

Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga

Thames South School



PĀNUI - NEWSLETTER

Rāmere te 17 ō Whiringa-Ā-Nuku 2025

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā matatini ō Hauraki. Koutou ngā kaitiaki i ēnei taonga no tātou, i ēnei pīpī tētēkura. Nau mai, hoki mai ki tēnei wāhanga whakamutunga mō te tau rua mano, rua tekau mā rima. Kātahi hoki, he wāhanga rewharewha kei te pātata mai.

Nau mai, hoki mai, welcome to the final term of 2025. And of course this term will greet us with the chaos of events designed for the warmer weather to come. Events however, that celebrate our kura, our hāpori, and Kotahitanga.

This year we farewell a large group of Year 8 students as they head off on their new journey, taking with them their kete filled with taonga gifted to them by their many educators here at Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga over the years. There is plenty of organisation needed for their end-of-year celebrations so keep an ear out for the committee hui that will be coming up shortly.

Ngā mihi to all of our coaches and managers who have taken on our touch teams this term. Matua Keith, Whaea Lisa, Matua Pa'i, Matua Massey and Whaea Karmelle. Your continued tautoko of our tamariki is very much appreciated. Our tamariki play every Thursday night starting from 4.30. If you're not up to much and want to witness some amazing side-steps head on down to Rhodes Park whānau.

Also, with Christmas creeping up fast whānau, we are in the early stages of setting up our award winning float, so come down with your mean artistic skills.

And on top of all that, this is Kapahaka Season! In week one of this term, we spent the week gauging interest, enthusiasm, passion and excitement in our tamariki for Kapahaka. If it was evident that particular tamaiti were going to give it 110% for the next 6.2 weeks, they made the list. Currently we have 48 taura on the list and we are only able to take 40 on the stage, so heaps of mahi to do over the next couple of weeks. If you have any kapahaka skills you would like to koha to our whānau please contact the kura and speak to Whaea Tineka.

A reminder also that our teaching staff will be on strike next week on **Thursday the 23rd of October** and therefore kura will be closed for instruction. There will also be a **Teachers Only Day on Friday the 24th of October**, so again, kura will be closed for instruction. Enjoy the extra long weekend whānau.

Remember that our kura is always looking for volunteer helpers - whether it be in the maara, in the classroom or on the field, nau mai haere mai.

Tiakina rātou e tiaki nei i a koe - look after those who look after you.

Nākū iti,

Whaea Tineka

ADMIN UPDATE

- 17th October - Hearing and Vision Testing
- 23rd October - NZ School's strike day (no kura)
- 24th October - Teachers Only Day (no kura)
- 27th October - Labour Day (no kura)
- 29th October - Bake Sale (morning tea time)
- 7th November - Duffy Theatre
- 21st - 23rd November - Hauraki Festival
- 6th December - Whānau Day / Santa Parade

We need to start planning our **Santa Parade Float**, anyone interested in being part of that core group? Please let the office know by the end of the term so we can start the mahi behind this.

Do you have surplus clean newspaper? Please send this to the kura office. Ngā mihi

UNIFORM UPDATES

New pricing is relevant from October 6th - start of term 4

Details below -

(black bottoms to be purchased from your preferred store)

- School Uniform Shirt - \$32.00
- Polar Fleece - \$35.00
- Hat - \$10.00

Black Jackets can be provided at no cost thanks to KidsCan – please enquire about this when purchasing your tamaiti's uniform items

School bank details if you prefer bank payment

Account Name: Thames South School

Account #06-0457-0147387-00

Reference : Name / uniform

CELEBRATIONS:

We are thrilled to share our success with some funding applications:

Gallagher Trust - replacement Kākahu

The Lion Foundation - Asphalt the bike track / upgrade

ear clinic

FREE SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

To access the schedule for the ear nurse, please visit the link to the Waikato DHB website below, or scan the QR code (using the camera on your phone) which will send you a direct link to the webpage

www.waikatodhb.health.nz/childreasearclinic



- All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, otherwise a consent form must be completed
- For enquiries regarding this service please contact the phone numbers listed or call our Hamilton clinic on 07 838 3565
- Visit the ear nurse for advice on: glue ear assessment and management, wax/foreign body removal, grommet checks, treatment of discharging ears
- Please note: clinics may be cancelled without notice due to unforeseen circumstances. Clinics will be closed for staff breaks periodically through the day. These will be noted on the clinic door





Melanoma Awareness Month

We are holding a bake sale at morning tea time - Wednesday 29th October between 10.50 a.m. - 11.20 a.m. to raise funds for our new shade sail.
Items will be valued at \$1 & \$2 each.
Whānau are welcome to come and purchase some treats too!

