Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga

Thames South School

PĀNUI - NEWSLETTER

Paraire 27 o Noema 2026

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

He maimai aroha

With much aroha, we acknowledge the passing of Pā John Donald and give thanks for his life of service to others. For many decades, Pā John and Mā Marion gave their time and care to our kura community. We are deeply grateful for aroha and generosity..

To Mā Marion, Whaea Hilary, Gryffon and all your whānau, we send our aroha as you remember and farewell Pā.

E Pā John, moe mai rā i tō moenga roa.

We celebrate a special milestone for one of our kaiako and her whānau. Next week, Whaea Zharvayne Rawiri graduates with a Bachelor of Education, and we're proud to whakanui with her.

Over the past two terms in Te Kawenga, Whaea Zharvayne has helped our tamariki grow in pāngarau, pānui and tuhituhi through te ao Māori. Her love of kapa haka and ngā toi shines through in her teaching. What stands out most is her genuine aroha for all our tamariki and the way she makes each one feel seen and valued. Ngā mihi manahau e Whaea Zharvayne!

We were so proud of our tamariki and their stand at the Hauraki Festival last week. There were heaps of five-year-olds in this year's rōpū, and it was a joy to see our youngest tamariki take their place on stage alongside their tuakana.

He mihi nui ki a Whaea Tineka and Whaea Zharvayne, our kapa haka tutors, for all the mahi they put into preparing our tamariki. A special mihi also to our Tau Tokopou, Matua Kevin, for standing alongside the rōpū. A special mention also of Whaea Takiari for her tautoko as Te Hāpai Ō. Ka mau te wehi, e te whānau!

Noho haumaru.

Nāku uti nei

Whaea Barbara Hetaraka

TE AMORANGI KI HUA



Tūtaki mai ki ngā kai mārā ō āpōpō!

I te Hune o tēnei tau i tō mātou i ngā kākānō hua whenua ki to mātou ake mārā. I ngā tata nei kua hipa, i hauhake mātou i ērā kai. Kātahi te reka, te rahi, te ataahua o ēnei koha na Haumie, na Rongo. In June this year, we planted seedlings in our first Te Amorangi mārā. We tended to these regularly and each tamaiti was assigned to their own patch. This week we harvested the kai that had grown and our tamariki were in awe at the quality and quantity produced by their own hard mahi. Matua Trif and Te Amorangi cooked some of our produce yesterday and tamariki enjoyed every morsel.



'E kore mātou e noho rawakore kei tiaki i te puna rauemi ō ngā Atua.'

'If we continue to look after the natural resources of our Atua we will never go without.'

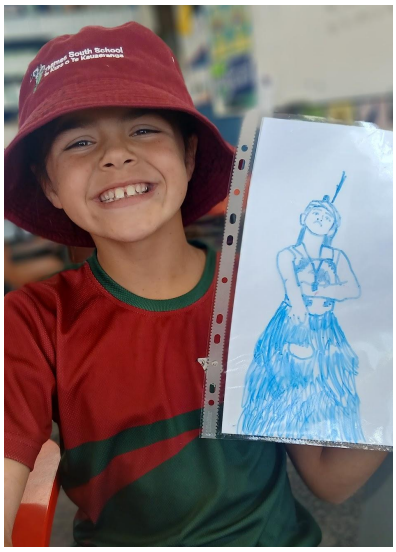
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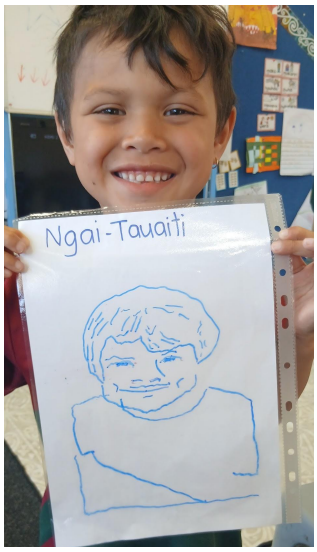
He mihi piiki rawa tēnei ki ō tātou tamariki i tūtū i te puehu ō te atāmira i te wiki kua hipa nei. E kore e mimiti te poho ō tēnei kererū! Our kapahaka continue to have me in awe of their hard work and commitment to such a crazy regime. Big mihi to our tama Te Kaea, only new (but old) to our whānau and did not hesitate to take the lead in a positive and encouraging manner. Kei runga noa atu e tama!

