

Friday 26th July, 2024



Tokoroa North School

Together we learn for life - Ako ngatahi ki te ora

Term 3 Week 1 2024

OUR KURA PEPEHA

Ko Whakauru te maunga
Ko Matarawa te awa
Ko Tainui te waka
Ko Raukawa te iwi
Ko Te Raki o Tokoroa te kura.

MARAMATAKA

Upcoming Dates

7-8 Aug	School Photos
18 Aug	BOT Hui / Reading Journey
16-28 Aug	Life Education
26 Aug	Science in a van
3 Sep	Cross Country PM
13 Sep	Interschool Cross Country
18 Sep	BOT Hui
21 Sep	Cultural Festival
27 Sep	Term 3 ends
14 Oct	Term 4 starts
28 Oct	Labour Day
29 Oct	Teacher Only Day
17 Dec	End of Term 4

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR KURA?

Kei te aha mātou i roto i te kura?

TOROIA:

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai, hoki mai ano!
Welcome back and welcome to Term 3!

We have had lots of smiles, warm greetings and heard stories of holiday adventures shared already.

Term 3

We welcome into our team Whaea Kareena and Whaea Hine who are team teaching in Room 6. We know you will enjoy your time with your class and they, too, will enjoy you both!

We have an action-packed term of learning ahead and have literally hit the ground running, yes cross country training has begun! Toroa kaiako are excited about all the opportunities we have for your tamariki: Kapa Haka, Life Education with Harold the Giraffe. Cook Island language week is soon and we also have Māori language week at the end of the term. NZ Maths week is near too so we all have something to all look forward to! Our topics for term three are Olympics and Tūrangawaewae me te Kaitiakitanga (Place and Environment) with a particular focus on tikanga in Tainui. We will add to this kete of knowledge with a team haerenga later in the term.

Cross country

Our Health and Physical education is focused around our cross country. We are running laps of our school at least 3 times a week to increase our cardio fitness and build stamina. Our tamariki will set individual goals to run a little further and for a little longer each time we train. Please remind your child to pack comfy clothes to run in and a water bottle each day.

Basketball

We watched the local derby between the Rockets and the Suns! What an action packed

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game that saw a great comeback! We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the teamwork, the sportsmanship and the encouragement happening on the court. Thank you to Matua Dylan and Mr Cathie for their commitment to their respective teams.

Ngā mihi,
Stephani Preston



Congratulations to North Kiwi netball team year 5&6 winners

KEA:

Tēnā koutou katoa!

Term 3 has started with a bang, and it has been lovely to see all the tamariki back. They had plenty of stories to share about their holidays and it has been great hearing about their adventures. This term, we welcome Whaea Sasha in Room 8 with Mrs Hamley covering Room 18. We will be learning about the Olympic Games soon and the tamariki will be exploring different countries, different athletes and different events in our classes. We have a busy term ahead with Harold and Life Education, Science in a Van as well as our Cross Country - details will come home closer to the date. In the meantime, please do continue to read with our tamariki every night as this will set them up for success in their learning as they go through kura.

Ngā mihi,
Sonia Fletcher



KIWI:

Tēnā koutou katoa!

Welcome back everyone. We welcome Whaea Olivia in Room 4 with our newly opened new entrant room. We have started with a lovely small class with Baylee, Finlay and Hunter this term. We also welcome Cruze to Room 13. This is an exciting time for you and your child as they

begin their school journey at Tokoroa North School.

This term our topic is 'Our Place'. We will learn about the special people in our school community, and how to look after



our environment. Our tamariki will be improving their fitness this term for our school cross country held in week 7.

Our Junior Kapa Haka will be performing at our Friday morning Assembly in Week 4. Everyone is welcome to come and see our amazing tamariki who have been working under the wonderful guidance of Mrs T.

Unfortunately there will be no Kickstart next week, as I am at a conference in Wellington.

In our Kickstart to school programme, we had a lovely group of 9 tamariki attend this week. If you have or know of a child turning 5 this year please contact me to arrange a visit. I will happily show

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you all the wonderful things our school has to offer.

Ngā mihi,
Mary Stratton

PIKI KŌTUKU:

Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa.

Kia ora and welcome back to Term 3.

A lot of our Piki Kōtuku tamariki were very unwell towards the end of last term so I hope you all had the chance to rest, recover and spend some quality time with your tamariki and whānau. Although our mornings have been very cold, we have been enjoying getting outside in the afternoons and playing on the playground or with the balls on the back field. We have school photos coming up in week 3 (7th August) and senior IEP's are scheduled for week 6 this term.

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Lisa



Taanekaha enjoying the new alphabet dots in Piki Kōtuku. Ka pai tau mahi Taanekaha.

KA HAERE NGĀTAHI TE MANA ME TE MAHI

Making positive choices for behaviour and learning

SENCO

I often get asked about rules at our school and what the children have to do.

Our world is full of rules but their effectiveness can well be questioned. Our belief has been that a rule is to support safety and well being. A current rule is children not being allowed near the driveway. For this to be effective it must be taught, the teaching should be based on the school values and follow up must occur if the rule is not adhered to. The follow up does not have to be a consequence but if it is children must see us being consistent otherwise it seems unfair or mean to our children (sometimes it does anyway). An honest conversation will usually solve any problem. A good example is the native garden which we have closed for a few days. Children may think it's mean so ensuring they know it's because there are some sharp branches and twigs that need pruning or time to grow properly creates compliance and respect. An answer like " Just because I said so " will not get a positive response and can be said in other ways like " today as the teacher or parent I want you to do as I ask" Of course tone and body language make a difference and can generate a calm response or aggression. Maybe that's for the next Newsletter.

Ngā mihi
Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne

KŌRERO O TE WIKI

Quote of the week

**“Don't count
the days.
Make the days
count.”**

MUHAMMAD ALI

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FUN FACTS OF THE WEEK

Meka ngahau o te wiki

Q: He who has it doesn't tell you about it. He who takes it doesn't know about it. He who knows what it is doesn't want it. What is it?

A: Counterfeit Money

Q: What has wheels and flies, but is not an aircraft?

A: A rubbish truck.

NGĀ PĀNUI O TE HAPORI

Community Notices

- We have recently started a small Junior Kapa Haka group within Kiwi. Some of your tamariki have had the opportunity to learn new waiata (songs) and ā ringa (actions). We are hoping to expand the group at a later date, once we get momentum going with the current tamariki in the group. **We will be performing an item at the Junior School Assembly on Friday 16th August (week 4) at 9:15am** if you would like to attend and watch your child.



- Tokoroa Combined Schools Agricultural Day 2024:

This event is open to our Tokoroa primary and Intermediate school students years 0-8. Children can enter either a CALF, LAMB, OR KID GOAT which will be held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 on the Amisfield school field at 10 am sharp.

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