

Friday 4th April, 2025



**Tokoroa North School**  
*Together we learn for life - Ako ngatahi ki te ora*

**Term 1 Week 9**  
**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.

**MARAMATAKA**

**Upcoming Dates**

<b>7 April</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>9 April</b>	<b>Board Hui 7-9am @ Robert Harris</b>
<b>11 April</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>
<b>28 April</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b>
<b>8 May</b>	<b>Kakapō &amp; Room 3 Piki Kotuku Trip to Hamilton Zoo</b>
<b>9 May</b>	<b>Kiwi &amp; Tūī Trip to Hamilton Zoo</b>
<b>13 - 16 May</b>	<b>Footsteps</b>
<b>2 June</b>	<b>King's Birthday</b>
<b>20 June</b>	<b>Matariki</b>
<b>27 June</b>	<b>End of Term 2</b>

**KŌRERO O TE TUMUAKI**

**From the Principal**

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

We are nearly at the end of Term 1 and it is great to see so many tamariki tracking to attend 94% of the time or improve by 5%!

**Attendance**

61 of our tamariki have 100% attendance for the term. That's nearly 15%! More than half of our tamariki are above 94% or have improved their attendance this term by more than 5%! Ka rawe whānau, it is a team effort. We will have our Attendance Movie days next week; one for Manu Whenua (Phase 1) Kiwi, Tui and Kākāpō and one for Manu Moana (Phase 2) - Toroa and Takapu.

**Farewells and Welcomes**

It is a privilege to work with such a high calibre of staff at Tokoroa North. Our teachers, LSAs, and support staff are so focused on enabling learning to happen across our kura, and improving teaching and learning practice. At the end of this term we say farewell to Lisa Jones, Tullia Pye and Ksharna Barrett. We wish them well in their future careers, travels, and study. We welcome Damien Burton to the team. Damien will be working in Room 3. We are holding interviews on Monday for the Room 7 teacher and Specialist Teacher positions.

**Parking in the Upper Car Park**

Thank you to our Piki Kōtuku whānau for your feedback on parking this week. If anyone else would like to give feedback on the parking trial in the upper car park, please email me at [principal@tokoroanorth.school.nz](mailto:principal@tokoroanorth.school.nz) with a subject line of 'Carpark'.

Finally, a big thank you to all our road patrol tamariki and staff. They do a great job in all

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weather keeping our school and community safe.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I wish you a relaxing holiday when we get to it. I hope you take the opportunity to make some great whānau memories and spend quality time with your amazing young people.

Ngā mihi,  
Angela Main

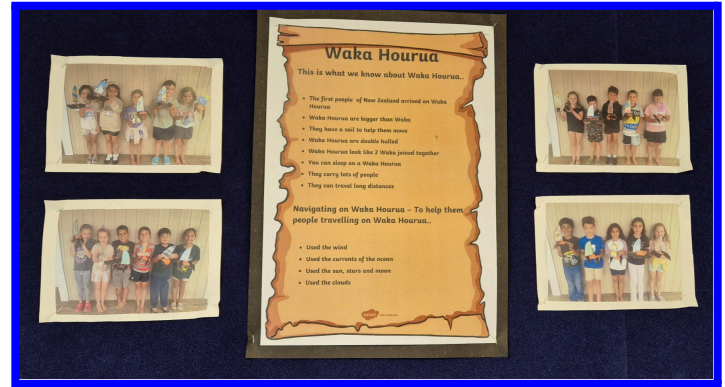
## MANU WHENUA / PHASE 1 (Years 0-3)

Tēnā koutou katoa!

A special welcome to Tadiwa who has started in Room 13. This is an exciting time for you as you start your school journey at Tokoroa North School.

As we come towards the end of the term, I would like to thank our amazing teachers and Learning Support Assistants who support our tamariki every day. I also would like to thank our school whānau and community for your support this term. 'Together we learn for life!' Enjoy spending time with your tamariki these holidays. Once they return we will be getting ready for our trip to Hamilton Zoo. A notice about this came home yesterday. We will need parent helper support to ensure this trip is successful.

Room 19, a Year 2 & 3 class, has been doing amazing mahi on Waka Hourua, and then created their own one.



They along with the whole school also learnt about water safety.

Our Kickstart to school programme is held every Wednesday morning. Kickstart supports our tamariki with their transition to school. Ten school weeks before they turn five they can attend eight weeks of kickstart and the final two weeks before they start school they visit their new class. Each week we have a guest speaker who informs whānau about their role in our school or community while the children learn all about school. This is held every Wednesday morning. If you have or know of anyone starting school this year, please contact me. I am happy to show you around our amazing school. Enrolment packs are available in our office, at most

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preschools, online and I am happy to organise one for you should you require one.

Ngā mihi,  
Mary Stratton

### **MANU MOANA / PHASE 2 (Years 4-6):**

Ki te kōtahi te kākaho, ka whati; ki te kāpuia, e kore e whati

When we stand alone we are vulnerable, but together we are unbreakable

This whakatauki reflects the unity of our phase as we reflect on the way we build a connected culture in our classrooms, teams and phase. Camp was certainly a way where connections were made with tamariki and whānau and staff alike. May we all continue to build connections and learn more from each other and with each other along the way.

In our classrooms, our ākonga have continued to write their letters of thanks to parents and the others who made camp possible. It is always a pleasure reading about their challenges and the way it makes them feel when they overcome those challenges! Takapū continue to show us how they are embracing senior school by setting an example to others in the playground. Kia kaha tonu! Keep this going!

A group of students will take part in PALS - (Physical Activity Leadership Skills) which is a leadership programme that shows students how to teach games to their peers. We look forward to seeing these skills come to fruition when you practice these skills in our kura.

Ngā mihi,  
Stephani Preston

### **PIKI KŌTUKU:**

Kia ora koutou,

April is autism awareness month.

On Tuesday (World Autism Day) Piki Kōtuku celebrated by wearing blue and painting a banner.

- Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental condition that affects how autistic people perceive the world, think and behave, and communicate and interact with others.
- Autism is a spectrum.
- No two people on the spectrum are the same.
- For more information visit: <https://www.altogetherautism.org.nz/wh-at-is-autism/>

In Piki Kōtuku, we celebrate differences and support not only the child, but also the whānau. Once a term we host a whānau coffee morning where our Piki Kōtuku whānau, and mainstream whānau who have children with high and complex needs can come together to discuss, share, and support each other. Yesterday we had over 20 whānau turn up which was amazing.



As this is my final contribution to the Tokoroa North School newsletter. I would like to thank the tamariki, their whānau and the amazing team of staff that I have had the privilege to work alongside, support and guide over the years.

Ngā mihi,

Whaea Lisa

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## FUN FACTS OF THE WEEK

Meka ngahau o te wiki:

- Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.
- A 'jiffy' is a unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- Reindeer like to eat bananas.
- Most American car horns honk in the key of F.
- One quarter of the bones in your body are in your feet.

## TĒNĀ KOUTOU

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