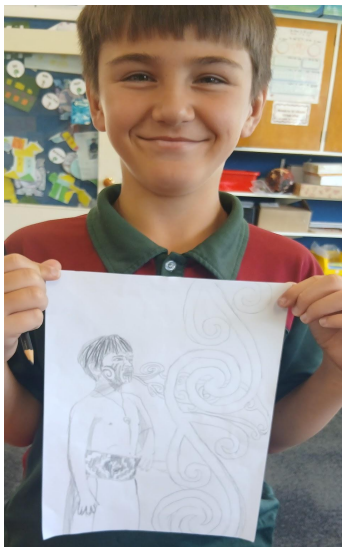


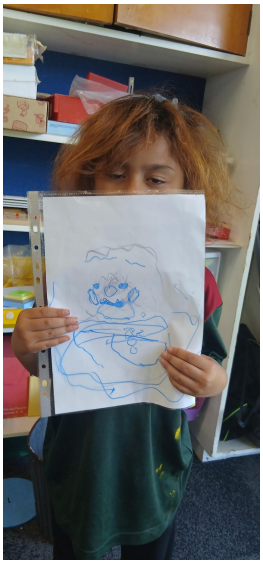


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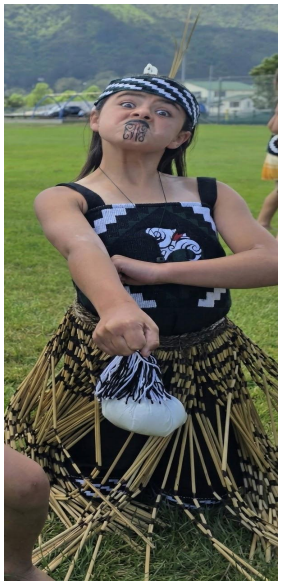
I tū whakahīhī ā mātou tamariki o Te Kawenga ki runga i te atamira o te Ahurei o Hauraki 2026 ki Te Aroha. He mīharo te mahi a ā tātou pēpi, i whakaatu rātou i te māia te ngākau hihiko hoki. Ka mau te wehi tamariki mā.

I tua atu, kua pukumahi ā mātou ringatoi ki te waihanga i ō rātou ake whakaahua whaiaro (self portrait). He rawe tō rātou auahatanga e kitea ana roto i ā rātou mahi. Toi tū, toi ora!









Te Akomanga o Māui Tikitiki







In our Māui Tikitiki a Taranga space we have finished painting our street signs to be used in the Santa Parade on December 5th.

Ākonga also celebrated harvesting their vegetables from their mara. We made fried rice using the onion and cabbage that we had grown. We enjoyed eating this with chop sticks that we had made.

We also made onion bhajis which was a big experiment but the flavour and texture was better than expected.