We are also selling raffle tickets for meat pack prizes. \$2 per ticket, \$20 per book, please let the office know how many you would like to collect from the office.

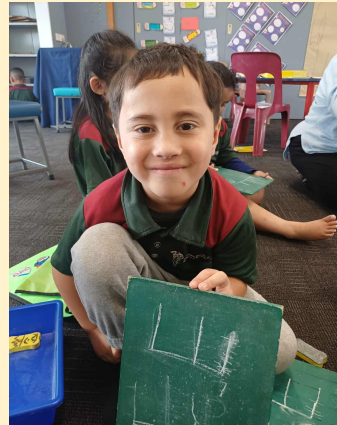
These will be available from Monday 20th October - again, the proceeds will be allocated to the balance owing on the shade sails.
Drawn Monday 3rd November 2025.

1ST PRIZE - \$500 MIXED MEAT PACK

2ND PRIZE - \$250 HAM & STEAK PACK

3RD PRIZE - \$150 CHAMPAGNE HAM

Te Awatea



For maths, Whaea Jeannie showed everyone how to use an Abacus to explain ONES, TENS and HUNDREDS.

Tamariki drew theirs on a board with chalk and were proud of their work.

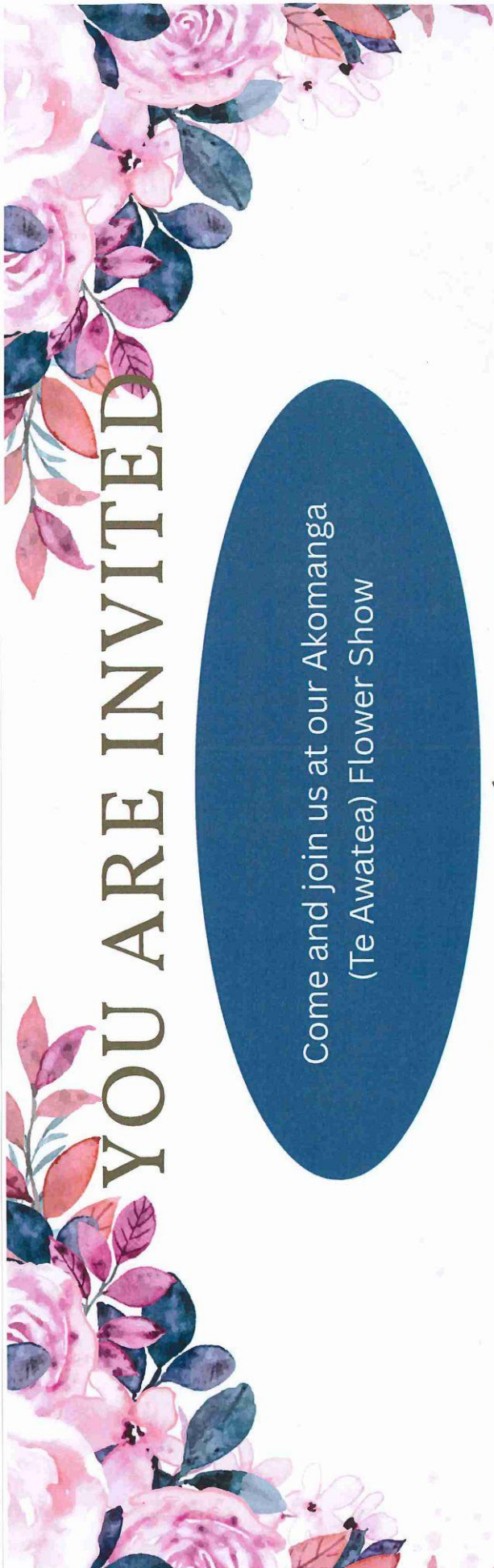


Our focus for this term is HAUORA - Our health, wellbeing and fitness.

This week we have been focusing on FEELINGS and EMOTIONS and also discussing how we keep ourselves and each other safe. We have started to create a booklet to share with our families.

We have started to make a display on our classroom wall.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FLOWER SHOW NEXT WEDNESDAY THE 22nd OCTOBER



YOU ARE INVITED

Come and join us at our Akomanga
(Te Awatea) Flower Show

Wednesday 22nd October 2025
from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

