Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga

Thames South School

PĀNUI - NEWSLETTER

Paraire 30 o Oketopa 2026

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Whakanuia – He Whakaputanga 1835

On 28 October, our tamariki and kaimahi gathered to commemorate the signing of *He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni* (1835), proudly raising the Whakaminenga Kara in a special ceremony.

This was an important opportunity to honour our history and teach our tamariki the truths of Aotearoa that are too often untold. Understanding our past empowers our mokopuna to shape their future.

Our wero to whānau: Be informed, be heard, advocate for our tamariki and exercise your right to vote! Our collective voices matter.

Whānau Day – Celebrating 5 Years!

This year marks our **5th anniversary of Whānau Day**, hosted right here at our kura on **Saturday 5 December!** What a milestone to celebrate together!

But whānau, we need your **awhi, tautoko and mahi tahi!**

We have a float to organise, fundraising initiatives underway, tamariki preparing to perform, and our much-loved hāngi fundraiser to prepare. We will be calling for kai koha, helping hands with preparations, and support with setting up and packing down.

Our wero is simple – how will YOU tautoko? Every contribution, big or small, helps create something special for our tamariki and our kura.

When we work together, our tamariki thrive. **Mā te kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tātou!**

Te Ara Whakamua – Together we Excel!

Ngā mihi manahau,

Nāku iti nei,
Whaea Barbara
Tumuaki

Te Amorangi



There are some exciting kaupapa happening in Te Amorangi at the moment. Ākonga are preparing to host Huntly West School in Week 5 and have been developing their skills to teach our manuwhiri such as kayaking, outdoor cooking and rope skills. Ākonga have also been setting Hauora goals each week including getting ready for our big bike haerenga. Our akomanga learning has focused on the 1835 signing of He Whakaputanga. We even found time to practice our drum skills after getting inspired by the Kerepēhi School Rock Band on Wednesday.



TE KAWENGA

He reo tōku, he pōti tōu

Kua ako mātou mō ngā kōwhiringa pōti o Aotearoa, ā, kua kōrero hoki mō ētahi o ngā rōpū tōrangapū me ngā mahi kua mahia e rātou mō tō tātou iwi. I hanga hoki mātou i ngā pānui hei akiaki i ō mātou whānau kia pōti mō tētahi āpōpō pai ake mō mātou ngā mokopuna. E whakapono ana mātou he mea nui te kōwhiri i ngā kaiārahi e tiaki ana i te taiao, i te hauora, i te mātauranga, me te oranga o ngā whānau.

Nō reira e te whānau, inā taea koutou ki te pōti, pōtia kia puawai te ao.











Kua kaha ngā teina ki te whakaharatau i ā rātou pūkenga kaukau, me te whakapiki i tō rātou māia ki roto i te puna kaukau.

Ākuanei, kāore he aha, ka ruku kē ā tātou pēpi ki te kimi kina, ki te kimi pāua, pēnei i ō rātou koroua me ō rātou kuia. He mokopuna nō te moana, nō te whenua, nō te ao Māori.









Kua noho ā tātou tamariki ki te whakarite i ā rātou Hue, me te ako mō te reo motuhake o tēnei taonga tuku iho. Kei te tirotiro rātou me pēhea te Hue e huri hei taonga puoro ka hiki ake i te wairua, ka whakakaha i te mauri, ka whakarangatira i te ao Māori. Kua kohikohi mātou i ngā kākano Hue, ā, kua tukuna atu ki ngā tamariki kia kawea ki te kāinga.

Te Akomanga o Māui Tikitiki



Te Whare Tapa Whā has been our inspiration this term; learning about our hauora and how we need to aim for hauora pai - wellness in our tinana, wairua, whānau and hinengaro as well as whēnua.



To bring this kaupapa alive we decided to build model whare. Ākonga were challenged to use hand tools. We discovered the most important tool was a ruler to ensure our walls were even so we only had to cut once.



We also had the chance to work on our water safety with ākonga learning how to properly fit a lifejacket in a buddy pair.

They completed a range of challenges in the pool including making a circle. It sounded easy……

TE AWATEA







We have been strengthening our whakawhanaungatanga (relationships) and at the same time enjoying te taiao.

Trees for Survival - We counted the leaves and measured the heights of our tupu. Real maths! We made sure, as Kaitiaki mo Papatuanuku, that our young seedlings are thriving.



Kia tupu ai ēnei kākano, nei rākau nui

May these tender seedlings grow into mighty trees.



One day these tupu will grow into rakau that we will climb, just like the ones that have graced our kura for generations.

TE HAEATA

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Kia ora e te whānau!

We have been incredibly busy in Te Haeata, and it is hard to believe we are already at the end of week 3.
We've been nurturing our taha wairua and taha hinengaro through our work in the māra. Alongside Whaea Tess and Whaea Jo, we've planted paukena seedlings, helped our tuakana classes transfer Trees for Survival seedlings, and watched our own classroom māra begin to bloom.
Sports and Te Reo rangatira have also been a major focus. Our tamariki have thoroughly enjoyed the touch season, building teamwork, learning new skills, and returning to school every Friday raving about their experiences on the field. In the classroom, we are growing our everyday use of te reo Māori by learning the āraputa and simple sentence structures. We are also exploring taha whānau, discovering how to identify the regions of our own iwi as well as the iwi of our whanau in Te Haeata.

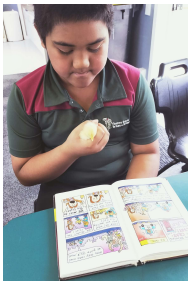
Ngā mihi, Whaea Dallas





Te Hāpai Ō




Te Hāpai Ō have been kaitiaki o te taiao this past week! We began with seven hei hei pī (baby chickens) who needed our care. All week, tamariki took turns feeding them kai, giving them wai and providing plenty of cuddles! Our pānui sessions even included reading to our hei hei pepe, sharing our storytelling skills with our fluffy little audience. They have now returned to Whaea Hilary's pāmu, where they are big enough to live in an outdoor enclosure. We loved watching their wing feathers grow, even in such a short time. They grow so fast!

We have also been caring for Papatūānuku by potting up our new Trees for Survival tupu. These baby rākau are now growing in our nursery, where we will nurture them until next year, when they will be planted out to help grow the cloak of Tāne Mahuta. We are proud to be caring for our taiao, one little tupu at a time!






Trees For Survival.
Re-potting our tupu.