TE AWATEA

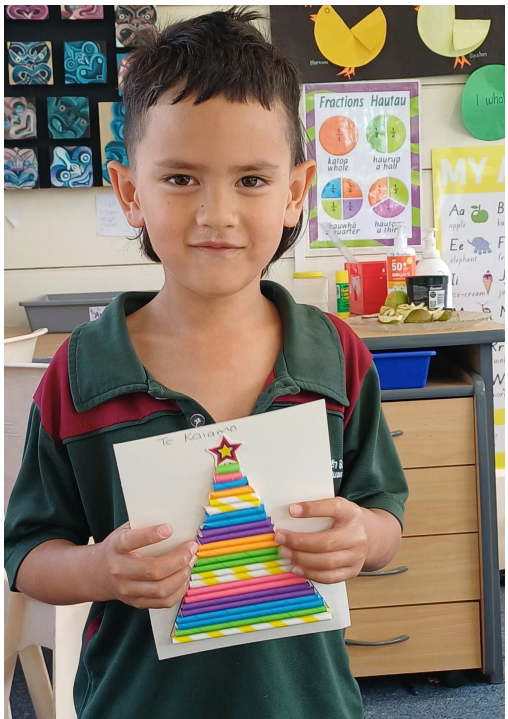






All the tamariki in Te Awatea, alongside Whaea Lyn, are very proud of our colourful rock garden! The flowers we have planted are thriving, and we must have created a little microclimate where our tupu are flourishing. Te Kaiamo and Boston have been taking turns as kaitiaki of our little māra, and we now have beautiful putiputi flowering, bringing lots of colour and cheer to our space.

With the weeks whizzing by, we have also started decorating one of our large windows to create a Kirihimete backdrop for some ataahua photos. Tamariki are putting their measuring and counting skills to good use, and our decorations are coming along beautifully!





TE HAEATA

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Kia ora e te whānau!
We are gearing up for our hui Whakanuia and preparing a waiata to help us remember the different taha of Te Whare Tapa Whā. Our tamariki are showing wonderful cultural pride, and it is great to see their confidence growing as they lead waiata and haka within our akomanga and kura.
We have also been creating a range of Te Whare Tapa Whā models using both hands-on and digital approaches.
We are looking forward to our final classroom haerenga in a couple of weeks, travelling to Auckland to attend the Royal New Zealand Ballet at the Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre. A big ngā mihi to the RNZB for their heavily discounted tickets and to Legacy Line Marking for generously sponsoring the cost of our trip.
We can't wait to experience something new and add to our kete of learning!
Ngā mihi, Whaea Dallas

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Te Hāpai Ō

We are incredibly proud of the rōpū haka! What ataahua waiata and waiata-ā-ringa!

We are also so happy to have them back learning alongside us as part of our akomanga.

Continuing with this kaupapa, we have created our very own akomanga waiata and are busy practising together in class. We are looking forward to sharing it!

These are our lyrics, sung to the tune of “Country Roads:”

Ka whakarite i te ara	We prepare the pathway
Ka whakarite i te kai	We prepare the sustenance
Hei oranga mō te haerenga	For our wellbeing on the journey
Hei piki i te maunga	To climb the mountain
Mō te haerenga e.	For the journey.
Chorus	Chorus
Ka hāpai, ka tautoko,	We give support,
Ka mahi tahi mātou.	We work together
Ko Te Amorangi ki mua,	Te Amorangi - the leaders at the front
Ko Te Hāpai Ō ki muri.	Te Hāpai Ō - the supporters behind the scenes
He nui ngā kai kei runga i a Moehau,	There is an abundance of kai on Moehau
me he tangata koe whai mai.	If you are prepared to seek it.
Te Hāpai Ō! Mā te aroha,	Te Hāpai Ō! With love,
Mā te aroha, Te Hāpai Ō!	With love, Te Hāpai Ō!





This week, we enjoyed the bike track!



Seagull Centres' Kids Auction!

Join us on

13 December



Be a Seagull Saver!

Earn savings by doing jobs at home,

- Tidy up
- Help out
- Extra jobs

and save up for the auction!

Visit the Seagull Centre Thames

The auction starts at 10.30

Whānau Day contributions

Kia ora Whānau

We have our annual whānau day scheduled for 5th December 2026 and are reaching out for whānau to be involved.

We are running a hangi, a float (santa is on board) and two stalls on the day.

