

Friday 21st February, 2025



Tokoroa North School

Together we learn for life - Ako ngatahi ki te ora

Term 1 Week 3
2025

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.

KŌRERO O TE TUMUAKI

From the Principal

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Whānau Picnic

A heartfelt thank you to all who attended our Whānau Picnic yesterday, and those who took the opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher in the classroom beforehand. A big shout out to thank our teachers for opening their classrooms and sharing this time with our whānau. The weather turned out well, and there was an incredible buzz around the school as our teachers moved around and connected with families. We truly value these opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Please accept my apologies for not attending last night, Covid tends to knock you around and is best kept at home!

Please remember, our doors are always open, and communication is key to supporting your child's learning. Each teacher is available, so don't hesitate to reach out—no question is ever too small!



Attendance

As we continue to work together to create the best learning environment for our students, we'd like to kindly remind everyone of the importance of being on time both for arrival and pick-up.

Arrival Time:

Starting the day on time helps our students settle in and get the most out of their school day. Please ensure that your child arrives promptly to help them start the day with their classmates.

MARAMATAKA
Upcoming Dates

25 February	Tākapu Beach Trip
16 - 19 March	Rooms 1, 4 & Takapu Year 5's Camp Waitawheta
19 - 22 March	Rooms 5 & 6 Camp Waitawheta
11 April	End of Term 1
28 April	Start of Term 2
13 - 16 April	Footsteps
2 June	King's Birthday
20 June	Matariki
27 June	End of Term 2

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Teachers are in class from 8.30am so an arrival time between 8.30am and 8.50am is perfect.

Pick-Up Time:

We also ask that you try to avoid picking your child up early unless absolutely necessary. Consistent attendance until the end of the day allows students to fully participate in all activities and lessons.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a smooth and successful school day for everyone, every day.

A couple of important reminders to help ensure everyone's safety and convenience:

Our carpark at the top of the drive becomes very busy and congested at the start and end of each day, with limited space for parking and turning. This area is primarily designated for our Piki Kōtuku whānau and the buses picking up tamariki with high and complex needs. Over the past few weeks, we've noticed that the area has become unsafe for our tamariki. As a result, we will be conducting a review of this space and its use over the next two weeks. Recommendations will be presented to the Board for consideration. If you'd like to provide feedback on how we can improve safety and the use of this space, please email principal@tokoroanorth.school.nz with "CAR PARK" in the subject line. Your input is vital in helping us create better guidelines for use.

In the meantime, if you do not need to be in this area, we encourage you to drop tamariki off at the bottom of the driveway using the "Kiss and Go" zone instead of driving up. While we review the situation and explore ways to alleviate congestion, please be especially mindful of pedestrians, including our Piki Kōtuku whānau. A stressful carpark experience can impact the safety and wellbeing of our tamariki.

When dropping off or picking up your child, please continue using the **drive-through "Kiss and Go"** zone at the bottom of the driveway,

and stay in your car to keep the flow moving smoothly.

Also, remember to use the crossings available on **Paraonui Road** and **Baird Road**, where you'll find trained road patrol students and an adult to help ensure safe crossing.

If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to stop by the office. I'm also here every day and happy to chat as the term progresses.

Ngā mihi,
Angela Main

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR KURA?

Kei te aha mātou i roto i te kura?

Phase 1 (Years 0-3):

Tēnā koutou katoa!

Our Phase 1 Team has three smaller teams within it. Our team is structured into three groups:

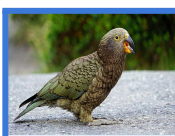
Ngā Manu Whenua - Birds of the Land:



Kiwi – Our **New Entrant** classes
Team Leader: Maree Cook



Tūi – Our **Year 1 & 2** classes
Team Leader: Lisa MacDonald



Kākāpō – Our **Year 2 & 3** classes
Team Leader: Sonia Fletcher

This structure ensures the best learning environment for all our tamariki as they grow and develop.

We have amazing teachers who work with your tamariki. Each team has a team leader.

Our Kickstart to School has started with a lovely group of tamariki who are ensuring a smooth transition to school. Paraonui Kindergarten

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visited our school on Thursday. It was lovely to see them.



It was so good to see everyone yesterday evening at our whānau picnic. The weather was good to us.

