

Newsletter

30 March 2026

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Whakaute
Respect

Manaaki atu, manaaki mai
Give respect, receive respect



Absences from School

We need all our children to attend school every school day unless they are genuinely sick. When children are not at school they are missing out on what the class is learning on those days. The more days they miss out the greater the gap in their learning and eventually they cannot catch up, they fall behind the other children in their class.

Furthermore the school is required to report to the Ministry of Education those students who are continually absent. These children fall into the Chronic Absences i.e. missing school 30% or more. We have no choice but to look at contacting and escalating it to the attendance provider, with the potential of Oranga Tamariki and Police being notified.

Student expectations

At our school, we expect all students to treat teachers and staff with respect at all times. Our staff work hard to support the learning and wellbeing of every child. They deserve to feel safe, valued, and supported in their workplace. We have a zero-tolerance approach to swearing, rude language, and disrespectful behaviour towards any staff member. Such behaviour will result in serious consequences for the student in line with our school behaviour expectations.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 31 March

- Senior School
Rukumoana Marae Trip

Thursday 2 April

- Last day Term 1

Monday 20 April

- Term 2 commences

Haerenga ki Rukumoana Marae

As part of our *Te Reo Māori me ōna Tikanga* learning programme and our ongoing commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, our senior students (Rooms 1–5) will be visiting **Rukumoana Marae** tomorrow, **Tuesday 31st March 2026**.

This is a valuable opportunity for our tamariki to experience tikanga Māori in an authentic setting and to deepen their understanding of pōwhiri, kawa, and marae protocol. Parents are more than welcome to join us. A notice was sent home last week with more information.



TOUCH

Last week was our last week of Touch for this term. And our Year 3/4 team the MS Raiders were chosen as the team that showed the most "AWHI" each week. It's a huge achievement being the team chosen from all of the teams involved and we are very proud of their accomplishment and sportsmanship.

- **A – Attitude:** Bringing a positive mindset, effort, and encouragement to the team.
- **W – Whānau:** Supporting teammates like family, showing care, respect, and inclusiveness.
- **H – Harmony:** Playing fair, working well with others, and helping create a positive game environment.
- **I – Integrity:** Doing the right thing, showing honesty, respect for rules, and strong sportsmanship.

Fossiling

As we hopped out of the van, a towering, rocky cliff took to the stage. Mudguard told us to cross safely while also telling us to pick two tools only.

As people rushed to the bucket, I was only focusing on a good area with some sediment. I then collected some of the only tools left, a hammer and a chisel, I found them very useful. As I climbed up to my scouted area, I hadn't realised that my area was really high and it was above a bunch of small loose rocks. But I still somehow managed to climb the cliff and stick my feet into the loose rocks. I wiggle around to make sure I was sturdy. Next I found a random area in the sediment. I placed the chisel in a crack, and smashed the end of the chisel into the sediment with a hammer.

Suddenly a massive chunk of rock falls on my foot, but I found Ax CAST FOSSIL I yelled so loud, that even the birds could hear me. "I FOUND A FOSSIL!" But no one seemed to care, so I just kept on hammering, Next I heard Mudguard yelling at us to come down and he said Miss J had a cookie for everyone! I grabbed the cookie and gobbled it up. I climbed back up and looked around, I saw Brock magnificently high up! I scouted out a new area higher up, and I used small little plant to help climb up. However It ended up ripping out of the ground.

Just as Mudguard told us to put our tools away, I found another fossil! Boom, another massive rockfell on my foot! "OWW? I shrieked.

By Miles Elliot, Year 6, Room 4.



SELF PORTRAIT MOSAIC ART BY ROOM 10



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Rugby Skills

Thanks to Morrinsville Sports for coming to our school and teaching our tamariki rugby skills.



CHILDREN FROM ROOM 7 & ROOM 5 ENJOYING A FUN COMBINED ART CLASS.