WHAT DO WE NEED??

please select where you are able to assist with our whānau day and return this reply slip to the office on Rāhina (Monday)

- ❏ veg prep whānau on Thursday 3rd December
- ❏ whānau to join the float committee - create float on the morning - from 7 a.m., unpack the float in the afternoon, box up items that can be saved and store away in the hall (times etc. to be confirmed for float procession details)
- ❏ stall workers from 10 a.m., cooking sausages & onions, be part of a team selling raffles, lolly necklaces, toffee apples, otai, cold drinks, cookies & pre-sale tickets for sausages and hangi
- ❏ hangi stall workers - approx 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m.- wrapping hangi and handing out pre-sold packs
- ❏ set up crew
- ❏ clean up crew

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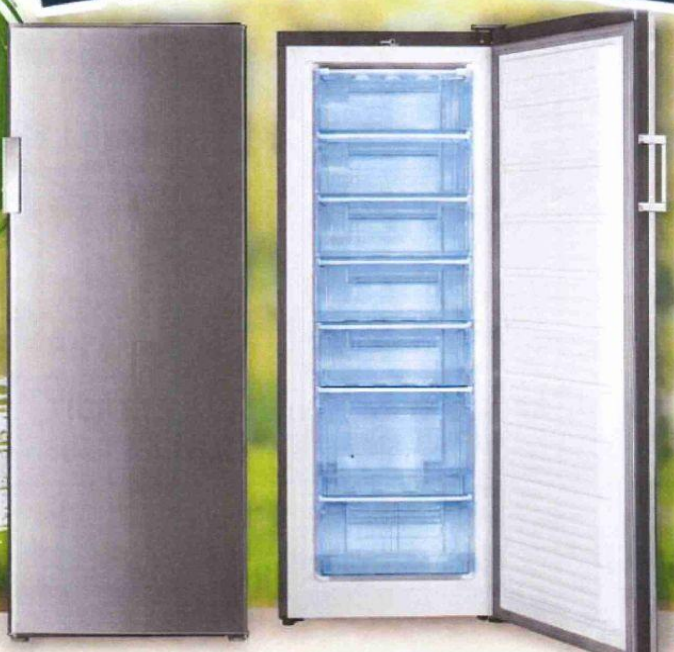
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DRAW DATE
SATURDAY
5TH DEC 2026

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If tickets are not all sold out we will also be selling tickets at Whānau Day

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2ND PRIZE	$300 value of meat
3RD PRIZE	$300 value of meat

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Support our tamariki

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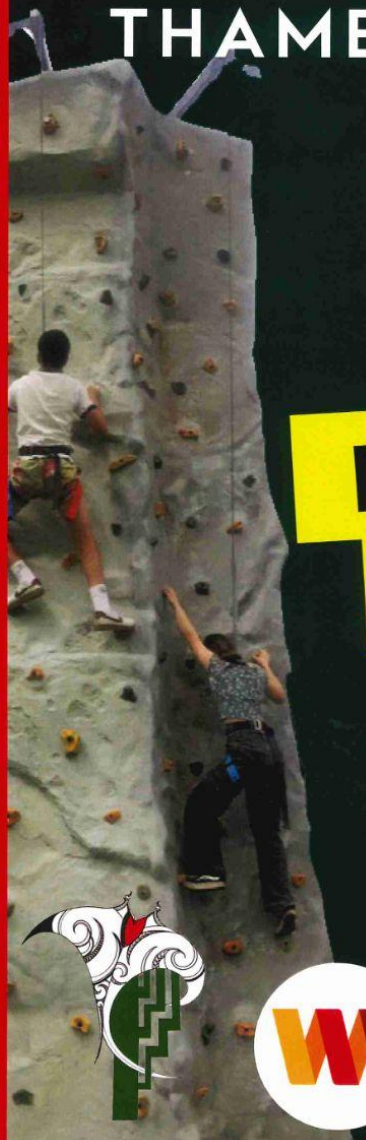
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