A friendly reminder that classrooms open at **8:30am**. Teachers are busy preparing for the day before this time. We kindly ask that students do not arrive into the classroom prior to this time.

Ngā mihi,
Mary Stratton



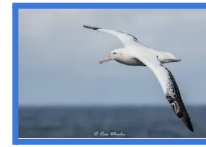
Phase 2 (Years 4-6):

Tēnā tātou katoa!

Our Phase 2 classes are known as NGĀ MANU MOANA - Birds of the ocean:



Tākapu: Year 4-5
Team Leader: Matua Dylan



Toroa: Year 5-6
Team Leader: Whaea Megan.

Classes are well and truly into the swing of class routines and established expectations. The working environments are indicative of a settled and great start to our school year. Despite the weather, it has been good to see our tamariki still participating in the Swim Safe programme - we are so lucky to have this just before camp. Teachers are also implementing Pause, Breathe, Smile - a wellbeing programme that teaches skills and strategies to regulate emotions, build self awareness, and relate positively to others. We look forward to seeing the positive impact within our kura.

TĀKAPU

Our Year 4 students from Tākapu are preparing for their Beach Trip next Tuesday. Thank you for returning your permission slips promptly and offering to come on our trip. Further information will be shared later in the week.

TOROA

Our Year 5 & 6 students have continued their term showing many ways that they can be responsible. They have started doing scrap buckets and delivering lunches to our Phase 1 classes. They have completed their Road Patrol training so their rosters will be sent home this week. Please ensure your children call a reliever if they are not able to do their rostered duty.

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Ngā mihi,
Stephani Preston

PIKI KŌTUKU:

Tēna koutou,
Time flies when we have fun in Piki Kōtuku. Room 2 and 3 are doing more activities collaboratively. We do PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme) twice a week. PMP is a programme based on movement that helps our students to enhance their hand-eye and foot-eye coordination. We also encourage our tamariki to build their tuakana-teina relationships by having 'Te Hononga' or 'Connection Time' each Tuesday. Room 3 joins us in Room 2 and we have a blast of a time. Swimming for Piki Kōtuku is as always a roaring success and our students cannot wait for Wednesdays (Room 2)



and Fridays (Room 3) to have their moment in the sun, or should we say pool.

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Ida

FUN FACTS OF THE WEEK ABOUT SPACE

Meka ngahau o te wiki

1. Space smells like burnt steak.
2. It rains diamonds on Neptune & Uranus.
3. Tears do not fall in space.
4. A day on Venus is longer than its year.
5. Saturn would float in water.
6. Shooting stars are not stars.



KŌRERO O TE WIKI

Quote of the week

Kāore te kumara e
kōrero mō tōna
ake reka

The kumara does not say
how sweet it is

HE KŌRERO PĀHAU

Joke of the Week

Why did an old man
fall in a well?

Because he couldn't see
that well!

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NGĀ PĀNUI O TE HAPORI

Community Notices

- **Junior Tennis**

When: Friday afternoons at 4:30pm at the Tokoroa Tennis Club.

Who: Ages 8 - 13.

Cost: \$30.00 for the season.

- **SURF Junior Rugby Muster**

When: Tuesday 4th March at 4pm.

Where: The SURF Rugby fields.

Come along for a fun afternoon of games and skills..... And sign up for the 2025 rugby season.

- **The Tokoroa Scottish Country Dance Club**

Who: School aged children.

- **Where:** Amisfield School Hall on Thursdays.

Bring: Drink bottle and some soft shoes.

Costs: Your first two sessions are free – After that you pay \$1 each time you come (maximum of \$3 per family) and 50c for shoe hire. Annual fee \$20. Adults also meet on Thursdays, dancing from 7:30 to 9pm. All are welcome. Contact Club Teacher, Jeanette on 021 102 6114 for more info.

- **Edventure Young Explorers Camp**

Who: 7-13 yr olds

Cost: \$575 (Earlybird \$550 before 1st March)

When: 14th-17th April (4 days).

Pick-up/Drop off: From HAMILTON, TAURANGA & AUCKLAND.

Based at Ngamuwahine Lodge (SH29, Tauranga). A mix of their usual fun outdoors activities including, archery, target shooting, bush walks, swimming, hut building, camp fires and much more.

Book at: www.edventure.co.nz

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