

Newsletter

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Kia Ora Koutou
Greetings

Kawanga Responsibility



Te Oranga. Well Being

Port Waikato Camp / Whitianga Leadership Camp

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our Year 5/6 Port Waikato Camp. The Campsite, streams and areas where we camp, tramp and abseil are all unsafe and present a significant risk for campers. Our Camp Staff are currently exploring an alternative camp.

Our Whitianga Year 7/8 3 day camp has been postponed. We were unable to provide sufficient supervision for the current dates. Whaea Tania is looking at a new date.

School Attendance

We continue to push for more improvement in levels of attendance. Last week we had a number of classes which had a "full house", that is all children on the classroom roll were present e.g. Room 5 (Year 7/8) had a "full house" on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - an excellent achievement!

For the week the top classroom attendance levels were: Room's 2 & 5 had a 96% rate. Room 3 had 95% attendance. Room 12 had 94% and Room 4 had 91%. Room 7 had 81% which was our lowest.

The Storm

Worried as the lightning hits the ground.
The wind blows harder.
The water is getting higher.
Tucked in my bed worried and scared.
My eyes can't help looking outside the window.
Outside the ground is soaked with water.
Everything is flying in the wind.
Devastation and destruction is everywhere.
Cyclone Gabriel has created chaos for New Zealand.

There is no time to evacuate.

By Legion Reilly, Year 7, Room 5.

Term 1 Upcoming Events

- Wed 1 Mar-3 Mar
- Y7/8 Whitianga Camp - **POSTPONED**
- 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 - **CANCELLED**
- 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
- Teacher Only Day
- Tues 25 Apr
- Anzac Day
- Weds 26 Apr
- Term 2 commences for children

WAKA POINTS

MATAATUA - 376

TAINUI - 373

AOTEA - 370

TE ARAWA - 336

**Congratulations
MATAATUA!**

FRIENDS OF
MORRINSVILLE SCHOOL

POOL PARTY DISCO

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER
POOL PARTY DISCO!

Thursday \$5. Pool party disco
9th March Sausage + a drink

JUNIORS

4:30pm - 5:30pm: Swim

5:30pm - 6pm: Kai on the lawn

All junior children are to be collected by no later than 6pm

SENIORS

5:45pm - 6:45pm: Swim

6:45pm - 7:15pm: Kai on the lawn

All senior children are to be collected by no later than 7:30pm

Although we usually enjoy having our preschoolers at our disco's, as this is a pool party and water safety is paramount. Therefore, no preschoolers are invited to attend this particular event.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BE A FRIEND OF THE SCHOOL AND ASSIST WITH EITHER COOKING OF THE BBQ OR POOL SUPERVISION ON THE NIGHT, THEN PLEASE INDICATE ON THE FORM ATTACHED

Cyclone Gabrielle

One drop of water and a million more.

Live's lost, no power, no light.

Clouds all gone. Us, left with the water and damage. People suffering, no one know's it...but they need help.

One drop of water and a million more.

Nothing left but roofs, people in misery...there is no way to help.

One drop of water and a million more.

People trying to survive, out there spending their night suffering alone.

Help is on the way if we all work together.

By Eric

CYCLONE GABRIELLE

One drop of water and a million more...

Trickles from the cloud into the trees of Aotearoa. They fall from branches, dropping and plopping. Sliding down muddy cliffs.

One drop of water and a million more...

flooded the New Zealand streams and rivers. Down the raging currents they ran, splashing and dashing over bridges and roads.

One drop of water and a million more...

slides into the houses of Hawkes Bay and Gisborne. Down the river they flow, gushing and rushing between banks and Auckland Harbour Bridge.

One drop of water and a million more...

drowned in the deep, dark soil.

The wind blew, the thunder struck.

One drop and a million more changed into vapour, became a cloud.

Once again, one drop of water and a million more...repeated the cycle.

By Awatea

One Drop Of Water And A Million More

One drop of water and a million more, slowly rising up over the shores, flooding up to hills and more...

One drop of water and a million more, as trees fall and flop onto the Earth's floor.

People's things splashing and dashing into the murky waters.

One drop of water and a million more, water rising up over houses...but it leaves the roofs alone.

One drop of water and a million more as the air flows and blows across the countryside...

One drop of water and a million more, splash, splash, forward and back. The cyclone dies down, we are all safe...for now.

By Erika

Eyclone Gabrielle

ONE DROP OF WATER AND A MILLION MORE

FILLING UP LAKES

SURPASSING WATER LEVEL RECORDS

ROARING AND RAGING CURRENTS

TIDES ARE HIGH, WATER RAISING FAST.

ONE DROP OF WATER AND A MILLION MORE

POWER LINES PULLED DOWN AND BLOWN OVER

COMPLETE DARKNESS AND CUT OF WATER.

ONE DROP OF WATER AND A MILLION MORE

SPLASH INTO THE WATERWAYS

NO CONTACTING EMERGENCY SERVICES

PHONES ARE DEAD.

ONE DROP OF WATER AND A MILLION MORE

LIVES LOST

ENTIRE HOUSES BURIED UNDER WATER

POSSESSIONS AND TREASURES LOST IN THE FLOOD.

ONE DROP OF WATER AND A MILLION MORE

BRANCHES AND BUSHES DESTROYED IN GABRIELLE'S

TRACKS.

ONE DROP OF WATER AND NOW NO MORE

PUDDLES OF WATER EVAPORATE BACK TO THE CLOUDS

THE SUN BEGINS TO SHINE BUT THE DAMAGE IS LEFT

BEHIND.