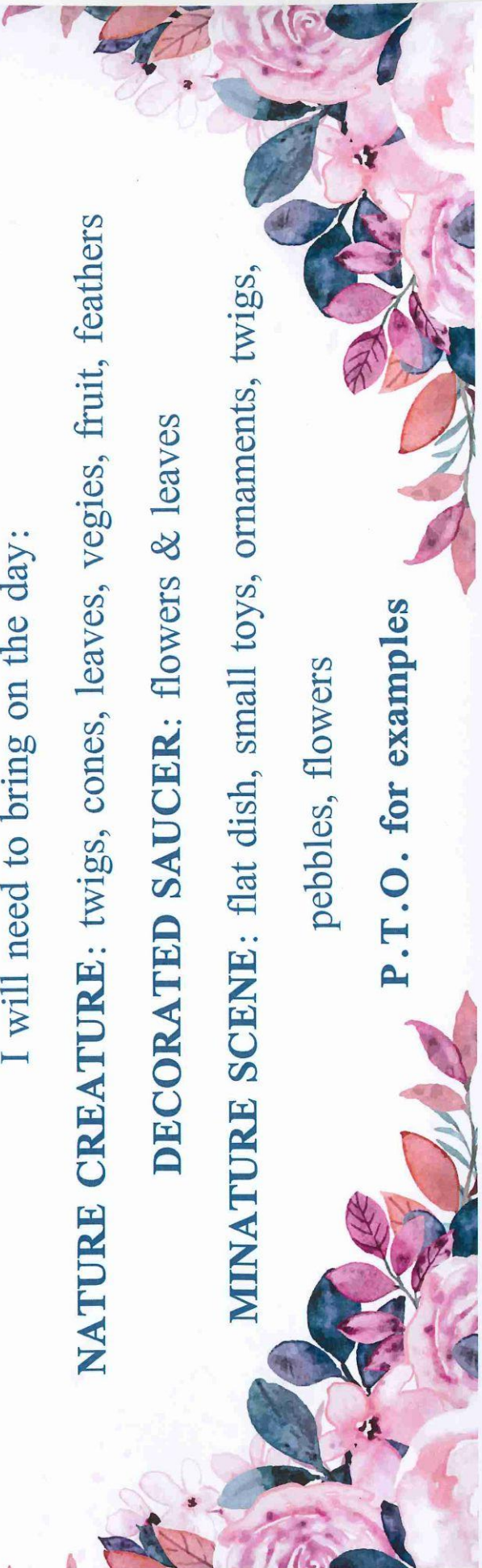
I will need to bring on the day:

NATURE CREATURE: twigs, cones, leaves, vegies, fruit, feathers

DECORATED SAUCER: flowers & leaves

MINATURE SCENE: flat dish, small toys, ornaments, twigs,
pebbles, flowers

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Te Hāeata



Kia ora e te whānau!

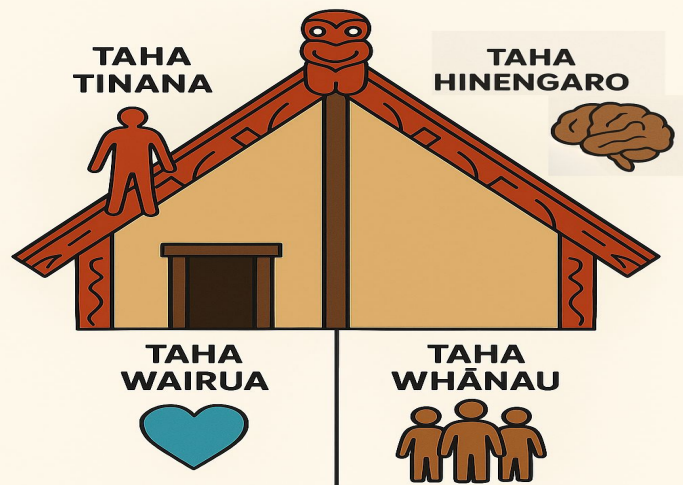
Welcome back to Term 4! It's great to have all our tamariki back and ready for a full and exciting term ahead. We've jumped straight into our new kaupapa, learning about Te Whare Tapa Whā — a model that helps us explore the different parts of our wellbeing and how each one is important for keeping us strong and balanced.

We will be focusing on wellbeing through nature and teamwork.

Taha Tinana - moving our bodies outdoors, **Taha Hinengaro** - calming our minds in nature, **Taha Whānau** - teamwork and shared kai, **Taha Wairua** - connecting to te taiao.



TE WHARE TAPA WHĀ



Together, these help us grow stronger in ourselves, with others, and with the world around us.

Hauora: Ko Au, Ko Tātou, Ko Te Ao!

Health: Me, Us and the World!

