

Newsletter

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**Pukumahi
Diligence**

Mā te ihu oneone, a ihu hūpē, e ihu manea ai
Through hard work, a beginner becomes an expert.



Te Oranga. Well Being



Our tamariki had a wonderful day at Senior Swimming Sports on Thursday.



Our winning staff swim team - Congratulations!

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 4 March
- Interschool Swimming Sports
(Postponement date: Thurs 5 March)
- Sun 8 March - Fri 13 March
- Port Waikato Camp
- Tuesday 10 March
- Y4 Pukemokemoke Trip
- Tuesday 17 March
- Junior Beach Trip Waihi
(Postponement date: Fri 19 March)
- Wednesday 25 March
- BOT Meeting 5:30pm
- Thursday 2 April
- Last day Term 1

PORT WAIKATO CAMP

Our Year 5 & 6's head off to Port Waikato Camp this coming Sunday 8th March. Staff attending are Miss Abby Russell, Whaea Tania, Miss Johnson, Miss Brown, Whaea Rosé, (part time) & Mr Noonan (part time).

Our camp parents are:

Full time parents: Jenna Bennett, Mudguard MacDuff, Ryan Lett, Nick Hunter, Davey Walker, Adriana Leask, Chris Elliot, Trish Clarke, Jacqui Jubber, James Herewini, Karl Hughes, Sue Kelly.

Part time parents: James Noonan, Jo Noonan, Tina Ermakov, Eileen Diamond, Kerry Diamond, Hannah Burndred, Regan Burndred, Jennelle van der Heyden.

We thank them as without whom the camp could not take place.

Camp activities are: Camp out, fossiling, tent pitching, camp cooking, stream study, native sketching, camp concert, museum visit, rock climbing, archery, confidence course, BMX, Devlins Dash, movie night, disco, burger night, mud fight, orienteering (Amazing Race).

Inter-School Swimming Sports

Wednesday
4th March 2026 9.30 a.m. start
Morrisville School Pool

WHAT OUR TAMARIKI NEED ON THE DAY

- ✓ Togs + 2x towels
- ✓ Wear school uniform and bring your polar fleece
- ✓ Morning Tea + Drink bottle
- ✓ Goggles (if you have these)
- Swim cap (optional)

Important Info

A notice was sent home last Friday with those children who will be attending Inter-School Swimming Sports this Wednesday 4th March.

We do need parent assistance in order to make this event run smoothly, so if you are able to assist us, please let us know ASAP.

Touch - Wednesday 4th March

The venue for Touch is Campbell Park. Fields will be labelled.

Please make sure your team is on the field and ready to start at 3:30pm or 4pm.

MS Storm (Y1/2)

Teacher: Te Wai O'Neill & Jorja Stewart. **Manager:** Jack Kati & Nesha Terry.

Referee: Rosé Hodgetts.

Charlie Leyland, Eligh Holten, Quinn Hodgetts, Ethan Thomas, Ohāna Aramoana, Minerva Wood-Stotesbury, Te Kingi Tahere, Marlee Randall, Athena Leyland, Kyla Jackson, Ace Rakatau, Hunter Benner, Kruze Rakatau, Aisea Vaka-Phillips, Tahau Nuitone.

MS Raiders (Y3/4)

Teacher: Gigi Nahal & Tray Whiu. **Manager:** Lycinda & Ryan Lett. **Referee:** Rosé Hodgetts.

Hannah Lowe, Macy Lett, Riley Hodgetts, Harlee-Jane Anderson, Jessie Thomas, Tanner Walker, Rocky Nankivell, Braxton Mossong, Stevie Paton, Pourangahua Aramoana, Eloise Howell, Joey Maninang, Delilah Rowland.

MS Cowboys (Y5/6)

Teacher: Abby Russell & Taimarina Johnson. **Manager:** Willie Thom & Atu Poulson. Hunter-Lee Anderson, Creed Nankivell, Briar Walker, Zoe van de Pas, Casey Noonan, Mackenna Lett, Jasmine Teiho-Marsh, Cohen Cordes, Kaizer Toner-Heal, Jahzaier Toner-Heal, Joedy Maninang, Te Ao Kapurangi Phillips, Te Ao Rerehua Phillips.

Game times for Wednesday 4th March:

3:30pm - MS Storm (Y1/2) vs DSS Eagles - Field 5A

3:30pm - MS Raiders (Y3/4) vs DSS Bulldogs - Field 6B

3:30pm - MS Cowboys (Y5/6) vs DSS Warriors - Field 4



Autumn Illnesses



With the change of season there is a lot of sickness around. Please be mindful of this when sending your child to school. If they are showing signs of a cough, sore throat, runny nose or other viral symptoms we encourage that they stay home until they are well to stop the spread.

Lunch Programme

We are now in Week 6 of our new school lunch programme. Our tamariki are now familiar with the new menu. There will always be some children who will like the kai more than others and we appreciate your continued support from home.

Children who bring their lunch boxes to school will continue to eat in designated classrooms. The Seniors will eat in Room 6 and the Juniors in Room 7. We ask that you please restrict the amount of '**packaged food**' in your child's lunch box.

Healthy Lunchboxes & Supporting Basic Needs

A healthy lunchbox does not need to be expensive. Simple, filling foods are perfect. Tamariki learn best when their basic needs are met, including having enough nourishing food to get through the day.

Low-cost, healthy ideas include:

- **Sandwiches or wraps** (peanut butter, egg, baked beans, tuna)
- **Fruit in season** (apples, bananas, mandarins)
- **Veggie sticks** (carrots, cucumber)
- **Plain popcorn or crackers**
- **Leftovers** from dinner
- **Water** as the main drink



SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

WAKA POINTS

TE ARAWA - 423

MATAATUA - 397

TAINUI - 372

AOTEA - 333

Congratulations TE ARAWA!

