

Newsletter



3rd April 2019 – Term 1, Week 10

Tēnā koutou

We have reached the penultimate week of Term 1, 2019. With 10 weeks almost gone it is hard to think we have already completed a quarter of our school year... where did that time go? The busyness of our school days makes the time go past very quickly.

We welcomed Mrs Reshma Patel-Harman to our school last week to replace Sarah-Anne while she has her knee reconstruction. The change in Rimu has been seamless and I thank Reshma for her hard work with the children of Rimu. They have been very excited about what they have been learning and are enjoying the change a new teacher brings, if only for a short time.

Sarah-Anne had her surgery last Tuesday and is doing well. We hope to see her back in week 2 of next term but we are in regular contact so she is in the loop for all we are doing in her absence.

Congratulations to all our students for the awesome sportsmanship and participation at our Rural Schools' Swimming Sports. All students completed several activities or races and had a great time. Well done to Samantha, Jock, Joel and Libby for making it into finals, and congratulations to Libby for making it into the Rural Schools' Team for the town interschools. Our children are all great role models, participating to the best of their ability!

Thank you to Nicole, Rosie and Eric for coming in last Monday night to paint our foyer and corridor. It is looking much tidier with its new coat of paint. Watch this space as Angela decorates this space with a mural of our maunga, Maungatautari and our new learning tree model. It will be a great place to show off our learning about our maunga and our competencies.

Thank you also to Duncan, George and their friends for organising the hare hunt and raising funds for our school. Thank you for the \$1550 raised and congratulations to the Scott family for winning the trophy for the most pests caught.

The senior children have been learning about how the brain works and how it helps us to learn. Ask the children to explain it to you – it will help embed their understanding of what they are learning. Later this week they will be learning about the Learning Pit and strategies to help them overcome difficulties when learning is hard. These are great tools for life-long learning!

The juniors continue in their play-based learning environment. They have been exploring things that roll this week, with big and small tyres, and old electrical wire reels. It has been great to listen to the learning conversations around these and to watch them exploring what they can do with them!

On Wednesday 1st May at 3.15pm, Angela will be holding a parent information afternoon to share how play-based learning looks at our school. For prospective and present parents, this will be an informative meeting to share and discuss questions you may have.

A big welcome to our newest students who have joined Tawa in the past couple of weeks. Madi and Finn both join Tawa as new entrants.

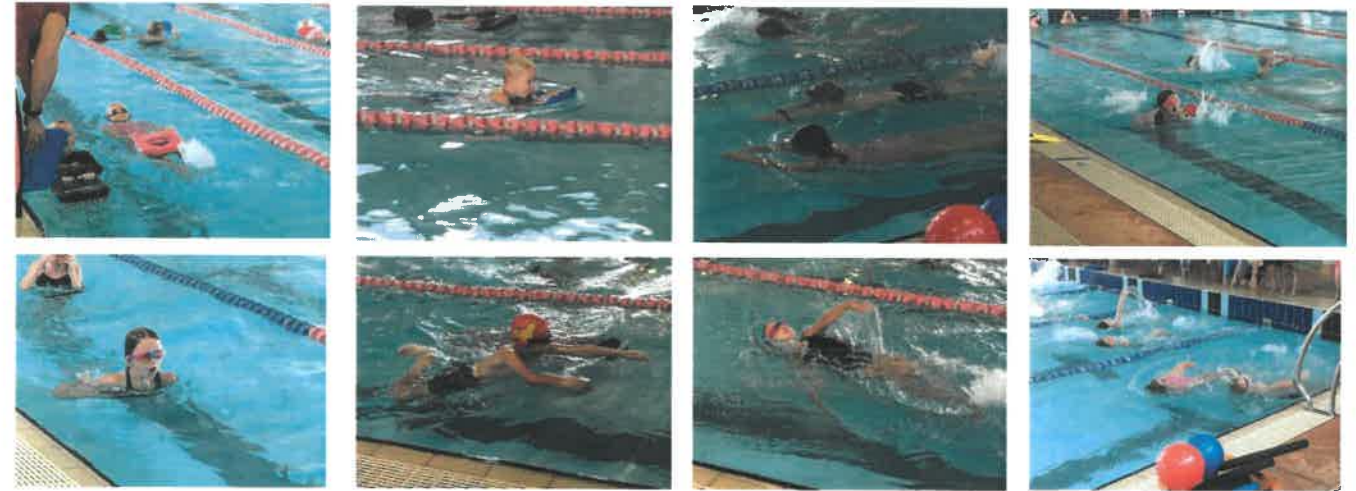
Next week we will be sending out our sample books. Please allow your child to share and enjoy their work with them. We send them home over the holidays to allow the children to share them with family and friends they may see over their break. We would appreciate them being returned within the first week of the new term.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and fun-filled holiday time with your children – stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all on 29th April.

Thank you for your support. Joanne, Angela, Sarah-Anne and Liz.

DATES TO REMEMBER
05 April - Assembly
12 April – Term 1 ends
14 June – Teachers Only Day

On Monday, 25th March the whole school headed off to St Peter's Private School for the Rural Schools' swimming sports. We did so well – CONGRATULATIONS to all our students who participated and tried their very best. WHAT STARS!!



Hi everyone. There are 2 big things coming up over the next few months. Firstly we have ERO visiting the school the week of May 13th, and some of the Parents and Trustees may be invited to come and talk to the ERO assessor. We will also be sending out a parent survey for each family to fill out prior to the ERO visit. It is really important that these are returned to school, as it is the main way you can have input into the direction of the school. Secondly, we have the school trustee elections this year. If you are interested in becoming a school trustee go to www.trustee-elections.co.nz and find out what it is about. If you think you have skills that could be useful to the Board, please contact Melleney in the office for a nomination form. This must be filled out and handed in to the school office no later than midday on 24th May. Thanks a lot
Rosie Hill - BoT Chair



Hi guys it's nice to have a bit of rain and hopefully the grass will start to grow. As you are aware the beef and burger night was cancelled due to forecasted rain and the hall being used by rowers. This has been re-scheduled for Friday 12th April, last day of the school term. It will be in the hall and the kitchen opens at 5.30pm, and it would be great to see you all there. Thanks for the people who attended the unofficial hare hunt - a HUGE thank you to George and Duncan for organizing this event. A BIG thank you to the families who sold the chocolates. The money raised will go towards the new sandpit.
Thanks
Eric Hill - PTA Chair

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Horahora playcentre would like to welcome all new families to the district.... come along for a free session to see what we're about, meet some other locals and enjoy a relaxed cuppa whilst your children can play & explore. We would love to see some new faces! We are open every Wednesday during term from 9am-11.30. Follow us on facebook or contact Michelle Bartz 021 024 63236 or email horahora.cambridge@playcentre.org

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