

# Newsletter

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**Kia Ora Koutou**  
Greetings

## Core Values



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families and to new families a warm welcome to our school.

Last week's start to the year went smoothly and children were quick to settle into their new classes and class routines.

A major curriculum focus over the next 5-6 weeks in our school is the swimming programme. We have a great pool and our Staff run skill based water confidence and safety lessons each day. We aspire to having all our children as competent swimmers and confident around the water. Young children learn to swim quite easily so we are keen to ensure all children leaving our school are able to swim at least 100-200 metres.

Our Year 5-8's have outdoor ed camps this term. Planning for these is currently being implemented. Forms sent to parents need to be completed and returned promptly.

### School Fees

Our School Board does **not** charge school fees nor activity fees.

Some charges are made for aspects of camps and trips though these are also subsidised.

### Term 1 Upcoming Events

- Tues 6th Feb
  - Waitangi Day - No school
- Thurs 8th Feb
  - BOT Family Fun Evening 5:30pm
- Weds 14th - Fri 16th Feb
  - Y7/8 Leadership Camp Waitawheta
- Thurs 22nd Feb
  - Senior School Swimming Sports (Postponement Date Fri 23rd Feb)
- Tues 5th Mar
  - Interschool Swimming Sports (Postponement Date Thurs 7th Mar)
- Sun 10th - Fri 15th Mar
  - Y5/6 Port Waikato Camp
- Tues 12th Mar
  - Y4 Pukemokemoke Bush Walk
- Fri 29th Mar
  - Good Friday - School Closed
- Mon 1 Mar
  - Easter Monday - School closed
- Tues 2 Mar
  - Easter Tuesday - School closed
- Fri 13 Apr
  - Last day Term 1

### Core Values/Virtues

Our core values are the basis for all our activities and relationships throughout our school, whether we are engaging with children, with colleagues or with parent/families and whanau.

Nuture : Grow : Inspire  
Whangai : Whakatipu : Whakamanawa

We have an expectation that all associated with our school, be they children, staff, parents or visitors, uphold these core values when engaging with each other.

Hopefully we express in our daily encounters the virtues of Manaakitanga, Aroha and Whakaute - Kindness and Respect.

### **School Rules for All Children**

- Children are not permitted to “go shopping” on their way to/from school.
- No lollies nor chewing gum are permitted at school.
- No coloured fizzy drinks, caffeine enhanced drinks or glass bottles at school. e.g. raspberry, V etc. We encourage water only.
- No precious toys come to school. “Show and Tell” items for morning talks need to be stored for safe keeping (give to teacher).
- Hats/Caps (school uniform) must be worn outside.
- “Wheels Days” are Monday and Thursday. Scooters seem to be the preferred wheels. Not permitted are motorised scooters, 3 wheelers or skateboards. Bikes and skateboards are permitted to get to/from school. They must be stored during school hours.
- No mobile phones are permitted in classrooms or in children’s school bags. The phone will be taken from the child and held in the office till 3pm. If children are bringing a phone/tablet/iPad to school it needs to be handed in to the office before school.

### **School Uniforms**

Our thanks and appreciation for all families ensuring children are in the correct summer uniform.

### **Headlice**

With school being back just a reminder to check your child(ren)’s hair for Headlice.

### **Annual Personal Information Update**

All families (except new enrolments for 2024) must return the Annual Information Update form. The school needs this to ensure it meets the requirement to ensure the safety and well being of your children while at school. In the case of any school based emergency which might involve your child, the staff must have accurate up to date contact numbers, health status and who has/has not got permission to access your child while in our care at school.

**If you haven’t completed the form please do so and return to school before this Friday. If you require another copy please contact the office.**

### **2023 Board of Trustees Survey**

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all those who responded to the survey carried out at the end of last year. The survey gave parents/caregivers the opportunity to provide feedback on how the school is delivering on its core values and strategic goals. It identifies what things you think are going well and what could be improved upon. It allows the Board to hear direct and honest comments and suggestions, which in turn helps us in checking in on and setting the direction, focus and priorities for 2024. It was discussed at our 20th December 2023 meeting.

The prize of a \$100 Warehouse voucher was won by Monique Tak.





**ROOM 4 SWIMMING**



**JAXON BOWDEN ENJOYING THE POOL**



**ROOM 4 THANKING TE PUNA KAI FOR AN EPIC WEEK OF KAI.**



**WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?**



MORRINSVILLE SCHOOL

*Board of Trustees*

INVITE YOU AND YOUR WHAANAU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

**BBQ & POOL PARTY!**

BRING YOUR TOGS AND TOWEL AND COME ON DOWN FOR SOME MUSIC, A SWIM AND A SAUSAGE SIZZLE. THANKS TO OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

**THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY**

5:30 - 7:30 PM | MORRINSVILLE SCHOOL POOL

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI  
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## School End of Year Awards

At the end of last year a final assembly was held. Children were presented with certificates for 100% attendance and Class Awards for Excellence in Sport, in Citizenship, in Academic Excellence and in Student Diligence. We congratulate all those who achieved the awards and we recognised a great group of other children who were in the reckoning for each award. Teachers had shortlists of between 5-8 children for each award so their selection tasks were not made easy.

