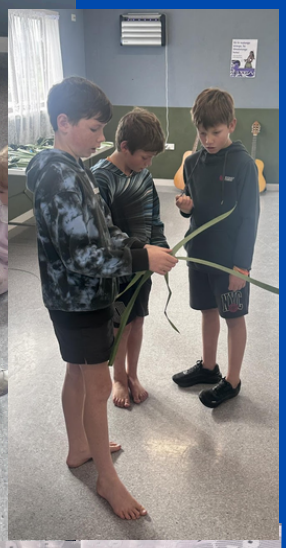



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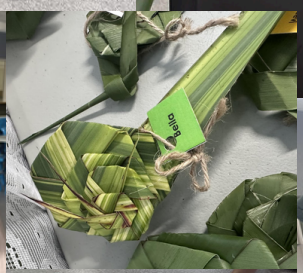

















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IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

JUNE

5th Photolife here for school photos
House Challenge
9th St Johns here - whole school
10th Ignite music lessons
11th Yr 7&8 Technology
12th Assembly
Teachers vs Students: Soccer
17th Ignite music lessons
19th Eastern Zone Cross Country
23rd BOT Meeting
Reports home
24th Life Ed with Nicky & Harold
Parent/Teacher Interviews
25th Ignite music lessons
Life Ed with Nicky & Harold
'Wear Yellow for Harold' Day
(gold coin donation)

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Parent/Teacher Interviews
Yr 7&8 Technology
26th Life Ed with Nicky & Harold
Assembly R1
30th Market Day, 11.30 - 2.30pm

JULY

1st Ignite music lessons
3rd House Challenge
TERM 2 ENDS

20th TERM 3 BEGINS
24th House Challenge
30th Yr7&8 Technology
31st Assembly



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