

Newsletter

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**Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings**



Whakaute Respect



Student School Attendance

We are changing our monitoring of Attendance as the Ministry of Education is requiring that we focus on identifying students who are continually absent from school. We will measure our students:

- (a) attending regularly (attending more than 90% an average of 9 days a fortnight).
- (b) absent moderately (attending more than 70% and up to 80% - missing 2-3 days a fortnight).
- (c) Chronically absent (attending 70% or less - missing 3 or more days a fortnight).

Our goal is to have all students attending school regularly i.e. attending 90%+

ROOM 2 MASTERING BREASTSTROKE



Term 1 Upcoming Events

- Weds 22 Feb**
- BOT Meeting 5:30pm
- Thurs 23 Feb**
- School Swimming Sports
(Postponement date Fri 24 Feb)
- Wed 1 Mar-3 Mar**
- Y7/8 Whitianga Camp
- Fri 3 Mar**
- Junior Swimming Sports
- Tues 7 Mar**
- Interschool Swimming Sports
(Postponement date Thurs 9 Mar)
- Sun 12 Mar-Fri 17 Mar**
- Port Waikato Camp
- Weds 29 Mar**
- BOT Meeting 5:30pm
- Mon 27 Mar**
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Tues 28 Mar**
Parent Teacher Meetings
- Thurs 6 Apr**
- Last day Term 1
- Fri 7 Apr**
- Good Friday - School closed
- Mon 24 Apr**
- Term 2 commences

Cyclone Gabrielle

The wind was blowing branches off the trees. The rain flooded the paddocks on the farm. I heard the thunder. I saw trees falling.

By Kyron Braddick-Conn, Year 3, Room 11.

Cyclone Gabrielle

The wind was strong and powerful. The rain kept going and going. I heard splashing and splashing all over the ground. I saw drops and drops and drops. I felt nervous and scared. I hope the people who live next to the river are blessed.

By Ashton Moore, Year 3, Room 11.

Cyclone Gabrielle

The wind whooshed around and the branches blew off trees. The rain rushed down. It crashed when it hit the ground. I heard rain splashing and splashing as well as the wind whistling. I saw lots of rain and broken branches. I felt really scared and I got a big fright. I hope that the people whose homes flooded and slipped down from hills get them fixed.

By Mackenna Lett, Year 3, Room 11.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Kia ora koutou,

We are the Friends of the School (FOTS). A fundraising committee, dedicated to supporting our tamariki and Morrinsville School. Our kaupapa is to encourage parents, caregivers and grandparents to connect with our school community, while participation, supporting and enjoying being involved in school wide events and activities.

Our committee is made up of a group of dedicated parents who enjoy supporting and organising school events because we love seeing our tamariki thrive and have fun.

We have changed our name from PTA to Friends of the School (FOTS) to better represent the wider whaanau and community of parents that participate and support us. Allowing everyone to select the event they are available to support rather than committing to an entire year of fundraising.

The funds we raise are used to tautoko (support) our school in many ways. We are very proud of our contributions and donations that we have made over the years. (Screen writing on the school van, side covers for the school dome, donations to the Reading Eggs program, the purchase of books, ukuleles, educational opportunities for our tamariki, the subsidy for EOTC (education outside the classroom) making school camps more affordable for parents and supporting the creation of Casey Walker's memorial garden.

In the past we have run school discos, raffles, sausage sizzles, and stalls at regular events such as Rugby Netball Fun Day, Grandparents Day, Family Festive Evening. Although our activities were constrained in recent years with the COVID-19 pandemic, this year we have lots of exciting ideas and plans.

Term 1 planning has begun! We are organising a 'Pool Party Disco' (Thursday 9th March) in place of our usual "once-a-term disco". We have also started planning our 'Morrinsville School Car Boot Sale' on Sunday 26th March. Our school community (parents, caregivers & grandparents) can support us by booking a stall to sell either new or used items. We will be providing more information about this very soon.

We rely on your support as our small group of people cannot run all these events on our own. We are always looking for more people to help us with our fundraising efforts. Whether it be jumping on the BBQ at one of our events, helping to gather donations, or doing some baking, every little bit helps.

We would love for you to get involved or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on 078897250. Together, we can make a positive impact on the educational experience for our tamariki and the wider school community.

*He whakatauki. Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi. Engari, he toa takitini.
Success is not the work of one but the work of many.*

Thank you for your support!
Ngaa mihi mo te tautoko!
Friends of the School (FOTS)