### NE Awards:

*Citizenship:* Eloise Howell (Excellence)  
(Room 7) Blessing McKay Leitu (Highly Commended)  
*Student* Te Aio Tapuwai Cooper (Excellence)  
*Diligence:* Rosé Suon (Highly Commended)  
(Room 7)

### Y1 Awards:

*Academic:* Darsh Kaushik (Excellence)  
Macy Lett, Aria Spencer (Highly Commended)  
*Sport:* Macy Lett (Excellence)  
Braxton Mossong, Tanner Walker  
(Highly Commended)  
*Citizenship:* Charlotte Hall (Excellence)  
(Room 9) Aria Spencer, Jayda Taulu (Highly Commended)  
*Citizenship:* Waiapu Wilson-Green (Excellence)  
(Room 8) Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira, Akyrah Hudson  
(Highly Commended)  
*Student* Delilah Rowland (Excellence)  
*Diligence:* Jonah Tuira, Riley Hodgetts  
(Room 9) (Highly Commended)  
*Student* Lexi Trotter (Excellence)  
*Diligence:* Waikato Wilson-Green, Tanner Walker  
(Room 8) (Highly Commended)

### Y2 Awards:

*Academic:* Melah Wood (Excellence)  
Rylan Chim-Long, Olivia Cooper  
(Highly Commended)  
*Sport:* Jahsiah Tuhakaraina-Tuira (Excellence)  
Jaxon Wills-Daley, Waikato Wilson-Green  
(Highly Commended)  
*Citizenship:* Aroha-Rose Te Hau Tanawhea (Excellence)  
(Room 12) Manraj Khehra, Melah Wood  
(Highly Commended)  
*Student* Zoe van de Pas (Excellence)  
*Diligence:* Zidane Ghaderisilveh, Olivia Cooper  
(Room 12) (Highly Commended)

### Y3 Awards:

*Academic:* Mackenna Lett (Excellence)  
Ashton Moore, Eli Briscoe, Casey Noonan  
(Highly Commended)  
*Sport:* Mackenna Lett (Excellence)  
Briar Walker, Eli Briscoe (Highly Commended)  
*Citizenship:* Briar Walker (Excellence)  
(Room 11) Eli Briscoe, Mackenna Lett (Highly Commended)  
*Student* Lydia Steadman (Excellence)  
*Diligence:* Cassius Clifford, Khean Balaba  
(Room 11) (Highly Commended)

### Y4 Awards:

*Academic:* Harlyn Wood (Excellence)  
Alex Harding, James Oddy (Highly Commended)  
*Sport:* Maraea Nahu (Excellence)  
Toby Mossong, Abigail McDonald  
(Highly Commended)

### Y5 Awards:

*Academic:* Patrick Briscoe (Excellence)  
Madison van de Pas, Charlie Moore  
(Highly Commended)  
*Sport:* Mia Clark (Excellence)  
CJ Wilson-Green, Cooper Nahu  
(Highly Commended)

### Y6 Awards:

*Academic:* Erika Hun, Eva Belmar (Excellence)  
Hammad Ahmed, Matthew Kochetov  
(Highly Commended)  
*Sport:* Zahnay'Eve Mark-Edwards (Excellence)  
Lachlan Thom, Hammad Ahmed,  
Karliah-Jane Edwards (Highly Commended)

### Y7/8 Awards:

*Academic:* Amelia Jones (Excellence)  
Ataretta Maaka (Highly Commended)  
*Sport:* Ataretta Maaka (Excellence)  
Mariana Renata-Ratu, Olivia Stephenson  
(Highly Commended)

### Senior Citizenship Awards:

**Room 1:** Manaia Herbert-Wilson (Excellence)  
Vanessa Hun, Ava Hards (Highly Commended)  
**Room 2:** Maraea Nahu (Excellence)  
Kingston-Rose Tongia, Harlyn Wood  
(Highly Commended)  
**Room 3:** Mia Clark (Excellence)  
Jahzekiel Campbell, Benjamin Tak  
(Highly Commended)  
**Room 4:** Zahnay'Eve Mark-Edwards (Excellence)  
Karliah-Jane Edwards, Jordan Clark  
(Highly Commended)  
**Room 5:** Ataretta Maaka (Excellence)  
Aaliyah Pluss, Olivia Stephenson  
(Highly Commended)

### Senior Student Diligence Awards:

**Room 1:** Olive McHardy (Excellence)  
Jahleel Maldecir, Josephine Mika  
(Highly Commended)  
**Room 2:** Savannah Halverson (Excellence)  
Elaena Marsh, Alyssa Marsh (Highly Commended)  
**Room 3:** Amaia-Rose Tuhakaraina, (Excellence)  
Tiana Thompson, Manu Tihema-Wilson  
(Highly Commended)  
**Room 4:** Eric Chege Romero (Excellence)  
Karliah Vincent, Emma Millar (Highly Commended)  
**Room 5:** Olivia Stephenson (Excellence)  
Aaliyah Pluss, Mariana Renata-Ratu  
(Highly Commended)

### Kapa Haka Awards:

*Excellence and Achievement:* Ataretta Maaka, CJ Wilson-Green  
*Dedication and Service:* Amaiyah-Louise Taulu, Lukah Tyler,  
Declan Mossong, Olivia Stephenson

### Full Attendance:

*100% Attendance* Jacob Liddington, Nathaniel Connor,  
Amelia Jones

### Principal's Award:

*Excellence in Mathematics* Patrick Briscoe