

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## WEEK 4 TERM 4 2023

Tena koutou katoa,  
It has been a wonderful start to term 4 and our students have settled back into their school routine. This term is always a challenge as many of our students are already excited about Christmas, the summer holidays and what 2024 will be like. Mr Horne and Mrs Cooper have been working on class lists for next year. They are focused on pairing students up with the teacher that will provide them with the best learning opportunities. All the teachers at our kura are exceptional and bring unique strengths and qualities. We always ask for feedback from the current teachers on combinations that will work well and what combinations do not. Next year we will be transitioning to a new student management system called HERO. This will be one portal for parents to receive all school information, instead of the multiple ones we currently use. This will mean Seesaw and School Loop will be phased out at the end of this year. HERO will be used for reporting, sharing information with parents, attendance, booking interviews and much more. More information will be shared with whanau so you are ready for the start of 2024. Finally it was amazing to see our Taranaki Bulls win the NPC this season. I spotted many students enjoying the victory on the field at the end of the game. Also spotted on the TV was Chloe running the ball on at the start of the match. Well done Chloe.



## BOOK FAIR

In keeping with the theme of this year's Book Fair, which is "Hats Off to Reading," we will run a competition for pupils to decorate a hat or headpiece, from any materials at your house/school with an opportunity to win a prize.

All hats will be paraded just before lunch on Friday 10th November at 12.30pm. The best hat from the Senior and Junior school will win a prize from the Book Fair.



## READATHON 2023

Our school Read-a-thon is in full swing! We encourage all kids to read, read, read! Grab some sponsors and let's see how many books our tamariki can read!

All children were given a notice last week. If you don't have one, please let your class teacher know.

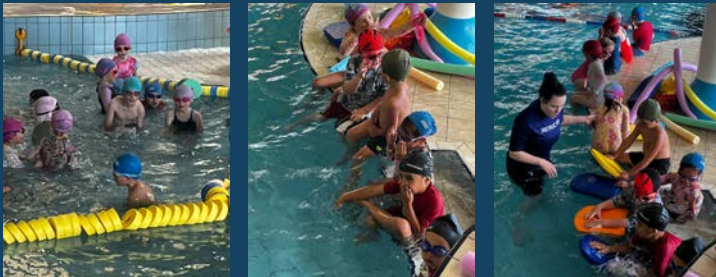
# START OF THE YEAR 2024

At the start of the 2024 school year we are having a slightly different beginning. On Monday 5th of Feb we will be holding a meet and greet day. This is where you can come into school with your child, meet their teacher, ask questions about the year and drop off any stationary you might have. This is not a proper school day as parents will be visiting throughout the day.

Tuesday 6th Feb is Waitangi Day and school will start properly on Wednesday 7th Feb.

## JUNIOR SWIMMING

Junior swimming wraps up this week. We have been able to provide 9 swimming lessons for all of the junior school classes at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre this year. We know that our community wants us to continue to do this for our youngest students. It is something far and beyond what the curriculum expects from us. We would not have been able to make this happen without the support from Toi Foundation and The Lion Foundation. Thank you to the parents who have given up their time to support the teachers with managing the excited students.



## CONGRATULATIONS HUNTER

Hunter Winstanley has had a busy year riding in motorcross events throughout the north island. He recently came third at the National Mini Cross event in Christchurch. He is a member of the Taranaki Motorcross Club and is a Honda Hub team member. Well done Hunter.



# DATES AND EVENTS

## Term 4

- 9 Nov Book Fair starts
- 13 Nov Teacher Only Day
- 14 Nov Book Fair ends
- 21 Nov Board Meeting
- 20 Dec Last day of the year

## 2024

## Term 1

- 5th Feb Meet and greet teachers
- 6 Feb Waitangi Day
- 7th Feb First day of lessons

## TEACHER ONLY DAY 13 NOVEMBER

All of our teaching staff will be involved with professional learning on **Monday 13th November**. School will not be open for students.

We are off the Te Whare Hononga in the morning then back to school to work on the curriculum refresh- Te Mataiaho. Thank you for your understanding.



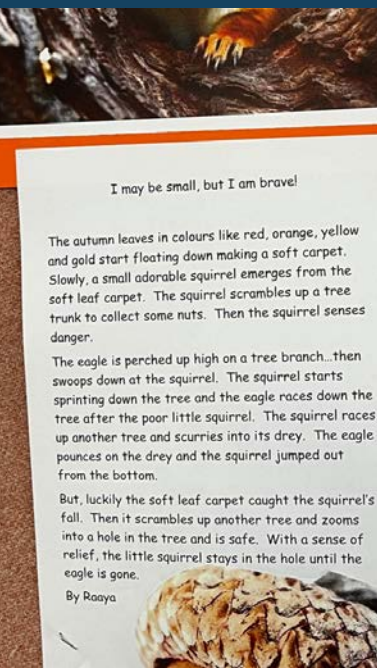
## VISIT FROM MORE FM

On Tuesday we were lucky to have a visit from Ken and Anna from More FM. He Kakano entertained them with songs and stories.



# CELEBRATING RUMA TORU- ROOM 3

Room 3 are our featured class for this newsletter. They are a year 3&4 class in the senior syndicate. Charlotte Symes has been teaching room 3 this year. Usually she co teachers with Wendy Kitto but Wendy and her whanau have been away this year. They are a group of learners who are growing into responsible members of our senior school.



Room 3 have focused their learning on our whole school 'Nga Haerenga' concept. They investigated the journey of plastics, used recyclables for their wearable arts in the production and created their own waka to highlight their whanaungatanga as a class.