Summer, 2023

PURIRI WEEK

20/02 - 24/02

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Mac n' Cheese</p> <p>Pasta with vegful cheese sauce, ham, mixed vege, white beans and cheese on top.</p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: DF, GF, GF Pasta, DF, VE: Bolognese sauce, vegan cheese, V, H, NP: White beans.</p> <p>Snack: Yoghurt + Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit</p> <p>Snack Dietary Alternatives: Fruit</p>	<p>Ham Salad Filled Wrap</p> <p>Ham, cheese and salad filled fresh wrap with ranch dressing.</p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: V, VE: Falafel. GF, GF wrap, DF, VE: No cheese.</p> <p>Snack: Yoghurt + Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit</p> <p>Snack Dietary Alternatives: Fruit</p>	<p>Coconut Curry Chicken</p> <p>Coconut curry sauce with chicken and veggies served with brown rice.</p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: V, VE: Coconut chickpeas with brown rice.</p> <p>Snack: Roti Wrap</p> <p>Snack Dietary Alternatives: None</p>	<p>Cheese Burger</p> <p>Burger Bun with beef pattie, cheese, salad and sauce.</p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: V, H, NB, VE, SF: Veggie burger, DF, VE: No cheese, GF, SF: Special roll.</p> <p>Snack: Pineapple Crush Slice</p> <p>Snack Dietary Alternatives: GF, SF Cookie</p>	<p>Pasta Meatballs</p> <p>Pasta with vegful tomato sauce and meatballs with cheese and peas.</p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: V, H, NB, GF, SF, DF: Amazeballs, DF, VE: Vegan Cheese, GF: GF Pasta.</p>

Key: (V) Vegetarian (SF) Gluten Free (DF) Dairy Free (SF) Egg Free (H) Halal (NB) No Beef (NP) No Pork (SF) Soy Free.
 Meals will be prepared to cater for children with specific allergies or cultural requirements. If you need these options please make the school aware two weeks in advance. Meals are prepared in a non-vegan controlled environment. If you have low tolerance towards certain allergens please notify the school immediately. Items may vary subject to supply.

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ROOM 2 SELF PORTRAITS

Akomunga rua took on the challenge of painting their portraits using watercolour paint. There was an interesting process undertaken before we put brush to paper. First we took photographs that would show shadows on our faces then using the picmonkey photo editing software we made them 2 colours which brought out the shadows. After running pencil all over the back of the photo we then traced over the photo with a sharp pencil leaving an imprint on to the water colour paper. With the outlines on the water colour we then carefully using a variety of brush techniques painted two colours into the negative spaces. The results speak for themselves.



SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

Years 3-8

THURSDAY 23th February 2023

9:30 am	Morning Tea
9:50 am	Children change, leave clothes in classroom and assemble under the dome
10:00 am	All children assemble in teams at pool.
10:15 am	Events begin
12:15 pm	Picnic lunch
1:00 pm	Events continue
2:30 pm	All events completed. Children back to class or home with parents.

Event

1. 9yrs/over	Boys	Medley	34. 6/7yr	Boys	1 length backstroke
2. 9yrs/over	Girls	Medley	35. 6/7yr	Girls	1 length backstroke
3. 10yr	Boys	1 length breaststroke	36. Beginners	Boys	1 width flutterboard
4. 10yr	Girls	1 length breaststroke	37. Beginners	Girls	1 width flutterboard
5. 9yr	Boys	1 length breaststroke	38. 10yr	Boys	1 width freestyle
6. 9yr	Girls	1 length breaststroke	39. 10yr	Girls	1 width freestyle
7. 8yr	Boys	1 length breaststroke	40. 9yr	Boys	1 width freestyle
8. 8yr	Girls	1 length breaststroke	41. 9yr	Girls	1 width freestyle
9. Yr 7/8	Boys	1 length breaststroke	42. 8yr	Boys	1 width freestyle
10. Yr 7/8	Girls	1 length breaststroke	43. 8yr	Girls	1 width freestyle
11. Beginners	Boys	1 length flutterboard	44. 6/7yr	Boys	1 width freestyle
12. Beginners	Girls	1 length flutterboard	45. 6/7yr	Girls	1 width freestyle
13. Beginners		1 width noodle (boys & girls)			
14. 10yr	Boys	1 width backstroke			
15. 10yr	Girls	1 width backstroke			
16. 9yr	Boys	1 width backstroke			
17. 9yr	Girls	1 width backstroke			
18. 8yr	Boys	1 width backstroke			
19. 8yr	Girls	1 width backstroke			
20. 6/7yr	Boys	1 width backstroke			
21. 6/7yr	Girls	1 width backstroke			
22. Yr 7/8	Boys	1 width backstroke			
23. Yr 7/8	Girls	1 width backstroke			
24. Beginners	Boys	1 width flutterboard (back)			
25. Beginners	Girls	1 width flutterboard (back)			
26. Yr 7/8	Boys	1 length backstroke			
27. Yr 7/8	Girls	1 length backstroke			
28. 10yr	Boys	1 length backstroke			
29. 10yr	Girls	1 length backstroke			
30. 9yr	Boys	1 length backstroke			
31. 9yr	Girls	1 length backstroke			
32. 8yr	Boys	1 length backstroke			
33. 8yr	Girls	1 length backstroke			

Lunch

46. Yr7/8	Boys	1 length freestyle
47. Yr7/8	Girls	1 length freestyle
48. 10yr	Boys	1 length freestyle
49. 10yr	Girls	1 length freestyle
50. 9yr	Boys	1 length freestyle
51. 9yr	Girls	1 length freestyle
52. 8yr	Boys	1 length freestyle
53. 8yr	Girls	1 length freestyle
54. 6/7yr	Boys	1 length freestyle
55. 6/7yr	Girls	1 length freestyle
56. Waka Relays 7/8 yo	B&G	4 x 4 relay
57. Waka Relays 9/10 yo	B&G	4 x 4 relay
58. Parent/ Teacher/ Yr5/6, Yr7/8		4 x 4 relay

Parents - Bring your togs if you wish to participate in the Parent / Teacher / children relay.