BY EVA

Junior Swimming Sports 2023

- The Junior swimming sports will be held on Friday 3rd March starting at 1.00pm.
- All children from Rooms 7, 8, 9 and 12 will be involved.
- It is important that all children have their togs and 2 towels in a named plastic bag on the day.
- If the weather is unsettled a decision in regards to cancellation will be made at 12 noon.
- The children will be organised by their teachers and seated together in race groupings.
- Seating for parents and family will be adjacent to the children.

Race Programme: Start Time: 1.00pm

Races:

1. 6/7 yr noodle race
2. 5 yr noodle race
3. Running races at the beach
4. 6/7 yr dive for rings and sticks
5. 5 yr dive for rings and sticks
6. Ping pong ball races at the beach
7. 6 /7yr flutter boards, face down
8. 5 yr flutter boards, face down
9. 6/7 yr glide and kick
10. Hoop swim at the beach
11. 6/7 yr flutter boards on back
12. 5 yr flutter boards on back

Please note that there will be multiple races for most events.

Finish time will be 2.30pm approximately.

We look forward to a fun and exciting afternoon and hope to see lots of whanau and friends there to cheer on the children.

Teachers of Junior Classes:

Nicole Healey, Clare Brooke-Smith, Tash Hall and Kirstin Marsh.

**LUNCH
BY
LIBELLE**

Summer, 2023

KAURI WEEK

27/02 - 03/03

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">Teriyaki Chicken</p> <p><i>Chicken with teriyaki sauce, brown or white rice and veggies.</i></p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: V, VE: Tofu. SF: Tomato sauce.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pizza</p> <p><i>Ham pizza, carrot sticks and corn chips with BBQ mayo dip.</i></p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: V, VE, DF: Falafel. H, NP, SF: Chicken. DF, VE: Vegan cheese. GF: GF pizza base.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Snack: Strawberry Blondie</p> <p><i>+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit</i></p> <p>Snack Dietary Alternatives: Popcorn</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pasta Bolognese</p> <p><i>Pasta with beef and hidden veggies sauce.</i></p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: GF: GF pasta. V, VE, NB: Lentil bolognese. DF, VE: Vegan cheese.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ham & Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><i>Delicious bread or roll with ham, cheese and salad.</i></p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: V, VE: Falafel. H, SF, NP: Chicken. GF, SF: GF bread. DF, VE: No cheese.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Snack: Yoghurt</p> <p><i>+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit</i></p> <p>Snack Dietary Alternatives: Fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Loaded Nachos</p> <p><i>Beef & bean sauce with corn chips, cheese and sour cream.</i></p> <p>Dietary Alternatives: V, NB, VE: Bean burrito mix. DF, VE: Vegan cheese, no sour cream.</p>

Key: (V) Vegetarian, (GF) Gluten Free, (DF) Dairy Free, (EF) 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-allergen controlled environment. If you have low tolerance towards certain allergens please notify the school immediately. Items may vary subject to supply.

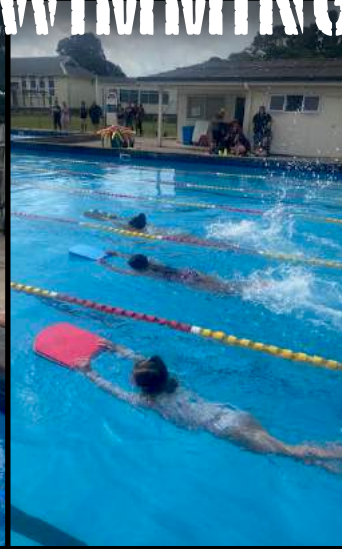
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SENIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS



One Drop of Water

One drop of water and a million more,
Over the houses and more, no way to escape,
swim, swim, swim.

One drop of water and a million more. All hope
is lost, lives gone. Help, nowhere to be found.

One drop of water and a million more,
as clouds breathe out, down goes the water.
Anger rushing through them as they let out
the water, drop, plop....stop!

One drop of water and a million more.
Running down streams, into the Ocean and
back onto the land. Crying clouds filling up
holes, oh no!

One drop of water and a million more.
Completely dark, no power, no help.

By Madison

Cyclone Gabrielle

One drop of water and a million more
rising over homes. Second by second it
gets higher and higher. Completely in the
dark. No power and no way to call for
help.

One drop of water and a million more.
Causing floods and drownings. No one
could see it coming, as the tide rose
higher and higher.

One drop of water and a million more.
Houses being washed away, nowhere to
be found.

One drop of water and a million more. It
has gotten worse, water flooding over
bridges and homes. Peoples belongings
lost in the flood.

One drop of water and a million more,
hope is nowhere to be found.

By Amariya

ONE DROP OF WATER AND A MILLION MORE!

One drop of water and a million more. One
drop began all this chaos. No place to go,
no one to call. All this destruction because of
one drop of water that started it all.

One drop of water and a million more.
One drop of water in a simple stream. The
next thing you know...it's overflowing. One
drop of water caused all this destruction.

Smashing
and bashing
against the rocks,
over the bridges and onto the roads.

One drop of water and a million more...
water raging through houses. People forced
to swim to the roof. Memories gone. All is
lost...just because of that one drop of water.

By Matthew

One drop of water and a million more

One drop of water and a million more.
Power is lost, all hope is gone,
Animals dead, houses vanish.
No internet, no more food,
nowhere to go.

One drop of water and a million more.
No way to ring for help. Phone
towers down, people unbound.
Heavy rain, strong winds, lives gone.

One drop of water and a million more.
Strong currents. First cyclone in
years.

Houses flooded. Memories and
possessions washed down the drain.

By Charlie