TE KAWENGA

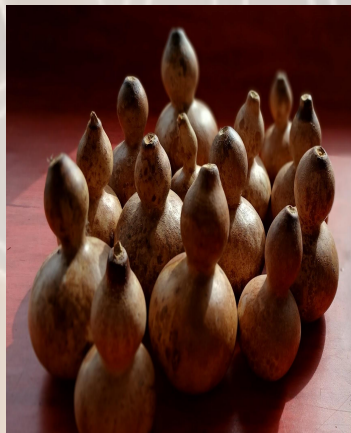
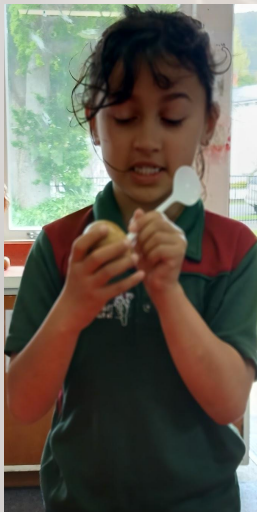
Te Pakiwaitara o Hinepūtēhue – Te Kaiwhakatau i te Riri

I muri i te wehenga o Ranginui rāua ko Papatūānuku, ka tīmata te pakanga i waenga i ā rāua tamariki, ngā atua. Ka nui te riri, ka tata pakaru te ao.

Ka tū mai a Hinepūtēhue, te tamāhine pōtiki a Tāne Mahuta. Nāna i tango te mamae me te riri o ngā atua ki roto i a ia.

Ka waiata ia i tētahi waiata ātaahua, kī tonu i te rangimārie. Nā taua waiata i whakatau te riri, i whakahoki te māramatanga me te taurite ki te ao.

E kīia ana, nā tēnei mahi i puta ai te hue (te ipu). E ai ki ētahi kōrero, ko te āhua o te hue nō te kopū kī o Hinepūtēhue, i te mea i pupuri ia i te pōuri o te ao.



I ngā wā e taumaha ai tō tātou hinengaro, ka whakatangi mātou i tō mātou kōauau hei awhi i te rangimārie, hei whakahoki i te taurite ki tō mātou taha hinengaro

TE HĀPAI Ō

Te Hāpai Ō has started the term diving into novel studies. We are deepening our connection with the characters in the stories - their trials and celebrations. We are making connections with their world and our own.

We also spent an awesome morning with Manta Watch - Kaitiaki of the Ocean. Whaea Jorja led us through some awesome learning about the giant Whai Rahi - the giant manta ray. We saw how big they can get (up to 7 metres!) and what they eat - tiny krill!

We are gearing up for the Hauraki Fest and are working on looking after our hauora and the hauora of those around us.

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Te Amerangi ki mua

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Tihē!

Nau mai whakatau mai ki tēnei wāhanga te wāhanga otinga o te tau 2025. Welcome to the last term of the year and wow have our mataamua got a big term ahead of them. From organising the end-of-year celebrations to completing their academic mahi within the levels expected before heading off on their new adventures. So be kind and patient with them e hoa mā! They are stepping into more responsibilities and on top of everything, refining their mahi Kapahaka. Kia kaha rangatahi mā.



Taku Hawaikii Mokopuna

Our tukutuku are nearly ready to hang. We are in the process of giving these a once over with gloss and then we're done.

We created these tukutuku to tell the story of our whakapapa and pepehā. We used different colours to depict our personalities, different land features to highlight our places of significance for us and selected the tukutuku design that would connect us to our people and our Atua. These panels that we designed from beginning to end, tells the story of who we are and what our 'Hawaikii Mokopuna' looks like.

Our mataamua have been working hard in the maara, preparing the beds for our new Kumara crops that are being planted next week. Ngā mihi to Whaea Jo and Whaea Tess who are always willing to educate our tamariki around this mahi rangatira.

TE AKOMANGA O MAVI TIKITIKI

Te Haeata has begun learning about Hauora and spent their first lesson making a whare tapawhā. They got hands on with patu/hammer, kani/saw and tō/nails and are now ready to decorate their whare with the 4 aspects of Hauora. We also went for a hikoi to the William Hall arboretum. Well done tamariki for keeping going for 2 hours.



Te Hāpai Ō have their imaginations cranked up to 11 designing new kemu to get their tinana moving. One of the favourites so far was hi ika wakatopatopa / helicopter fishing.



Tamariki have also been enjoying the pool. Shout out to Ariana for the swimming lessons for Manouk.



Te Amorangi enjoyed the sunshine this week finishing their tukutuku panels. Tamariki have become experts at threading needles and counting holes. We are excited about starting our next project.....

Touch Rugby

Our first week went well with yr 3-4s and 5-6s both winning their kēmu. Year 7-8s had a tougher game. There was awesome teamwork and fairplay shown by all tamariki.

The game draw information is now displayed on the end of the staffroom windows.

Please make sure we have your number if you want to be added to the What'sApp for further notifications.



Mihi nui to those who have already paid their touch registration fee for next term. The cost for each tamaiti is \$20 to register for the season.

\$20 can be paid directly to the Front Office or online payments are an option too.

Thames South School: 06-0457-0147387-000

Particulars: Child's first name

Code: Surname

Reference: Touch