

Friday 14th June 2024



Tokoroa North School

Together we learn for life - Ako ngatahi ki te ora

Term 2 Week 7 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.

skills. It allows tamariki to create and maintain friendships with peers and strong connections with teachers.

Studies demonstrate a strong link between attendance and success in learning outcomes at school. Each day missed represents a missed opportunity for learning and growth.

When students are present, they enrich classroom discussions, collaborate with peers, and contribute to school life. By contrast, when attendance is inconsistent, students are on the 'back foot' upon returning to class as they miss vital learning.

The Ministry of Education and Government emphasises the responsibility of schools and families in promoting regular attendance. By prioritising attendance, we invest in the future of our students, empowering them to reach their full potential.

We have a large group of 106 irregular attenders. These tamariki only need to attend one or two more days a term to meet expectations. So, if your child doesn't need to be at home... please send them to school. If your child is a little under the weather, and you are not sure, please send them to school. We will send them home if they are unwell. Often, once tamariki are at school and with their friends, they forget all about whatever the issue was and have a great day.

Just a thought... When you are in the workforce you are entitled to 10 days sick leave per year. If we work within that expectation for children at school their attendance would be 95%, well above the government target!

95%

Ngā mihi,
Angela Main

MARAMATAKA

Upcoming Dates

20 June	Support Staff Paid Union Meeting from 1:30pm
21 June	Kea & Kiwi Disco
27 June	Fundraising Fun Run / Sausage Sizzle / Raffle
28 June	Matariki Day
5 July	Last Day of Term 2 / Teacher Only Day

KŌRERO O TE TUMUAKI

From the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

About Attendance...

Attendance is the cornerstone of success throughout your child's schooling; laying the foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. Regular attendance enables students to actively engage and build essential

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR KURA?

Kei te aha mātou i roto i te kura?

TOROA:

As the mornings start to get a bit chillier, let me take this opportunity to thank our road patrollers, Shelley and Kim who brave the cold and sometimes the rain to make sure our children are safe crossing the road. We do appreciate you all!

Interschool swimming was a highlight today for a group of students who represented our school. What an awesome opportunity for them to showcase their skills and talents amongst the best in Tokoroa. Ka mau te wehi!

Our tamariki have thoroughly enjoyed Footsteps with Kate. It is definitely a highlight for many in our team! Even our kaiako enjoyed a good kanikani - despite having two left feet! Well done koutou katoa!

Kaiarahi leaders are working on a couple of projects to give back to the kura next term. We look forward to seeing these projects come to fruition.

Best of luck to all those playing sports this weekend! Remember to show good sportsmanship and try your best! Karawhiua!

Ngā mihi,

Stephani Preston



KEA:

It's very exciting for team Kea at the moment. Lots of exciting things are happening both inside and outside the classroom. We had Footsteps this week and learned some great new dance moves that your tamariki can share with you. Ask them the names of the songs they danced to, (hint one is Believer) and to demonstrate the moves, raise the roof, pull the rope, chop, chop, chuck, body builder or backstroke) and there are many more. Perhaps you could have a dance party at home in preparation for the Disco next Friday. We're all looking forward to the Disco next Friday night. Send your tamariki along to school for two hours where they can hang out with their friends, dance and eat lots of sugary treats. You can have a quiet two hours while we wear the tamariki out. We've also been doing some training for the Fun Run which will be exciting. Tamariki are encouraged to register and ask for sponsors; all money raised goes towards our new playground. Matariki is our topic leading up to the long weekend. Tamariki will learn about the 9 stars of Matariki and hear many Matariki stories. Matariki is the beginning of the Māori New Year in the lunar calendar.

Ngā mihi,

Karen Tyrrell



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DISCO

All Kea and Kiwi tamariki are invited to the Disco on Friday 21st June in the hall from 6pm - 8pm. We will have glow sticks, lollies, jellies and potato chips for sale, and prizes for great moves on the dance floor. All tamariki must be picked up from inside the hall at 8pm. Thank you.

KIWI

Tēnā koutou katoa!

A special welcome to the following new tamariki in Kiwi and their whānau to Tokoroa North School; Kylo-Ren & Isla in Room 10 & Noah, Vanisha & Penny to Room 11 and Anika & Kaidyn to Room 12. This is an exciting time for you and your child as they begin their school journey at Tokoroa North School.

Our tamariki thoroughly enjoyed having the Footsteps Dance Company come this week to teach them creative new dances.

Please encourage independence in your child by encouraging them to carry their own bags to school and do their morning jobs independently. This will instil confidence and a sense of achievement in our tamariki.



PIKI KŌTUKU

Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa.

This week our Piki Kōtuku tamariki have enjoyed dancing with Footsteps dance company. They have been enjoying participating with other classes and giving it a go 😊. Our spa pool is back up and running with new filters to make it easier to keep clean. Our tamariki love to relax in the bubbles and have fun with their friends.

With the cooler wet weather, it is important that your child comes wearing layers so that we can take layers off when they get hot. It is also helpful to have a change of clothes in their bag with the puddles around the school.

Piki Kōtuku juniors have been learning to share and work together playing with the marble run. They are exploring what pieces go where to make the marbles run down the fastest.

Ngā mihi,
Lisa Jones



Our school is currently fundraising for our new playground, and our tamariki are practising for our Fun Run. Please sign your child up for sponsorship. This is a fun way to raise funds for our much needed new playground.

Ngā mihi,
Mary Stratton

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ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Our big fundraiser for this term is our Fun Run on the 27th June. We're asking tamariki to register and to ask for sponsors. All money raised will go towards our new playground. The new build is starting at the end of July. As well as the Fun Run, we will have a sausage sizzle with sausages donated by Hellers. Sausages and Juicies can be pre-ordered via the kindo app. If you could spare some time on this day to help with the sausage sizzle from 11:15am, please contact Karen Tyrrell or leave a message at the office. We will also have a raffle with a Cheese Hamper donated by Fonterra at the Fun Run.

KA HAERE NGĀTAHI TE MANA ME TE MAHI

Making positive choices for behaviour and learning

SENCO

It's so often in life the little things that make a big difference.

In the last two weeks I have noticed several children initiating a greeting without me saying one first. This is a social skill that can make a big difference in someone's life, whether they are talking to a young one, to adults or to the elderly. It was a real delight when not only did I get a hello from a child but when I replied, the child asked me "how I was?" We talk about values a lot at school, this is a good example of

children walking the talk. The sort of thing that encourages good relationships and hopefully inspires other children too.

Ngā mihi

Raewyn Whiteman-Thorne

READING

Read to your tamariki a lot. Research has proven that tamariki whose whānau read to them remembered made-up words from the story at a much higher rate than those who were given the book on a CD or followed the book by themselves on a device. Children learn language through being social, so read to them as much as you can.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

[Katakata o te wiki](#)

What did the big
flower say to the
small flower?

What's up, bud?



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KORERO O TE WIKI

Quote of the week

“Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it.”

CHARLES R. SWINDOLL

FUN FACTS OF THE WEEK

Meka ngahau o te wiki

1. June has the shortest daylight hours of the year - Friday June 21st is the shortest day for 2024.
2. June's birthstone is the pearl.
3. June's birth flower is the rose and the honeysuckle.
4. The name June came from the Roman Goddess Juno who was the goddess of marriage, childbirth & love.

NGĀ PĀNUI O TE HAPORI

Community Notices

- **Piki Kōtuku will close at 12.30pm on Thursday 20th June** for a support staff union meeting. The van will pick students up from 12pm.
- **Friday 5th July is a Teacher Only Day** for Tokoroa North School, then it is school holidays.

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